



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando – Hybrid Virtual
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Bob Dallari, Board Chairman, Presided

Members

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Cheryl L. Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Dale McDonald, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hhon. Maribel Gomez Cordero for Hon. Betsy VanderLey, Orange County
Hon. Art Woodruff, City of Sanford
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Advisors in Attendance:

Mr. Alex Laffey, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, Technical Advisory Committee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Community Advisory Committee

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Hon. Jim Fisher, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Thomas Kapp, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando
FDOT Secretary Jared Perdue, District 5

Staff in Attendance :

Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert
Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Mr. Keith Caskey
Mr. Nick Lepp
Mr. Eric Hill
Mr. Joe Davenport
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Sally Morris
Mr. Alex Trauger
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Mighk Wilson
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga
Ms. Lara Bouck
Mr. Mighk Wilsom
Ms. Sarah Larsen
Ms. Jasmine Blais

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bob Dallari called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Mayor Dale McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dallari reviewed the virtual meeting procedures, including public comments. He officially welcomed Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford. Chairman Dallari noted that additional new board member appointments are anticipated.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary Huttman thanked board members for helping to ensure a quorum for the hybrid meeting. He reviewed the virtual procedures. He recognized alternates: Commissioner Gomez Cordero attending for Orange County and Mr. Alex Laffey attending for Mr. Doug Jamison. Mr. Huttman reported on the legislative action on an Omnibus Appropriations bill. He called attention to his attendance at a NARC event and meeting with FDOT leadership. In addition, he noted the MPOAC Institute will be held in March and April in an online format. Mr. Huttman reported that an Executive Committee meeting to discuss 2021 legislative positions, was scheduled immediately following the board meeting, He congratulated Ms. Virginia Whittington, the 2020 recipient of the WTS Harold W. Barley award for advancing the regional transportation network.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Virginia Whittington conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum of 16 voting members present.

V. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman reported there were no changes to the agenda, and they were ready to move forward.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Dale McDonald Reported that The Municipal Advisory Committee met December 3rd, in a virtual workshop format. Items presented for review and discussion included November meeting minutes, An FDOT request to amend the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP and the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Cost Feasible Plan and unfunded needs Mac members, he noted, didn't have any other presentations scheduled. The next meeting is scheduled on February 4, 2021.

Ms. Sarah Elbadri reported that Community Advisory Committee members met on December 4, 2020 and heard a final update on the 2045 MTP cost-feasible plan and MTP public participation. CAC members expressed support for the plan, while acknowledging that many areas of transportation technology are moving so quickly that the plan will continue to need significant updates in the years ahead. Committee members engaged in discussion with staff on several topics related to the plan. These included: the need for transit funding, how technology advances will affect future plan updates, changes in the roles of Connected and Automated Vehicles, diminishing gas tax receipts, transportation equity and accessibility, and how changes in work and living habits brought on by the pandemic may affect future needs. Ms. Elbadri called attention to two important issues CAC members discussed which included shifting funding from road projects to transit and although technology is advancing attention needs to be paid to transportation costs for the cost burdened.

Mr. Nabil Muhaisen reported that the TAC met on December 4th and reviewed and discussed: the amendments to the TIP requested by FDOT under agenda item IX-A and the 2045 MTP Cost Feasible Plan.

Mr. Alex Laffey reported that the TSMO Committee met on December 4, 2020. Based on direction from the Board at the September meeting, this meeting was held as a virtual workshop. TSMO members reviewed and discussed the October 23, 2020, TSMO Meeting Minutes; FDOT's request that the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP be amended and MetroPlan Orlando's update of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Cost Feasible Plan and unfunded needs. In addition, TSMO members also reviewed and discussed the appointment of a Workforce Development Task Force to address some of the technical skills and human resource needs in the local transportation industry and engage technical institutions and high schools on careers in transportation.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

Mr. David Thomas Moran, Central Floridians for Public Transit, commented that the 2045 MTP was not a new vision and more needed to be done to make transit more accessible. Additionally, transit funding needed to be brought up to a true 19% allocation. Mr. Moran questioned why toll road revenues remained separate.

