



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Second Harvest Food Bank
411 Mercy Drive
Orlando, FL 32805

Commissioner Betsy VanderLey, Board Chairwoman, Presided

Members

Hon. Jose Alvarez, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County
Hon. John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Cheryl L. Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Samuel B. Ings, City of Orlando
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Mr. Thomas Kapp, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero for Hon. Christne Moore, Orange County
Hon. Doug Bankson for Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Betsy VanderLey, Orange County
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Advisors in Attendance:

FDOT Secretary Mike Shannon, District 5
Mr. Benton Bonney, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Mr. Will Hawthorne, Technical Advisory Committee
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Community Advisory Committee

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Fred Hawkins, Jr., Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Jeff Triplett, City of Sanford
Vacant, GOAA

Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Steve Bechtel, Mateer & Harbert
Mr. Keith Caskey
Mr. Joe Davenport
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb
Mr. Eric Hill
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Mr. Gary Huttman
Ms. Cynthia Lambert
Mr. Nick Lepp
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Ms. Crystal Mercedes
Ms. Sally Morris
Ms. Nikhila Rose
Mr. Alex Trauger
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Ms. Elizabeth Whitton
Mr. Mighk Wilson

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Betsy VanderLey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Jose Alvarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIRWOMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner VanderLey informed Board members of the passing of Mayor Ray Bagshaw, City of Edgewood. Council President Dowless reported that visitation for Mayor Bagshaw will be Wednesday, March 20th, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and a celebration of life will be held in April. Mr. Gary Huttman provided a report on the February CFMPOA meeting. He reported that at the February 15th CFMPOA meeting they approved the October 12, 2018 meeting

minutes, received a brief orientation, an overview of the Regional Priority Process and a request to consider adding Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) projects to the priority list. He added CFMPOA members received presentations on Best Foot Forward, Brightline and the Voyage, Autonomous Taxi project. Commissioner VanderLey introduced Mr. Dave Krepcho who spoke briefly about Second Harvest and how the agency relates to the work of MetroPlan Orlando. Commissioner Mayra Uribe provided a report on the February TDLCB meeting. She reported that at the February 14th meeting TDLCB members held their election of officers, received Sunshine Law training, and heard from OWL Transportation representatives, who provide paratransit service. In addition, TDLCB members approved the November meeting minutes, Grievance Procedures and Membership Certification and received CTC and Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan updates.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary Huttman introduced new Board member, Mr. Thomas Kapp, representing Kissimmee Gateway Airport. He called attention to alternates in attendance Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero for Commissioner Moore and Vice Mayor Doug Bankson for Mayor Nelson. Mr. Huttman reviewed events from the past month that had been included on the slides scrolling before the meeting. He noted that the legislative session began March 3rd and he called upon Ms. Virginia Whittington, who provided a legislative update. Ms. Whittington reviewed the MetroPlan Orlando legislative priorities and their current status. Mr. Huttman reported that MetroPlan Orlando had a state certification review February 19th and the federal certification review March 5th. He added that the federal certification process had been streamlined and now included an online comment period, which is open until April 5th. Mr. Huttman noted that there was a memo, from Mr. Mighk Wilson, in the supplemental folders as a follow up to the February Dangerous by Design discussion. He called attention to recent Brightline public hearings, an upcoming ART event, sponsored by the Orlando Economic Partnership, Kissimmee Cattle Drive and fundraiser events and an upcoming UCF Lecture Series event. Mr. Huttman reported that the April 10th Board Workshop is confirmed. Mr. Huttman acknowledged the Second Harvest Culinary School for providing breakfast, Mr. Luis Melara, One AV, for providing audio visual services and MetroPlan Orlando staff for their assistance with the March Board meeting.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed a quorum of 17 voting members present.

V. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman stated that they were ready to move forward with the agenda.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President John Dowless reported that MAC met on March 7th and recognized Mayor Gary Bruhn for his 15 year tenure as Mayor of the Town of Windermere and a MAC member. MAC members recommended approval of a request to modify the 2040 LRTP to include the widening and interchange modifications project on the Turnpike as well as the Kirkman Road extension project. Committee members also received several presentations including: an overview of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; a presentation on the Orange-Lake

Connector project; and a presentation on Voyage Door-to-Door Autonomous Taxi Service. The next MAC meeting is scheduled on May 2, 2019.

