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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Monthly Meeting  
September 8, 2009  
10:00 am**

**Ocala Electric Utilities Customer Service Center  
201 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ocala FL 34478**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. PROOF OF PUBLICATION**
- 3. ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. 2009/2010-2013/2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS**
- 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A. 2008 TRAFFIC COUNTS AND TRENDS DATA**
  - B. REVIEW OF 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES/STRINGS & RIBBONS SESSION**
- 5. CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 9, 2009**
- 6. COMMENTS BY FDOT**
- 7. COMMENTS BY TPO STAFF**

**8. SUGGESTIONS BY TAC MEMBERS**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 5 minutes)**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

If reasonable accommodations are needed for you to participate in this meeting, please call the TPO Office at (352)629-8297 forty-eight (48) hours in advance, so arrangements can be made.

*The next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee will be held on  
**October 13, 2009***



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**MEMORANDUM**

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**SEPTEMBER 3, 2009**

**TO: TAC/CAC MEMBERS**

**FROM: KENNETH ODOM, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER**

**SUBJECT: 2009/2010-2013/2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM (TIP) AMMENDMENTS**

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In order to ensure that the Ocala/Marion County TIP reflects the most current information, it is necessary to make periodic amendments. Amendments to the TIP are typically required:

- To add or delete a project;
- To change the state or federal funding allocation of a project;
- To change the year of anticipated funding of a project phase;
- To change the scope of work of a project;
- To change the source of federal or state funds.

The attached table offers a brief explanation of the amendments that were required to ensure the accuracy of the current version of the TIP. Please review the table for discussion at the September 8, 2009 meeting.

If you have any questions prior to the September 8, 2009 meeting, please contact our office at 629-8297.

2009/2010-2013/2014 OCALA/MARION TPO  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMMENDMENTS

TIP PAGE #	FM #	SEGMENT	FROM	TO	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING CHANGE
1-2	2383958	US 441	Sumter CL	CR 42	Widen to 4-Lanes	PD&E Added: \$881,010
1-4	2386771	SR 35	S of CR 464	SR 40	Widen to 4-Lanes	FSF1 Funding Added: \$49,051,059
1-5	2387191	SR 40	CR 328	SW 80th Ave	Widen to 4-Lanes	All funding deferred one year
1-8	4112563	US 301	Sumter CL	529' S of CR 42	Widen to 4-Lanes	Ammended ROW Funding: \$5,472,748
1-9	4152561	Sharpe's Ferry Bridge			Bridge Replacement	Ammended PD&E Funding: \$153,748
1-12	4187401	CSX Railroad	Anthony		Siding	Project not included in initial data import
3-2	4130194	Traffic Signalization	Various Locations		Traffic Signalization	Project not included in initial data import
4-3	4139931	Bellevue Sidewalks: Phase I	Front Rd	Bellevue Park	Sidewalk Construction	Project not included in initial data import
4-4	4154021	CR 40 Sidewalk (Dunnellon)	500' W of Kennesaw Rd	McKinney Rd	Sidewalk Construction	PE Added: \$35,000
4-7	4222847	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Website			Website Development	Project not included in initial data import



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**September 2, 2009**

**TO: TAC/CAC Members**  
**FROM: Kenneth Odom, Transportation Planner**  
**RE: 2008 Traffic Counts & Trends Report**

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The 2008 Traffic Counts & Trends Report will be presented for your review and discussion at the September 8, 2009 committee meeting. If you recall, this document was expanded last year from a traffic counts book to also illustrate current and developing trends and conditions in various areas such as accident information, population, employment and law-enforcement activities including the number of vehicles registered in Marion County.

This document has not been included in your packet because a separate stand-alone report will be issued to each member at the upcoming meeting.

If you would like to review the 2008 Traffic Counts & Trends Report prior to the September 8, 2009 meeting, the document is available to download at <http://www.ocalamariontpo.org/>

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**TO: TAC/CAC Members**

**FROM: Kenneth Odom, Transportation Planner**

**SUBJECT: 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan: Strings & Ribbons Exercise**

Public Involvement is a continuous and significant part of the planning process for any of our transportation planning projects. The difficulty is in getting good public involvement, in terms of number of people attending the meetings and their active participation at these meetings. Typically, a public meeting is advertised and anyone wishing to provide input is encouraged to attend. Attendance at these meetings is sporadic at best, varying depending on the topics and issues being discussed, and often attendees leave these meetings not knowing if they have adequately communicated their opinion on the topics. Based on the success that we experienced with the Strings & Ribbons exercise during the 2025 LRTP public involvement process, we have decided to revisit it as one of the primary public involvement tools during the 2035 LRTP process.

The public involvement element of the 2035 LRTP will begin with TPO staff bringing the Strings & Ribbons exercise to the TAC and the CAC. This program is an interactive exercise that allows all participants the opportunity to be a transportation planner by selecting projects and allocating funding to those projects. Each group, within each committee, will have \$300 million S&R dollars to allocate for the projects that they select. This is the projected amount of money that is estimated to be available over the next 25 years for capital transportation projects within Marion County. At the end of this exercise each group in each committee will have developed a map showing all of the future improvements that they would like to see in place by the year 2035.

If you have any questions regarding the 2035 LRTP or the Strings & Ribbons exercise please contact me at 352-629-8297.

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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Ocala Electric Utilities Customer Service Center  
201 SE 3rd Street, Ocala FL 34478**

**June 9, 2009**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Robert Vilak, Chairman  
Dave Herlihy, Vice-chair  
Mike Daniels  
Jason Garcia  
Vicki Mitchell  
Steven Neal  
David Lee Skipper  
Jeff Shrum (*arrived 10:09 a.m.*)  
David Lee Skipper

**Members Not Present:**

Noel Cooper  
Harold Horne  
Justin Ryan  
Mickey Thomason

**Others Present:**

Greg Slay, TPO Director  
John Voges, TPO Staff  
Ken Odom, TPO Staff  
Ann McGaffic, TPO Staff  
Kayleen Hamilton, TPO Staff

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**Item 1. Call To Order And Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chairman Robert Vilak. Secretary Kayleen Hamilton called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Item 2. Proof Of Publication**

Secretary Kayleen Hamilton stated that the meeting had been published in the June 2, 2009, edition of the Ocala Star Banner.

**Item 3a. FY 2010/2011-2014/2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Odom presented the FY 2010/2011-2014/2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP contained phases, costs and timings of funding on projects. The TIP contained state, federal, transit and aviation projects, and Mr. Odom advised that a roll-forward version of the TIP in November would contain municipal projects.

Major changes to the TIP from the last version included the addition of \$1.3m to move forward with the P&E. Four million dollars of Transportation Regional Incentive Program funds for SE 92<sup>nd</sup> Loop was deferred, and \$5.65M in right-of-way funding on SR 40 West was deferred. PD&E on US 441 was added in year 2013. Mr. Odom noted that a significant number of smaller projects were being finished and dropped out of the TIP.

Mr. Odom drew the board's attention to the new format of the TIP. A new summary section had been added with breakdowns by year, project number and municipality. Mr. Odom mentioned that maps were not available for projects such as transit and traffic operations.

Mr. Vilak mentioned that there were several projects with incorrect maps, and Mr. Odom replied that staff had noticed the errors and was having them corrected. Mr. Vilak noted that the project limits on a project were incorrect, and Mr. Neal reported that there were changes to the SunTran summary.

Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program, and Mr. Herlihy seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**Item 3b. FY 2015 Priority Projects**

Mr. Odom presented the FY 2015 priority projects. SR 35 widening had been moved forward to winter 2009. Funding for Sharpes Ferry Bridge had been moved in. Mr. Odom noted that there was a typographical error on project four; right-of-way was moved to 2014. Funding had been added to SR 40 West in 2009 for P&E and to US

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441 for P&E in 2014. Mr. Odom reported that staff had not recommended any changes to the project rankings from the previous year.

Mr. Neal asked about stimulus funding, and Mr. Slay advised that the only project on the priority list to receive stimulus funding was SR 35. No other projects had qualified.

Mr. Shrum asked about moving SE 92<sup>nd</sup> Loop and the SW 42<sup>nd</sup> Street flyover back into the priority list since they were no longer fully funded.

Mr. Shrum suggested moving priority number seven to higher on the list. Mr. Shrum commented that at its present location, the study would be very old. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of other projects on SR 464 traffic.

Mr. Shrum made a motion to move priority seven up to priority two and move other projects down accordingly. Mr. Neal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Slay reported that FDOT had lost more funding.

Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the priority projects list as amended and Mr. Herlihy seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

#### **Item 4a. Marion County Comprehensive Plan Update**

Mr. Ryan advised the committee that the County Planning Department had set a goal of September 1 to submit the draft update. The final update was due by the first of December.

Mr. Shrum asked about backlog facilities, and Mr. Ryan stated that County staff had not yet had a chance to review. Discussion ensued regarding concurrency exception areas in urban service areas. Mr. Shrum reported that the City of Belleview was considering pursuing higher density.

Mr. Shrum asked about levels of service on county roads, and Mr. Ryan replied that discussions were ongoing. Mr. Shrum mentioned that Belleview adopted levels of service consistent with the County.

There was discussion regarding urban service boundaries and concurrency exemption area status. Mr. Ryan stated that nothing regarding changes to urban service boundaries had been determined.

Mr. Ryan advised the committee that assessment of the transportation policy of the comprehensive plan was done. Major issues and data analyses were also complete. Mr. Ryan stated that the future lanes maps needed to be updated. Future lanes had not yet been established. Mr. Ryan said that Planning staff would meet with the County

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Commission in July and invited committee members to e-mail comments on the comprehensive plan to staff before the tenth of July.

Mr. Vilak asked about the land development code review, and Mr. Ryan replied that it was probably coming up in the next two to three years.

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

Mr. Daniels made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Herlihy seconded and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

### **Item 6. Comments By FDOT**

Ms. Mitchell drew the committee's attention to the construction status list in the meeting packet. Four projects had finished, and all other projects were progressing on schedule. Ms. Mitchell reported that FDOT would be putting a link on the Central Florida Roads website for project in the design process. Project status was expected to be updated weekly.

Ms. Mitchell advised that an advertisement for design/build on SR 35 was to be published that week. Ms. Mitchell stated that FDOT was working closely with the City of Ocala and Marion County on local projects approved in the stimulus bill. Mr. Vilak asked about the schedule for SR 35, and Mr. Slay thought that it was planned to take just over two years.

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

Mr. Slay reported that the County Commission had rejected all bids on SE 31<sup>st</sup> Street. This would push the project back several months while the project was rebid. Mr. Slay added that bids on CR 200A had also been received and that the Commission had approved the bond measure to advance funding for road projects. The bonds would be done in three phases of projects. Mr. Voges stated that the bond projects would be added to the local section of the TIP. Mr. Shrum asked about SE 92<sup>nd</sup> Loop, and Mr. Vilak answered that it was included on the bond list. Mr. Slay stated that all the bond projects were capacity projects that could be ready for construction quickly.

Mr. Ryan asked about traffic counts, and Mr. Odom replied that the first version without trends would be ready the following week and published on the TPO website.

Mr. Vilak asked about a web interface for the accident database, and Mr. Odom answered that staff was working with the consultant, Tindale-Oliver. There was discussion regarding the availability of accident data online. Mr. Voges advised that staff was working with local law enforcement to achieve more accurate and useable data.

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Mr. Odom reported on the Safe Routes to Schools project for Belleview Middle and High schools. The project had been turned over to consultants and a site visit was planned to examine right-of-way. The County was managing the project and handling the design. Ms. Mitchell added that a right-of-way meeting had been held. Mr. Odom stated that a letter from School Board Superintendent Yancy had been received regarding an easement from the school board.

**Item 8. Comments by TAC Members**

*There were no further comments from TAC members.*

**Item 9. Public Comment (Limited To 5 Minutes)**

*There was no public comment.*

**Item 10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Vilak at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Kayleen Hamilton, TPO Administrative Assistant