



**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting**  
Marion County Growth Services- Training Room  
2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470  
September 10, 2019  
10:00 AM

## **MINUTES**

### **Members Present:**

Nicholas Blizzard  
Vickie Wyche  
Kenneth Odom  
Nancy Smith

### **Members Not Present:**

Oliver Cromwell  
Dave Herlihy  
Bruce Phillips  
Lonnie Smith  
Mickey Thomason

### **Others Present:**

Eric Smith  
Tony Nosse, FDOT  
Rob Balmes  
Derrick Harris  
Elizabeth Mitchell  
Judy Pizzo, FDOT

### **Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Acting Chairman Kenneth Odom called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Secretary Shakayla Pullings called the roll. A quorum was not present.

### **Item 2. Proof of Publication**

Secretary Shakayla Pullings stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website, the City of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **Item 3a. Florida Transportation Plan (FTP)**

Judy Pizzo with the FDOT gave a slideshow presentation to the TAC on the FTP and said that FDOT was updating the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) which defined goals, objectives, and strategies for Florida's transportation system statewide. The FTP was the overarching transportation plan for all of Florida and affected every resident, business, and visitor.

Part of Ms. Pizzo's presentation was an interactive survey that allowed the committee members to express what they thought would be concerns in there near future concerning modes of transportation and advancing technologies.

### **Item 4a. Bylaws DRAFT**

Mr. Harris presented the Bylaws DRAFT to the TAC and said that TPO staff had recently discovered that bylaws for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was never established. Therefore, staff had begun the discussion and action of creating bylaws for the committee, by presenting the DRAFT version.

Mr. Harris said the bylaws were merely a DRAFT version and was likely to be discussed over the next couple of meetings with the goal to discuss, revise, and bring back to the committee in October.

The Membership section of the DRAFT Bylaws stated the "The TAC shall include local engineers, planners, and a variety of other professionals throughout the County." The following included the voting members of the TAC:"

- Two (2) representatives from Marion County
- Two (2) representatives from the City of Ocala
- One (1) representative from the City of Belleview
- One (1) representative from the City of Dunnellon
- One (1) representative from SunTran as assigned by the City of Ocala
- One (1) representative from the Marion County School District
- One (1) representative from Greenways and Trails

- One (1) representative from Marion County Tourism
- A representative from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5, would serve as a non-voting advisor.
- Ocala Marion TPO would provide staff support for the meeting.

Mr. Harris said that a written consent from the governing body of the selected individual would be needed to be part of the committee and the TPO board would review the selections.

Also, attendance would be included in the Bylaws. If a member missed three meetings in a calendar year the TPO would inform the governing body in hopes that reaching a quorum would not be an issue.

Nancy Smith said she would say “be designated by the governing body” to have in writing in the Bylaws and she did not expect the TPO board to approve the selected individuals.

#### **Item 4b. Transportation Regional Incentives Program (TRIP) List Update**

Mr. Balmes presented the TRIP List Update and said in August 2019, a decision was made by the TPO/MPO Directors of the six members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) to develop a revised Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priority List. Moving forward, the CFMPOA would revise the list on an annual basis. The list would serve as an important resource to identify projects in each respective TPO/MPO area that may be eligible for TRIP funding.

As background, the purpose of TRIP was to encourage partnerships for transportation projects that were regionally significant. TRIP funds were awarded by the Florida Department of Transportation, and were used to match local or regional funds up to 50% of the total project costs.

In essence, TRIP was a matching program to leverage investments in projects with substantial local/regional commitment. A TRIP Fact sheet with further information was provided to the TAC.

TPO staff were proposing to recommend one project to the TPO Board for submission to the CFMPOA for the Ocala/Marion County TPO 2019 TRIP Priority List.

- NW 49th Street Interchange @ I-75 (new interchange)

The project had been the top priority in the TPO’s List of Priority Projects (LOPP) for two consecutive years. The project had significant local matching funds by Marion County, making it eligible for TRIP funding.

TPO staff was requesting the TAC to recommend this project to the TPO Board for their approval and submission to the CFMPOA for inclusion in the 2019 TRIP Priority List.

There was consensus with the committee that that NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange @ I-75 was a good recommendation.

### **Item 5. Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was not approved due to lack of quorum and would be listed on the October meeting agenda.

### **Item 6. Comments by FDOT**

Ms. Wyche told the committee she had not received an update construction report.

Ms. Wyche informed the committee of a LAP Policy Incubator Workshop on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 1:30-4:30pm at the Florida Turnpike in Ocoee, FL.

### **Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff**

Mr. Harris gave an update of the Taskforce Kick-Off Meeting in Tampa and said that Taskforce would be holding upcoming meetings for the Northern Turnpike.

Mr. Balmes said he appreciated the support of the logo survey and planned to reveal a final logo to the TPO board at the end of the month.

### **Item 8. Comments by TAC Members**

*There were no comments by the TAC members.*

### **Item 9. Public Comment**

*There was no public comment.*

### **Item 10. Adjournment**

Acting Chairman Kenneth Odom adjourned the meeting at 10:54am.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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