



TPO Board Meeting

Marion County Commission Auditorium

601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

September 26, 2023

4:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Councilman Ire Bethea
Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Commissioner Craig Curry
Councilmember Kristen Dreyer
Commissioner Ray Dwyer
Councilmember James Hilty
Councilman Tim Inskeep
Councilmember Barry Mansfield

Members Not Present:

Mayor Kent Guinn
Commissioner Matt McClain
Commissioner Michelle Stone
Commissioner Carl Zalak

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Liz Mitchell, TPO
Sara Brown, TPO
Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Mike McCammon, FDOT
Sean Lanier, City of Ocala
Oscar Tovar, City of Ocala
Chris Ziegler, Marion County
Noel Cooper, City of Ocala
Darren Park, City of Ocala
Peter Lee, City of Ocala
Other members of the public not signed in.

Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Craig Curry called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2. Roll Call

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant called the roll and a quorum was present.

Item 3. Proof of Publication

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant stated the meeting was published online at the TPO website and the City of Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon, and Marion County meeting calendars on September 19, 2023. The meeting was also published to the TPO's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 4. Consent Agenda

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hilty seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5a. Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 to 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Amendment #1

Two projects were proposed to be amended to the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 to 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

FM# 435209-1: I-75 at NW 49th Street from end of NW 49th Street to end of NW 35th Street

- New Interchange at I-75
- Right-of-Way (ROW) phase
- Funds to be added or carried forward prior years to FY 2024, FY 2025
- Total: \$20,429,319
 - CIGP: \$100,000 (FY 24) – State Funds
 - DIH: \$19,189 (FY 24) – State Funds
 - LF: \$11,700,000 (FY 24) – Local Funds
 - DDR: \$3,737,100 (FY 25) – State Funds
 - SA: \$4,873,030 (FY 25) – Federal Funds

FM# 439331-4: Ocala/Marion Urban Area FY 2023-2024 UPWP

- TPO Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) (carry-forward, adjustment)
- Funds to be added to FY 2024
- Total: \$307,934

In addition, the annual Roll Forward TIP Amendment Report was proposed to be amended with the request. The following summarizes the proposed changes to the TIP. Mr. Balmes also provide a slideshow presentation to the committee showing project highlights.

TIP Roll Forward Report

- 39 total projects with carry-forward funding, prior year(s) to FY 2024
- \$59,297,220 total Roll Forward amount for FY 2024

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve FY 2024 to 2028 TIP Amendment #1.

Ms. Dreyer seconded, a roll-call vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5b. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Selection Committee Recommendation

The TPO was required by both federal law (23 CFR 450, 49 CFR 613) and Florida Statute (339.175) to develop a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) every five years with at least a 20-year planning horizon. The current LRTP was adopted on November 24, 2020 and valid through November 24, 2025.

In 2023, the TPO had been receiving services and oversight from the Marion County Procurement Services Department regarding a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to hire a consultant team to help develop and complete the 2050 LRTP.

The Board approved the LRTP RFQ, including the Scope of Services and budget and at the June 27 meeting. Procurement Services publicly advertised the RFQ from June 30, 2023 to August 4, 2023. Two consultant teams submitted professional proposal responses to the RFQ: Kimley-Horn and Associates and Kittelson and Associates. A five-person selection committee was formed to review the proposals and includes planning and engineering professionals from Marion County, the City of Ocala and the TPO.

Procurement Services facilitated a Selection Committee meeting on August 18 to review and score the two respective proposals. Based on this process, both consultant teams were qualified for the next step of the process per Florida Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), which consisted of formal presentations. Presentations were initially scheduled for September 7, 2023. However, due to the hurricane storm event, the presentations were cancelled and rescheduled for September 22, 2023.

Formal presentations were made to the Selection Committee on September 22, 2023, by both consultants, Kimley-Horn and Associates, and Kittelson and Associates. The Selection Committee reviewed the scoring of the presentations:

Kimley-Horn and Associates: 434 Points

Kittelson and Associates: 402 Points

TPO staff requested approval of the Selection Committee Consultant recommendation Kimley-Horn and Associates, and for the Director to move forward with Procurement Services to enter into scope and fee negotiations.

Mr. Hilty made a motion to approve the 2050 LRTP Selection Committee Recommendation.

Ms. Bryant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

legislature has passed automated speed enforcement, currently limited to school zones. This technology exists, and there have been discussions about expanding its use to work zones. It's a possibility worth considering but the length of expansion would be up to law makers.

Mr. Dwyer commented that in Virginia, they obtain your license plate number and send a speeding ticket to your address by mail. Additionally, points are added to your driver's license. He also highlighted the significant issue of distracted driving, particularly concerning the use of cellphones.

Item 6b. Commitment to Zero Safety Dashboard and Annual Report

As part of the Commitment to Zero Safety Action Plan, the TPO has been working with its consultant Kittelson and Associates to develop an online, interactive dashboard and annual report. Both tasks are part of the TPO's commitment to maintain education and awareness for transportation safety in Marion County.

