



## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Marion County Commission Auditorium  
601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

**February 28, 2017**

### MINUTES

#### **Members Present:**

Commissioner Gary Ernst  
Mayor Kent Guinn  
Councilman Brent Malever  
Commissioner David Moore – Chair  
Councilman Jay Musleh  
Commissioner Michelle Stone  
Councilman Matthew Wardell – Vice Chair

#### **Members Not Present:**

Commissioner Kathy Bryant  
Commissioner Jeff Gold  
Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar  
Councilman James Hilty, Sr.  
Councilwoman Mary Rich  
Commissioner Carl Zalak

#### **Others Present:**

Amber Gartner, Kimley-Horn  
Darren Park, City of Ocala  
Tony Chau, City of Ocala  
Oscar Tovar, City of Ocala  
Gennie Garcia, SunTran  
Tom Wilder, Marion Transit  
Sean Lanier, City of Ocala  
Imran Ghani, Jacksonville, FL  
Bikram Wadhawan, Jacksonville, FL

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

Chairman David Moore called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 on the city of Ocala, Marion County, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites.

**Item 3a. Transit Shelter Contract**

Mr. Daniels presented the Transit Shelter Contract and said that at the October 25, 2016 Transpiration Planning Organization (TPO) Board meeting, a motion had been passed to bid out the construction of 11 transit shelters and corresponding site work. Since that time staff researched areas with significant amount of ridership and came up with the 11 locations for the transit shelters.

Mr. Daniels said the invitation to bid was sent out on February 6<sup>th</sup> of 2017 and closed on February 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2017 and three bids had been received.

Mr. Daniels presented all three bidders to the board with the first being Acolite and Claude United Signs Co., Inc of Hialeah FL and stated that their total bid amount for 11 transit shelters was priced at \$222, 756.93. The second bidder Daly & Zilch (FL), Inc. of Lecanto, FL total bid amount was priced at \$173, 664.00. The third bidder AAA Affordable Structures, Inc. of Tavares, FL total bid amount was priced at \$177, 804.00.

Mr. Daniels said that TPO staff was recommending that Daily and Zilch, Inc. be approved for the contract as the low bidder.

Councilman Musleh asked if Daily and Zilch, Inc. would be meeting the specifications required for the construction of the shelters and Mr. Daniels said that they would be meeting the specifications and referred to the information provided by Daily and Zilch, Inc upon placing their bid.

There was discussion about the location of the shelters.

Commissioner Stone asked about the style of the transit shelters. Mr. Daniels informed that the shelters would be the Hip Roof style and that they would have glass panels in the front of them.

Mr. Malever made a motion to approve Daily and Zilch, Inc. for the Transit Shelter Contract. Ms. Stone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item 4a. Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update**

Mr. Richard Dryer with Tindale Oliver gave a presentation on the overview of the 10-Year Transit Development Plan (TDP), and an up to date progress report to the board.

Mr. Dryer explained that the TDP evaluates existing transit conditions, determines future needs, outlines phased service and implementation plans, FDOT requirements, and incorporates the best practices. Mr. Dryer explained that the TDP reflects the community vision for transit, identifies funded and unfunded needs, collaborates with other regional and local plans and programs to help meet transit needs and the plan is to be updated every five years.

Mr. Dryer highlighted a few components of the TDP process such as •Evaluating baseline conditions •Assessing existing transit options •Conducting public outreach •Determining transit needs• Developing service & implementation plans• Developing financial plans.

Mr. Dryer explained to the board that receiving the boards input was also a key component to the TDP and at the time a survey of questions was conducted of the TPO board members to receive their feedback on transit needs in the community.

#### **Item 4b. Walk-On North I-75 Master Plan Presentation**

Ms. Jennifer Fortunes from FDOT presented the North I-75 Master Plan Presentation and gave a quick summary from the Task Force showed the primary cause of congestion along the I-75 corridor; 20% listed as the bottle necks which is called the recurring congestion. Non-recurring congestion is what makes I-75 so unique; 30% of incidences are a result of special events or seasonal events such as football games, horse events, etc. Once every nine days all three lanes are closed in one direction. The four guiding principles the task force is looking at are conservation, countryside, centers/communities and corridors. These are basis for the recommendations. The Task Force came up with, in priority, to immediately optimize the existing transportation corridors within the study area. Evaluate potential enhancements to or transformation of existing transportation corridors and evaluate potential areas of opportunity for new multi-modal multi-use corridors after evaluations of enhancements to I-75 and other I-75 connector roads and determination of need. The Task Force evaluated a frame work of options to optimize and enhance I-75, 301, US-41, and US-441. Also, evaluate enhancements to Inner-city bus, passenger rail and freight rail services. The North I-75 Master Plan studied area encompasses Hernando County, Columbia County and Duvall County. The focus was on I-75 as well as the parallel existing corridors, US-301, US-41 and US-441 and evaluate the capacity that is consistent with local comprehensive plans.

#### **Item 5a. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Guinn made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Malever seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 6. Comments by FDOT**

**Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff**

**Item 8. Comments by TPO Members**

**Item 9. Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

**Item 10. Adjournment**

Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Shakayla Jacobs, TPO Administrative Assistant