



CENTRAL FLORIDA
MPO
ALLIANCE

**Central Florida MPO Alliance
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, October 9, 2020

VIRTUAL Meeting
Zoom Webinar Conference

Chair Roy Tyler, Polk TPO, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Cheryl Grieb
Honorable Christine Moore
Honorable Michelle Stone
Honorable David Moore
Honorable Jeff Gold
Honorable Leslie Campione
Honorable Barbara Girtman
Honorable Chris Cloudman
Honorable Christine Power
Honorable Kathy Meehan
Honorable Yvonne Minus
Honorable Andrea Young

REPRESENTING:

Polk TPO
MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
River to Sea TPO
River to Sea TPO
River to Sea TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Jay Zembower
Honorable Don Burgess
Honorable Jim Richards
Honorable David Moore
Honorable William Twyford

MetroPlan Orlando
Lake-Sumter MPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Robert Balmes
Mr. Ryan Kordek
Ms. Georganna Gillette
Ms. Lois Bollenback
Mr. Mike Woods
Mr. Siao Si Fine
Ms. Nicole Mills
Ms. Kellie Smith
Mr. Carl Mikyska
Mr. Ryan Matthews

MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO
Space Coast TPO
River to Sea TPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
FDOT – District 1
FDOT - District 5
MPOAC
Peeples, Smith and Matthews

A complete list of all others in attendance may be obtained upon request.

I. Call to Order

Chair Roy Tyler called the October 9, 2020 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and welcomed everyone.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kathy Meehan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Agenda Review and Alliance Roll Call

Ms. Whittington stated that there are no changes to the agenda. She explained that no action will be taken on any item on today's agenda, and the presentations are for information purposes only. She provided an overview of the virtual meeting guidelines, the raise hand feature to be recognized, and the public comment procedures. She added that the meeting is being recorded and is also being live-streamed on the MetroPlan Orlando's YouTube page. She pointed out that the virtual meetings are accessible to all. Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the attendance roll call; and confirmed a quorum for today's meeting.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

V. Reports

Vice-Chair Stone called attention to written delegation reports which were provided for information only.

a. Delegation Reports

- Lake-Sumter MPO Report
- MetroPlan Orlando Report
- Space Coast TPO Report
- River to Sea TPO Report
- Polk TPO Report

b. FDOT District Reports

Ms. Nichole Mills, represented FDOT District 1. Ms. Mills stated that District 1 is currently awaiting funding allocations from Central Office. They are anticipating some impacts to the work program, but will inform the MPOs once the information is received. Current projects: currently reviewing traffic reports for the I-4 managed lane study; I-4/US 27 interchange project is being reviewed looking at design and looking for innovative cost savings to save the project. The US 27 mobility study is a joint project with FTE and the Polk TPO, and the M-cores is ongoing (Alligator Alley to I-4 in Polk County).

Ms. Kellie Smith, represented FDOT District 5, announced that John Tyler is now Director of Operations for District 5 effective July 17th. The Districts work program public hearing is scheduled from December 7 – through December 11th. The in-person meeting is scheduled for December 10th. More information will be provided to the MPOs once the

is scheduled for December 10th. More information will be provided to the MPOs once the details are finalized. She noted that District 5 currently awaits their funding allocations as well.

Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE, announced that FTE will host a public hearing on the PD&E study for the Turnpike mainline widening project from south of Kissimmee Park Road to US 192 on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m. He said that the public can participate in the event online, on the phone (in listen only mode), or attend the event in person at the Osceola Heritage Park Event Center located at 1901 Chief Osceola Trail, Kissimmee, FL 34744. Mr. Fine provided the website information for those interested to keep abreast of the project:

<https://floridasturnpike.com/turnpike-projects/major-projects/widen-turnpike-pde-kissimmee-park-road-to-us-192/>

VI. Discussion and Consensus Items

a. Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 10, 2020, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting were provided for information.

b. 2021 Proposed Meeting Schedule

The 2021 proposed meeting schedule was provided for information and discussion. Ms. Whittington noted that the July 2021 meeting will be confirmed with the west coast partners. Commissioner Michelle Stone pointed out that date for the October 2021 meeting should be Friday October 8th and not the 9th as printed.

c. 2021 CFMPOA Officers

Ms. Whittington explained that at the last meeting in each calendar year, members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance selects one of its members as Chairperson, another member as Vice-Chairperson, and a third member as Secretary. These three officers shall serve a term of one year until their successors are selected. Ms. Whittington stated that staff recommends that the current officers remain until the Alliance is able to take formal action at an in-person meeting.

d. Regional List of Priority Projects List

Ms. Bollenback reviewed the Regional List of Priority Projects. A draft of the document along with a set of tables was presented at the July 10th meeting. The priorities were developed in the following categories: strategic intermodal systems, regional trails, regional transit projects, and transportation of regional incentive programs (TRIP). The tables have been put into a final format and incorporated the additions and strike-throughs. She noted that two (2) Ocala/Marion projects have been finalized since the July 10th meeting and were added to the TRIP lists. Ms. Bollenbeck reminded Alliance members that the Tier 3 trails listing are projects that are applied for during an open call for projects for Sun Trail Funding which opened on October 1st and runs through the end of December. After discussion and upon consensus, a copy of the attached priority lists will be forwarded to DOT.