Commitment to Zero Dashboard

The following URL address provides a direct link to the Commitment to Zero Dashboard, located on the TPO's ArcGIS online platform:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/efaf16b5991c420cb7f018d001c1d52c>

The Commitment to Zero Dashboard is meant to provide a public-friendly resource to review the most recent five years of crash data (2018-2022), with an emphasis on fatalities and serious injuries. The Dashboard has a number of features, such as changing the map display to an aerial background; selecting crashes by year and severity; viewing crashes by location; selecting weather conditions; reviewing vehicle types; among others. The Dashboard would be updated annually to include the most recent five-year period, along with any refinements and improvements.

Commitment to Zero Annual Report

The Annual Report provides an in-depth summary of crash statistics over the most recent five-year period (2018-2022) in Marion County. This includes key statistics like total crashes, crash types and crash severity by year, top frequency/severity locations, and detailed information about the users.

Mr. Balmes gave a brief overview on how to navigate the Commitment to Zero Dashboard and said that ongoing feedback would be most welcomed to ensure the Dashboard remained accessible and of value to the community.

Item 6c. Draft 2023 Apportionment Plan

Every ten years, after the decennial census, all MPO/TPO's must review the composition of board membership and the respective planning area boundary. An "Apportionment Plan" serves as the official document summarizing both the proposed membership and MPO/TPO planning area.

Federal law enables state and local governments to largely determine the composition of an MPO/TPO and the planning area. The Governor officially apportions the membership of

the MPO/TPO in agreement with the affected local governments, based on the transmitted Apportionment Plan.

Apportionment Plans must contain a profile of the MPO/TPO, including the total planning area population; Census-designated urban area populations greater than 50,000 people; proposed board membership; and a planning area boundary map. A Resolution of support from the governing body of the MPO/TPO must also be part of the Plan.

A draft 2023 Apportionment Plan for the Ocala/Marion County TPO was provided to the Board in the agenda packet.

Current TPO Board membership is 12 Voting and 1 Non-Voting (FDOT) since 2003.

The TPO staff proposed: TPO Board Membership remaining the same, 12 Voting and 1 Non-Voting (FDOT) with a total of 13 members.

The proposed makeup of the TPO board: The City of Ocala (5 voting members), Marion County (5 voting members), City of Belleview (1 voting member), City of Dunnellon (1 voting member), and FDOT (1 non-voting member).

Adoption of the Apportionment Plan was anticipated in October. Submission of an Apportionment Plan, with a resolution of support, must be transmitted to the Florida Department of Transportation by November 14, 2023.

Chairman Curry referenced a few sections from Statue 339.175 Metropolitan Planning Organization, saying “Each M.P.O. shall review the composition of its membership in conjunction with the decennial census” and “reapportion the membership as necessary to comply with subsection (3)”.

Chairman Curry expressed his concern about having an even number of board members. He suggested, in consideration of the population, leaving Marion County with five seats, reducing the City of Ocala by one member, and maintaining Belleview and Dunnellon at one seat each, which would result in a total of eleven members.

Ms. Dreyer said that it was the City’s position to retain their membership of five members.

Chairman Curry made it clear that there was no problem with the makeup of the TPO board currently, he just looked at the statue and saw where it talked about getting more in line with the population.

Ms. Bryant said that the TPO board never received feedback from FDOT saying that they were not pleased with the makeup of the board.

No decision was reached on the apportionment topic, which was not an action item. The consensus among the board members was to leave the makeup of the board as it is.

Item 7. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Rakinya Hinson provided the most current construction report and encouraged the board to visit cflroads.com as a resource for specific information on FDOT projects.

Ms. Hinson also gave two announcements:

1. Mobility Week 2023- the period from October 27th to November 4th will be designated as a resource for communities to promote safe and sustainable transportation sources.
2. Work Program Public Hearing: Online Option October 16 through October 20 and In-Person Option at the Deland Office on October 17 at 3pm

Item 8. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes gave the following comments:

- More information about Mobility Week events will be provided in the future, and the TPO was in the process of coordinating with the District and was also open to coordination with other jurisdictions. Shakayla Irby with the TPO was taking the lead on event coordination's.
- The TPO supplied a Major Project Summary List of current and upcoming projects for the next two fiscal years, with the summary included in the agenda packet.
- In coordination with the Marion County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST), the TPO had been planning to host a 2023 Transportation Safety Summit. The purpose for conducting the Summit was to continue emphasizing the importance of transportation safety across Marion County through our collective Commitment to Zero vision. The Summit would be held at the **Mary Sue Rich Community Center**, first floor, on **November 9, 2023** from **9:00 am** to **10:30 am**.
- New TPO staff member, Sara Brown, had been introduced to the TPO Board, and she joined the TPO staff in the role of Transportation Planner.

Item 9. Comments by TPO Members

Chairman Curry congratulated Mr. Bethea for his reappointment to City Council.

Ms. Dreyer expressed her gratitude toward Chairman Curry for his involvement with the TPO board and the work he is doing.

Item 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 11. Adjournment

Chairman Craig Curry adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm.

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Approved –

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant