



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando – Hybrid Virtual
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Viviana Janer, Board Chair, Presided

Members: In-person Attendance:

Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Jim Fisher, City of Kissimmee
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Dale McDonald, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Members: Zoom attendance:

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs

Hon. Ricky Booth, Osceola County
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando
Hon. Art Woodruff, City of Sanford
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Community Advisory Committee (non-voting)
Mr. Doug Jamison, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee (non-voting)
Mr. Thomas Kapp, Kissimmee Gateway Airport (non-voting)
Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, Technical Advisory Committee (non-voting)

Advisor(s): In-person Attendance:

FDOT Secretary Jared Perdue, District 5

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County

Staff and Others in Attendance :

Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert
Mr. Gary Huttmann
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 Wilson
Ms. Sarah Larsen
Ms. Jasmine Blais
Ms. Katherine Alexander, FDOT, District 5
Ms. Loreen Bobo, FDOT, District 5
Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOT, District 5
Mr. Siasoi Fine, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Renzo Nastasi, Orange County

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Viviana Janer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Mayra Uribe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Janer reviewed the virtual meeting procedures, including guidance for making public comments. She officially welcomed new board members: Commissioner Ricky Booth (Osceola County) and newly appointed members, Commissioners Jim Fisher (City of Kissimmee) and Maribel Gomez-Cordero (Orange County). Chairwoman Janer welcomed Representative Fred Hawkins (former Osceola County BCC member) and thanked him for his service on the MetroPlan Orlando Board. Representative Hawkins addressed the MetroPlan Board about the 2021 Legislative Session. Commissioner Mayra Uribe reported on the January 28th Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) meeting. She reported that a great deal of discussion took place regarding Senate Bill 62 which would significantly impact Regional Planning Councils around the state. The MPOAC Executive Committee ultimately voted unanimously to have the Executive Director draft a letter in opposition. Additionally, she added that she feels that the proposed legislation is very concerning and should be watched very closely by the MetroPlan Orlando Board. Commissioner Dallari gave a report from the February 4th Commuter Rail Commission (CRC) meeting.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary Huttman thanked the board members attending the meeting in person for helping to ensure a quorum for the hybrid meeting. Mr. Huttman noted that there were 12 voting board members present in the boardroom. He stated there were no alternates in attendance. He restated the virtual meeting procedures. Mr. Huttman reported on the FY 2021 Omnibus Funding Bill which ensures that MPOs grant funding continues through next October. He also reported that the COVID-19 Relief Bill includes approximately \$10 billion for state DOTs which is intended to offset the funding losses due to the pandemic. He reported that the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) conference was underway and both he and Commissioner Dallari were registered to attend. Mr. Huttman reported on his meetings with FDOT leadership on December 30th and January 15th. He thanked Secretary Perdue for his continued commitment to coordinate with MPOs and local governments. Mr. Huttman mentioned that the MPOAC institute was being offered as two live virtual events this year. The first is scheduled for March 19-20, and the second session is scheduled for April 23-24. He reported on the BFF program, Brightline, legislative items, and the strategic plan survey. He announced MetroPlan Orlando's new hire, Transportation Planner, Taylor Laurent.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cynthia Lambert conducted the roll call and confirmed that a quorum of 12 voting members was physically present. 11 board members and advisors joined the meeting via Zoom.

V. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Dale McDonald reported that The Municipal Advisory Committee met February 4, 2021 in a virtual workshop format. He noted that items presented for review and discussion included the December meeting minutes, an FDOT Amendment to the FY 2020/21-2024/25 TIP, the FDOT Performance Measures and Targets and for LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets, and the draft 2021 Board Legislative priorities and positions. MAC members received three presentations: a presentation on the FY 2021/22-2025/26 FDOT and FTE tentative five-year work programs; an update on the CFX SR 414 PD&E Study; and a Florida Sunshine Law Refresher. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for March 4th and will be in the virtual workshop format.

Ms. Sarah Elbadri reported that Community Advisory Committee members met on January 27th in a virtual workshop format. Ms. Elbadri reported that while no votes were taken, CAC committee members engaged in discussions with MetroPlan Orlando staff and FDOT on several topics. Regarding the FDOT Amendment to the TIP, CAC members expressed concern about the request for additional funding for interchange improvements at I-4 and Sand Lake Road. Several members felt the utility costs and other increased costs were very large and were dismayed at such an oversight by the department. Regarding FDOT Performance Measures & Targets and LYNX Transit Asset Management Targets, members questioned LYNX's goals for converting to electric automated buses as well as its shelter safety goals. They also asked about bridge/pavement condition measures, infrastructure funding, and overall transportation safety performance trends. Regarding the Board's Legislative Priorities, members expressed particular interest in supporting bicycle safety, transit funding, and pedestrian safety. There also was a request for more information on red light camera legislation. CAC members also received presentations on the FY 2021/22-2025/26 FDOT and FTE tentative five-year work programs and a Florida Sunshine Law Refresher. Ms. Elbadri noted that the next CAC meeting will also be in the virtual workshop format and will be held on February 24th.

Mr. Nabil Muhaisen reported that the TAC met on January 22nd in the virtual workshop format. He noted that items presented for review and discussion included the December meeting minutes, an FDOT Amendment to the FY 2020/21-2024/25 TIP, the FDOT Performance Measures and Targets and for LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets, and the draft 2021 Board Legislative priorities and positions. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for February 26th as a virtual workshop.

Mr. Doug Jamison reported that the TSMO Committee met on January 22nd in a virtual workshop format. He noted that items presented for review and discussion included the December meeting minutes, an FDOT Amendment to the FY 2020/21-2024/25 TIP to include additional funding for the interchange improvement at I-4 and Sand Lake Road; and re-support of FDOT's targets for Safety, Travel Time Reliability, Bridge and Pavement Condition, as well as the targets established in the LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan; and the list of Board

legislative priorities for 2021. The next TSMO meeting is scheduled for February 26th as a virtual workshop.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2020 Board meeting**
- B. Approval of Financial Report for November & December 2020**
- C. Ratification of Emergency Budget Amendment #4**
- D. Approval of Budget Amendment #5**
- E. Approval of MetroPlan Orlando Board Committee Appointments**
- F. Approval of two-year contract extension with Mateer & Harbert**
- G. Approval of FDOT Joint Certification Report**

MOTION: Commissioner Jay Zembower moved approval of the consent agenda, items A-G. Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP (Roll Call Vote)**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented an overview of the amendment request. FDOT requested the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP be amended to include additional funding for the interchange improvement at I-4 and Sand Lake Road. Board members were provided a letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request, a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff, and the draft resolution. Mr. Caskey alerted Board members that MetroPlan Orlando was notified prior to the meeting, by FDOT staff, that Orange County had requested the removal of \$356,225 of local funds for hardscaping since the funds were not committed. He stated that FDOT determined that the hardscape was not needed. Mr. Caskey noted that FDOT staff wanted to ensure the Board that they are addressing their internal processes so that last minute changes can be avoided in the future. In response to a question by Commissioner Dallari, Mr. Renzo Nastasi, Orange County staff, explained that Orange County had been in negotiations with FDOT concerning the interchange and that the funds being removed from the TIP are related to some aesthetic features that Orange County may address in the future, but were not prepared to commit those funds at this time. Mr. Nastasi stated that Orange County is fully aware of the importance of the interchange to International Drive and the tourist industry.

MOTION: Mayor McDonald moved approval of the FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP. Mayor Demings seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried with a 15-3 vote. (Dallari, Smith and Zembower opposed.)

B. Approval to Support Performance Measures & Targets

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the MetroPlan Orlando Board's annual re-support of FDOT's targets for Safety, Travel Time Reliability, Bridge and Pavement Condition, as well as the targets established in the LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan. Mr. Lepp explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have made a push toward performance-based planning and developed a set of performance measures for Vehicular and non-motorized Safety, System Performance (reliability), Bridge Conditions, Pavement Conditions, Transit Assets and a new target for Transit Safety. He stated that MPOs are required to re-support the Safety Targets annually, and the other targets bi-annually. FDOT has taken the lead on data collection, performance measure development and target setting to address the FHWA performance measures. He said that by supporting the FDOT Statewide Targets, FDOT would provide the required performance measures, trend analysis and reporting materials. Mr. Lepp noted that the targets set by FDOT and LYNX for the Federal Performance Measures, along with the targets set by MetroPlan Orlando, will be the guiding criteria for future Prioritized Project Lists (PPL) and advancement of projects into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved approval to support the performance measures and targets. Mayor McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Regional TSMO Program

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested approval of the Draft Regional Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the final MOU. He explained that MetroPlan Orlando is taking the lead on a regional program to develop and facilitate an innovative planning effort to advance TSMO planning between the transportation planning agencies in Central Florida. Mr. Hill gave background information on the Regional TSMO program. He noted that those executing the MOU include MetroPlan Orlando, Forward Pinellas, Hillsborough MPO, Pasco County MPO, Polk County TPO, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, Space Coast TPO, and River-to-Sea TPO.

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved approval of the draft Regional TSMO Program Memorandum of Understanding, and authorization for the Executive Director to execute the final MOU. Mayor McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Legislative Priorities for 2021

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the MetroPlan Orlando list of legislative priorities for 2021 which were previewed by the Executive Committee on January 6th and each of the MetroPlan Orlando advisory committees at their January meetings. Ms. Whittington highlighted the top priorities which included seeking funding to expand the Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety program, and supporting legislation that would change laws to identify bicyclists as vulnerable road users in the Move-Over Law. She gave an overview of proposed legislation that is being supported which includes legislation that calls for adding provisions to the Sunshine Law allowing local governments to hold virtual meetings during declared states of emergency, and 90 days beyond; support legislation that protects state transportation trust fund and the TD trust fund; establishes flexible/predictable funding for transit projects; and that allows flexibility and/or expands use of local taxes. In response to a question by Commissioner Ortiz regarding how information is shared with the public, Ms. Whittington noted that weekly updates are provided while the legislature is in session. Ms. Whittington explained that the Executive Committee, at their January 6th meeting, wanted to ensure the board's position on items that are being monitored from prior. After presentation of each item, the board's positions were noted regarding items that would be monitored: proposed legislation that further regulates distracted driving (Support), repeals red light camera legislation (Oppose), mandates mid-block crossing designations (no position). Ms. Whittington also requested that the role of the Executive Committee be expanded so that it can be convened outside of the Board meeting schedule to address items that may be fast moving during the legislative session. She reminded Board members that the session begins on March 2nd and ends on April 30th. Discussion ensued regarding SB62. Commissioner Dallari agreed with the comments made by Commissioner Uribe during her MPOAC report that the proposed bill should be monitored closely. He asked the Board to take action directing the Executive Director to draft a letter for the Chairwoman's signature opposing the proposed bill. Mayor Nelson noted that a House companion had not been filed, so it may be premature to take such action. At the conclusion of discussion, the board's position is to oppose legislation that seeks to diminish the role of Regional Planning Councils. Ms. Whittington will monitor any action and provide a report to the board.

MOTION: Commissioner Uribe moved approval of the 2021 Legislative Priorities and positions, including the expansion of the Executive Committee's role during legislative session. Commissioner Zembower seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved approval to authorize the Chairwoman to sign a letter opposing SB 62. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried with a 10:9 vote. (Demings, Good, Nelson, Uribe, Zembower, Bates, Booth, Gomez-Cordero, and Siplin opposed.)

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)

- A. Executive Director's Report page**
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report**
- C. MetroPlan Orlando Mobility Profile**
- D. CFX SR 414 Extension Fact Sheet**
- E. Orlando Urban Interchange Public Hearing**
- F. Letter of Support for additional Transit Funding-NARC**
- G. FDOT Macroeconomic Analysis**
- H. FDOT Revenue Estimating Conference Executive Summary**
- I. FDOT D5 Amendments to Executive Office of the Governor**
- J. COVID-19 Emergency Relief Package – NARC Topline Summary of New Agreement**
- K. Featured Research and Articles:**

Bloomberg: The Swift Disruptive Rise of Slow Streets

STREETSBLOG USA: USDOT Needs an Active Transportation Administration

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement, items A-K. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

(Note: Due to technical difficulties, the following presentations were taken out of order. Mr. Fine presented first.)

A. FDOT D5 Work Program

Ms. Katherine Alexander presented the five-year Work Program that comprises needs for a five-year period. She explained the program development and progression. Ms. Alexander highlighted the types of projects included and noted that they were based on MetroPlan Orlando priorities.

B. FDOT FTE Work Program

Mr. Sioasi Fine presented the Florida Turnpike Enterprises work program. He stated that FTE has \$830 million programmed for 32 miles of resurfacing projects in the work program for the MetroPlan Orlando three-county area. He gave a brief overview of the projects by County by County.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

XIV. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 10th day of March 2021



Commissioner Viviana Janer, Chairperson



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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