VII. Presentation/Discussion

a. Regional Transportation Systems Management & Operations Program (Corridor Coalition)

Presenter: Eric Hill

Mr. Eric Hill provided an update of progress made since the regional transportation summit held with the joint MPOS in July. The July 10th meeting ended with a resolve to participate in the effort, identify champions (either policy board members or MPO staff to champion TSMO efforts), and to re-convene another meeting to establish more structure. As a result of the efforts, the River-to-Sea and Space Coast TPOs have been added to the effort. The working group met on August 21st. The working group discussed developing an MOU between the MPO/TPOs throughout Central Florida in an effort to come to an agreement to advance the concept of TSMO planning throughout Central Florida and to establish a process by which to get the MOU executed through each MPO/TPO. A membership roster was developed which included FDOT districts. In the background, staff has been making efforts to sustain the initiative by applying for grant funding through the State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) for TSMO planning along the I-4 corridor. The grant award was in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Hill stated that the working group is scheduled to meet again on October 21 and report back on what steps that have been taken to get the MOUs executed, formalize governance of the group and to discuss bringing both the Central Florida Expressway Authority and the Tampa/Hillsborough Expressway Authority into the working group since they both impact Central Florida.

b. Presentation/Discussion: 2021 Legislative Positions

Presenter(s): Mr. Carl Mikyska, MPOAC and Mr. Ryan Matthews, Peebles Smith & Matthews

Mr. Carl Mikyska, Executive Director, Florida MPO Advisory Council, provided an overview of legislative positions supported by the MPOAC which are reviewed by the staff directors and presented to the MPOAC Governing Board. Mr. Mikyska stated that a new policy position has been added with regard to the ability to hold virtual meetings. He explained that in light of the experiences of 2020, the MPOAC is supporting new legislation that will add provisions to Florida's Sunshine Law to allow all government entities to hold virtual meetings during a declared emergency plus a period of 90 days past the declared emergency dates. Mr. Mikyska stated that when committee weeks resume in January, the legislative weekly newsletter will return. Mr. Mikyska discussed his concerns with earmarks and budgets. He discouraged earmarking projects out of concern for the impact that it would have on that project on the overall budget. He also expressed concern on the impact that it would have on the DOT and its ability to fund other projects.

Mr. Ryan Matthews, Peebles, Smith and Matthews, provided insights on the past legislative session and what to expect in the upcoming 2021 legislative session. Mr. Matthews thanked Mr. Mikyska for this thoroughness of his presentation detailing the constraints and issues for the 2021 legislative session. Over the next 18-24 months, projected \$5.5 billion budget deficit. For the 2020 legislative session, a \$93.2 billion budget (the largest in the State's history) was passed and ultimately \$1 billion was vetoed from the budget because of the coronavirus pandemic. An organizational session is set for November 17th. At that organizational session, the new leaders of the Senate and House will be installed. Committee

week will likely commence in January versus December. Mr. Matthews stated that from a policy perspective, a 2021 session will likely be dominated by governing during the time of a pandemic. He said that he agrees with Mr. Mikyska on the need to support legislation that allows for government agencies to have the ability to hold virtual meetings for continuity of operations. He will continue to keep MetroPlan Orlando abreast of any happenings as relates to transportation.

VIII. Information Items

- a. SUN Trail solicitation cycle – October 1 – December 10
- b. Summary of Joint CFMPOA/CCC meeting 07102020

IX. Member Comments

None. Ms. Whittington announced the passing of former City of Orlando Commissioner Daisy Lynum, former appointee to the CFMPOA. Ms. Whittington noted that Commissioner Lynum was instrumental in getting the Coast-to-Coast Trails underway.

X. Public Comments

None

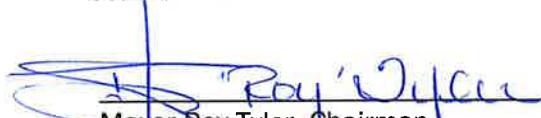
- XI. Next meeting – February 12, 2021 (subject to change)
MetroPlan Orlando
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

XII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed by Lisa Smith, Board Services Coordinator, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance



Mayor Roy Tyler, Chairman

Attest:



Lisa Smith, Board Services Coordinator

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.