



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Marion County Commission Auditorium
601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

September 27, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Earl Arnett
Councilman Rick Hancock
Commissioner Gary Ernst
Mayor Kent Guinn
Councilman Brent Malever, Chairman
Commissioner Stan McClain
Councilman Jay Musleh
Commissioner David Moore
Commissioner Carl Zalak
Councilman James Hilty, Sr.

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Councilman Matthew Wardell
Councilwoman Mary Rich
Commissioner Ron Livsey
Mayor Nathn Whitt

Others Present:

Ginger B.
Oscar Tovar, Civil Engineer III
Tony Chau, City of Ocala Traffic Engineering
Gennie Garcia, SunTran
Tracey Straub
Masood Mirza, Marion County Traffic
Darren Park, Assitant Director Public Works
Sean Lanier, Ocala Public Works

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Malever called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. Secretary Shakayla Jacobs called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Jacobs stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website and Facebook page and on the city of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites.

Item 3a. TPO Director Selection Committee Recommendation

We had eight candidates, three dropped out. We interviewed the remaining. We've come up with two, Michael Daniels and Kelly Smith. The Committee for the City Manager for the County Administrator, the Chairman of the TPO, Mr. Brent Malever and Commissioner Bryant met twice and interviewed five out of the eight candidates. Three of the five are local and we know them. Mike Daniels, Planner with the City and Kelly Smith with the DOT interviewed very well and will be presented to the Board. Their applications and resumes were presented to the Board for their review. A meeting was set for October 6th at 4:00 pm to interview these two candidates.

A motion was made and seconded to accept these two candidates to be interviewed. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3b. Transit Shelter Options

Transit Shelter options were presented to the Board with different designs i.e., barrel roof shelter, gable roof shelter, cantilever shelter, acrylic dome shelter, single slop shelter and the hip roof design. These are all standard design shelters, 5'x10'. There are custom design shelters available at additional costs. We are looking to install ten to fifteen shelters around the City. The vendors who install the shelters do not do the concrete slabs. The slabs can run anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000, depending on any additional work that may need to be done. We have two sources for funding, we have allocated money for shelters and we have access improvement funds which will cover the slabs for the initial ten to fifteen shelters. The Board was asked to pick a design to go out to bid.

A motion was made and seconded to go for the hip roof design shelter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3c. SunTran Bus Advertising

Last month the Board agreed to continue the contract with Bagin and Associates until the end of October 2017 for the five buses they currently wrap. The City of Ocala stopped wrapping the recycling bus in July 2015. They have decided to continue wrapping the utility bus. Crime Stoppers has decided to continue wrapping a bus. Those two buses will be rewrapped in the near future. This leaves us with three unwrapped buses. We always leave one unwrapped for special events. A representative from Measure-Up Marion, a

non-profit organization presented the Board with a design request to wrap a bus to promote healthy lifestyles.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommended strategy to allow Measure-Up Marion to use one of the wraps. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3d. Bus Pass Request

We were contacted by Mr. Tyrone Oliver from Deliverance Outreach Ministries a non-profit organization which assists people getting to doctor appointments and other necessary appointments. Mr. Oliver is requesting bus passes. As per SunTran, the best way to go would be daily passes. That is what we are requesting from the Board. A Board member commented the more passes we give out the less revenue we receive. A suggestion was made to set a policy/application process for future bus pass requests. Commissioner Zalak will present three options regarding a policy at the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded for Commissioner Zalak to be tasked with bringing back the recommendations for bus passes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3e. Transproation Improvement Program Amendment

There have been requests from the departments for one amendment this month for a total of approximately \$275,000 for enhanced illumination of street lights at two City locations and two County locations. One location is at US-441 and County Road 329 the other County location is at Mericamp Road and Baseline Road. The two City locations are at SW 3rd and 17th St. and the other location is State Road 200 and 17th St.

A motion was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3f. Off-System FY 2022 Priority Projects – Amendment

Three years ago, we started diversifying the Priority Projects List instead of having just one Master List we also have a Trails List and an All Systems Priority List. The All Systems Priority List are projects significant to the area, which have been asked to be put in for consideration of funding. We have a request from the County for the Sunrise Horizon Schools for sidewalks 4/5 of a mile, in Marion Oaks that would improve access to the two schools. The estimated costs are \$325,000 for design and construction.

A motion was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3g. Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment

There was one applicant Mr. John Rudiani.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the appointment of Mr. Rudiani. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 4a. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) CFMPOA Legislative Letter

What this rulemaking means is that several areas would be combined, various MPOs and TPOs. What this would mean for the State of Florida is that the entire east coast of Florida would be one MPO. This MPO would adversely impact our local input into the transportation planning process for Marion County.

Item 5. Consent Agenda

The approval of the SunTran Budget for FY 2016-2017. The Shelter Program has \$75,000 and we have an additional \$150,000 from the previous two years. Under Repair and Improvements \$75,000 is available for the concrete work on the Shelter Program.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the SunTran Budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Mike McCayman Operations Engineer for DOT. The Board was presented a package containing the Construction Report. There is also a Public Notice for 36th Avenue for building a bridge over the railroad tracks. The DOT has a new website www.FDOT.gov. Jaimee Kurzee will be the new FDOT liaison. Last month Commissioner Zalak had asked about an issue on 441 on the north side of Belleview. In response to that, adding a median access at SE 100th Place is feasible. It will go into design in 2018 and possible construction in 2020. They are also looking into a possible resurfacing on US-441 around that same time and combining it into that project.

A question was raised, asking when the intersection at SR-35 and SE 92nd Road will be activated. If it is not going to be activated soon, could the north bound left turn lane? In response to this question, we have been working with the County on that intersection. SE 92nd Road is scheduled to be open Thursday afternoon and the light will be recalibrated at SR-35 and SE 92nd St.

Another question was asked about median opening on SR40. The City is building a drainage project at 25th through 36th Avenue on SR-40, so we will need to wait on that project before we change some of the median openings.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

We have received notification from the Department yesterday that like 36th Avenue, 25th Avenue over the railroad is going to be a grade separated crossing. We will find out more on that information in the near future. We were also notified by the City of Dunnellon last week that in regards to our Multi-Modal Projects for County Rd. 44 there will be \$50,000 allocated towards that project from the City of Dunnellon Budget for a total of \$350,000 over seven years.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Members

Happy about the \$350,000 from the City of Dunnellon.

Item 9. Public Comment

None.

Item 10. Adjournment

Chairman Malever adjourned the meeting at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Jacobs, TPO Administrative Assistant