Mr. Atlee Mercer reported that Community Advisory Committee members met on February 27th and welcomed new member Edmund Cid, who is the City of Kissimmee representative. He noted that the Community Advisory Committee is currently accepting applications for new members, who are not elected officials and who do not work in the transportation industry. CAC members, he added, voted to approve the Turnpike modification to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, and to table the Kirkman Road extension modification. He noted that some CAC members had concerns that the project ended at Destination Parkway, and not at Universal Boulevard where there is an intermodal center. Mr. Mercer reported that CAC members appointed members to the 2045 Plan subcommittee and also created a group to review new member applications. New CAC member recommendations will be presented to the Board for action at a future meeting.

Mr. Will Hawthorne reported that Technical Advisory Committee members met on February 22nd and recommended approval of the request to modify the 2040 LRTP to include the widening project on Florida's Turnpike from SR 408 to SR 50 and the Kirkman Road Extension project from Sand Lake Road to Destination Parkway. TAC members heard a presentation introducing the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and appointed representatives from Osceola and Seminole Counties and the City of Orlando to serve on the MTP Working Group. Mr. Hawthorne added that committee members heard presentations on the Lake/Orange Connector study and the Voyage door-to-door autonomous taxi service that is operating in The Villages.

Mr. Benton Bonney reported that the Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee met on February 22, 2019 and approved the January 25, 2019, TSMO meeting minutes and staff's request that the 2040 LRTP be modified to include the widening and interchange modifications project on Florida's Turnpike from SR 408 to SR 50 and the Kirkman Road Extension project from Sand Lake Road to Destination Parkway. TSMO members, he added, approved volunteers to participate on the MTP Working Group and Mr. Bob McQueen, Teradata Government Systems, gave a presentation on the emergence of big data and analytics for transportation.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2019 Board meeting**
- B. Approval of Financial Report January 2019**
- C. Acknowledgement of January 2019 Travel Report**
- D. TDLCB Membership Certification**

MOTION: Commissioner Samuel Ings moved approval of Consent Agenda, Action Items A-D. Mayor Jose Alvarez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of 2040 LRTP Administrative Modification for Kirkman Road Extension & Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the 2040 LRTP be modified to include the widening and interchange modifications project on Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) from SR 408 to SR 50, requested by FTE, as well as the Kirkman Road Extension project from Sand Lake Road to Destination Parkway, requested by Orange County. Attachments were provided. Mr. Trauger clarified that the request was for a modification, not an amendment to the LRTP and there were two separate requests. An 11" x 17" copy of the Orange County Kirkman Road extension project was included in the supplemental folders. He noted that the Kirkman Road project was previously in the cost feasible plan but due to an oversight was removed from MetroPlan Orlando's 2025 LRTP; and now with private developer funding and the prospect of discretionary grant funding the project needs to be included in the LRTP. Mr. Trauger added that in regards to CAC's concerns, the project will eventually extend to Universal Boulevard, however, the funds are currently available only for the segment included in the request.

MOTION: Commissioner Samuel Ings moved approval of the 2040 LRTP being modified to include the widening and interchange modifications project on Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) from SR 408 to SR 50, requested by FTE, as well as the Kirkman Road Extension project from Sand Lake Road to Destination Parkway, requested by Orange County. Council President John Dowless seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report
- C. MetroPlan Board Member Workshop April 10, 2019
- D. Lake Nona Introduces First Autonomous Shuttles to Central Florida press release
- E. Featured Articles and Research

Fast-Growing Companies Prefer Vibrant Parts of Cities—and Suburbs

https://www.citylab.com/life/2018/12/high-growth-companies-urban-suburban-vibrancy/578296/?utm_source=newsletter&silverid=%25%25RECIPIENT_ID%25%25&utm_campaign=citylab-daily-newsletter&utm_medium=email

“After rising for several years, the percentage of commuters turning to bikes declined for the third year straight, U.S. Census Bureau figures show.”