Ms. Theo Webster, League of Women Voters, commented that their transportation report card gave the Central Florida area a grade of "D" and more needed to be done to remedy shortfalls. She noted that the LRTP process needed to be more transparent and flexible and a dedicated funding source was needed.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2020 Board meeting**
- B. Approval of Financial Report for October 2020**
- C. Approval of Resolution 20-18 to conduct virtual Advisory Committee workshops through June 30 if needed**
- D. Authorization for Board and Committee Member Travel in 2021**
- E. Approval of NARC Travel in 2021 for Commission**
- F. Approval of contribution to the UCF Foundation for the Urban & Regional Planning Program's Distinguished Lecture Series**

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of Consent Agenda, Action Items A-F. Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP

FDOT requested that the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP be amended to include a pedestrian lighting project, a traffic signal project, a LYNX project and a traffic operations project in downtown Orlando. Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented an overview of the amendment request. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution.

MOTION: Mayor Dale McDonald moved approval of the amendment to the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP. Mayor Art Woodruff seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Roll Call Vote conducted)

B. Final Presentation & Approval of the 2045 MTP

MetroPlan Orlando staff requested approval of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Cost Feasible Plan and unfunded needs. Cynthia Lambert and Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, reviewed public comments on the MTP and changes that have been made to the Cost Feasible Plan since the preview was given at the October/November committee and Board meetings. The MTP Cost Feasible Plan was accessible at:

https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2045MTP_CostFeasiblePlan_ForAdoption_20201124.pdf and the official record of public comments was accessible at: <https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Public-Comments-on-Draft-2045-Plan-OFFICIAL-RECORD.pdf>.

MOTION: Mayor Dale McDonald moved approval of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Commissioner Viviana Janer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Roll Call Vote conducted)

C. Election of Board Officers for 2021

Mr. Jay Small, General Counsel, reviewed the rules pertaining to Board Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer) and conducted elections for the period January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021. A copy of the history of past Chairs was provided.

Office of Chairman

Commissioner Cheryl Grieb nominated Commissioner Viviana Janer for the office of Chairman.

Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved nominations cease, seconded by Mayor Dale McDonald. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Cheryl Grieb moved approval of Commissioner Viviana Janer for Chairwoman, seconded by Commissioner Mayra Uribe. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Janer was declared Chairwoman by acclamation.

Office of Vice Chairman

Commissioner Viviana Janer nominated Commissioner Mayra Uribe for the office of Vice-Chairman. Oner Mayra Uribe

Commissioner Bob Dallariy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Buddy Dyer moved nominations cease, seconded by Mayor Dale McDonald. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of Commissioner Mayra Uribe for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Bob Dallari The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Uribe was declared Vice-Chairwoman by acclamation.

Office of Secretary, Treasurer

Mr. Stephen Smith nominated Commissioner Dallari for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

Commissioner Jay Zembower seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Dale McDonald moved nominations cease, seconded by Mayor Buddy Dyer. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Stephen Smith moved approval of Commissioner Bob Dallari for Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Jay Zembower The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Dallari was declared Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A. Executive Director's Report

B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

C. FY 2019-2020 Federally Funded Projects

D. BEBR 2020 Population Estimates

E. Memorandum to the Board with highlights of the population estimates

F. FDOT Work Program on line hearing January 11-15, 2021

G. FDOT Work Program Public Hearing – January 14 , 2021

H. Featured Research and Articles:

American Public Health Association, December 2020

[Climate change and health justice: New perspectives on pressing challenges](#)

T4America Blog: Driving Down Emissions, Transportation, land use & climate change

<https://t4america.org/2020/11/17/answers-to-your-questions-about-driving-down-emissions/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=a30cf1f4-5776-4e4a-b1c5-41a11547ac8d>

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement. Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Status Update – BEEP

Ms. Racquel Asa and Ms. Jennifer Foote provided an update on the BEEP autonomous shuttle that currently in service in Lake Nona. Board members viewed a video on the shuttle service which has been running for a year. Ms. Foote noted that Florida has the largest fleet, and the company is building on that success. She added that BEEP works with local public transit.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

XIV. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 10th day of February 2021.



Commissioner Viviana Janer, Chairwoman



Ms. Lisa Smith
Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

As required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, MetroPlan Orlando hereby notifies all interested parties that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by MetroPlan Orlando with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.