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/01/02/bike-work-fewer-americans-new-trails-share-programs/2319972002/>

Fleets of automated cars may be coming to Florida roads with no human oversight - Sun Sentinel

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/business/fl-bz-push-is-on-to-legalize-fully-automated-vehicles-in-florida-20190125-story.html>

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement. Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Overview

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided an overview introducing key elements and new emphasis areas for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP - formerly LRTP) development process. Mr. Trauger reported that Metropolitan Transportation Plan was the commonly used term for MPOs and it is the core planning product. The MTP, he noted, identifies needs while projects are prioritized in the Prioritized Project List and funding is associated with projects in the Transportation Improvement Plan. Mr. Trauger reviewed the federal requirements, planning emphasis areas, tasks and activities, things to think about related to the 2045 MTP and next steps. The MTP scope was just approved by Federal Highway Administration allowing for work to move forward. He added that a systems performance report was a new requirement and a MTP Working Group was being formed, which included MetroPlan TAC, TSMO and CAC representation along with local agencies and stakeholders. Mr. Trauger noted that work on the 2045 MTP will go through the regular advisory board process. Commissioner VanderLey asked about base population data and if it included residents and tourists. Mr. Trauger responded that 2015 population data is being used and tourist figures are usually based on hotel occupancy. Mr. Atlee Mercer asked if 2020 census information will be incorporated. Mr. Trauger responded that using 2020 data would be a challenge since the MTP was required to be completed in 2020.

B. Truck Parking Study

Mr. Jeremy Upchurch, FDOT, provided a status report on the FDOT District 5 Truck Parking Study. Mr. Upchurch reviewed the background and need for the study, along with the study purpose and the work completed so far. He reported that the study is working to identify needs and he provided information on Interstate truck parking supply and demand, along with private and public operated locations. Mr. Upchurch included information on a recommendation from the National Coalition on Truck parking to work with property owners and public agencies to study the feasibility of using large venues for additional parking capacity. In addition, he reviewed the next steps for the Truck Parking Study and provided his contact information. Commissioner VanderLey commented that she had

received complaints from constituents regarding trucks parking on local streets. Commissioner Uribe asked that if I-4 is a problem spot, is the study looking to identify land for additional parking. She noted that she had received complaints from constituents regarding trucks parking on local streets as well. Mr. Upchurch responded that part of the Phase II efforts will be looking at the I-4 areas. Commissioner Zembower inquired about consideration being given to trucking regulations, specifically the one that requires stopping after a set number of hours. Mr. Upchurch responded that the study will look at placement of truck stops, along with other options for additional sites. He added that FDOT will be finalizing the scope for the study shortly and that safety is a core element.

C. Orange Lake Connector PD&E

Mr. Gary Huttman called attention to the fact that PD&E updates are not provided on a regular basis, however, if one is of regional importance, such as the Orange Lake Connector, Board members will receive an update. Mr. Will Sloup, Metric Engineering, gave a presentation on the proposed Orange-Lake Connector that will run from US 27 to SR 429. Mr. Sloup provided an overview of the project and a current status report. He reviewed the four project alternatives, typical section diagram, next steps, the project schedule, which was 11 months into a 16 month timeline, and stakeholder/public involvement efforts. Mr. Sloup noted that additional information was available on the project website <https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH>. He also provided contact information for the CFX public involvement coordinator.

D. Voyage Door-to-Door Autonomous Mobility Service

Dr. Dean Bushey, Voyage, gave a presentation on Voyage, which brings communities together with self-driving cars by enabling residents to summon an autonomous vehicle and move effortlessly from point A to point B. Prior to expanding to The Villages in Sumter County, Voyage operated self-driving cars in a San Jose, California-based retirement community. Dr. Bushey provided an overview of a current demonstration project in The Villages (Florida), home to over 125,000 residents. Dr. Bushey reported that Voyage provides an alternative means of transportation for those who cannot or choose not to drive. He provided background information on the program including the staff team, benefits of the service, technology, safety measures and staff contact information.

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner VanderLey reminded board members that a tour of Second Harvest was available and to meet in the lobby immediately following the meeting, if they would like to participate.

Commissioner Grieb thanked the Second Harvest team and encouraged Board members to donate to support the good work of local non-profits.

Mr. Thomas Kapp introduced himself and noted that he would be actively participating in future meetings.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIV. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 8, 2019

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 8th day of May 2019.



Commissioner Betsy VanderLey, Chairwoman



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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