



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairwoman Sarah Elbadri, presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. Douglas Henley, Alternate
Ms. Cynthia Henry, Orange County
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Kyle Longville, Seminole County
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, Alternate
Ms. Patricia Rumpf, Orange County
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Emily Hanna, BWCF
Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOY
Mr. Saiosi Fine, FTE
Mr. Bruce Detweiler, LYNX
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando

Members not in attendance were:

Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Ms. Gigi Moorman, Orange County
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Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Loschiavo, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, Metroplan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, Metroplan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

A complete listing of other attendees may be obtained upon request.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Sarah Elbadri welcomed everyone and called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Jeffrey Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairwoman Elbadri detailed the virtual meeting guidelines, various Zoom platform features, and public comment procedures. She noted that the virtual meetings are accessible to all. Chairwoman Elbadri told CAC members that she shared their concerns/comments regarding the FDOT information that had been provided. She noted that she chaired the CAC New Member Selection Subcommittee and eight candidates had been selected for board approval. Ms. Elbadri reported that Orange County had an update from Brightline that they will be conducting a joint study with SunRail and the proposed connection from Tampa to Orlando. She added there was also a micro mobility discussion regarding I-Drive and that some TDLCB members had provided input.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne thanked everyone for their participation in the virtual meetings. She reported that, based on recent board action, meetings would be held as virtual workshops in the near future. Ms. Horne detailed the raise-hand and chat features for the meeting. She told committee members information on the eight proposed new CAC members was included in the agenda packet. In addition, she noted that the two current alternates would be staying on as multimodal advocate members of the committee.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga conducted the attendance roll call.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS FOR REVIEW/DISCUSSION

Note: The Governor's executive order allowing boards and committees in Florida to meet virtually without a quorum physically present due to COVID-19 concerns expired on October 31, 2020. At their meeting on September 9, 2020, MetroPlan Orlando Board members approved Resolution #20-15 which enables the MetroPlan Orlando advisory committees to continue to meet virtually in workshop sessions. At these workshop sessions, the committees will review and discuss action items going to the board and will provide informal consensus recommendations to the board on the action items but will not take formal action in order that a physical quorum will not be required. The committees will be taking formal action to ratify the Board's actions at future in-person meetings.

A. Approval of January 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The CAC reviewed the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes, provided and made a consensus recommendation. The CAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to approve the recommendation.

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

FDOT requested that the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP be amended to include funding for a LYNX project, two rail crossing projects, a shared use path and pedestrian improvements and a truck parking study. 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 to be presented at the March 10th Board meeting. The CAC reviewed and discussed the amendment request and provided a consensus recommendation to the Board. The CAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item. Mr. Jeff Piggrem inquired about a federal grant awarded to SunRail for capacity improvements. He noted that the grant was for \$5.6 million and FDOT was supposed to provide matching funds. Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOT, responded that that item has not come up as a TIP amendment and she will investigate it.

C. FTE Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise requested that the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP be amended to include connected vehicle infrastructure on segments of Florida's Turnpike and SR 528. Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented an overview of the amendment request. A letter from FTE explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the March 10th Board meeting. The CAC reviewed and discussed the amendment request and provided a consensus recommendation to the Board. The CAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item. Discussion ensued regarding revenue collection for the year, type of improvements being made, safety enhancements, the types of vehicles using the infrastructure and if sensors are deployed elsewhere in the FTE system. Mr. Fine will research the revenue and sensor information requested and report back.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. Presentation on Signal Retiming Crash Impact Assessment

Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the results of MetroPlan Orlando's Signal Retiming Crash Impact Assessment. Ms. Bouck provided an overview of traffic signal retiming. She reviewed the analysis methodology, corridors retimed, findings by year and roadway type, variables impacting the assessment and safety adjustments. In addition, she provided a benefit-cost summary for 2019 and goals. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of the change in traffic volumes, a list of corridors included in the assessment, possible reasons for results shown on some corridors, whether results vary on retimed corridors, and why there was a reduction in crashes on Avalon Park Boulevard.

B. Presentation on Best Foot Forward

Ms. Emily Hanna, Executive Director of Bike/Walk Central Florida, gave a presentation on the Best Foot Forward Pedestrian Safety program and discussed how the program operates, who is involved, and how they work with regional partners. CAC members viewed a video showing challenges faced crossing Edgewater Drive. Ms. Hanna reviewed why the Orlando area is ranked most dangerous for pedestrians by Smart Growth America and what is being done to improve that ranking, noting that a multi-pronged approach is being used. She reported on how monitored crosswalks are identified, how data is collected, and how crosswalk enforcement is carried out. Ms. Hanna told CAC members that Best Foot Forward seeks to raise awareness through education and the media. In addition, she provided an overview of Bike Walk Central Florida and the Bike Five Cities program. Discussion ensued regarding outreach in the West Orange Trail area, the color of flashing lights on rectangular rapid flashing beacons, additional problem areas, use of funds collected from tickets issued during Operation BFF, average numbers of pedestrians struck a week and the use of pedestrian bridges,

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area was provided.

B. 2021 Board Legislative Priorities

The list of legislative priorities for 2021 adopted by the MetroPlan Orlando Board was provided.

C. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

A copy of the February 10, 2021 Board Meeting Highlights was provided.

D. LYNX Press Releases

A set of press releases from LYNX was provided.

E. Recommendations for MetroPlan Appointees to the Community Advisory Committee

A Board Action Fact Sheet and list of names to be recommended to the MetroPlan Orlando Board on March 10 for approval as new members of the CAC was provided.

F. Bicycle & Pedestrian Report

A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects was provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. Next Community Advisory Committee meeting

The next CAC meeting will be on April 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. (**NOTE:** As approved by the Board at the September 9th meeting, the next CAC meeting will be held as a virtual workshop during which action items will be reviewed and discussed, but no formal action taken. A committee report will be presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board, and items approved by the board may be ratified at a future in-person CAC meeting.)

The remaining CAC meetings for 2021 are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on: May 26; June 23; August 25; October 27; and December 1.

B. Next MPO Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was held on March 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (**NOTE:** The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting with a physical quorum of board members. A limited number of staff and members of the public will be permitted in order to accommodate social distancing. Other board members, staff, all presenters, and members of the public may join the meeting virtually on Zoom.)

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Jeff Piggrem commented that at a SunRail meeting a plan for local jurisdictions to take over funding SunRail had been deferred from May 2021 until the DeLand extension opened. The deferral would result in a cost savings of \$40-\$60 million a year for local jurisdictions until the projected mid 2024 Phase II North opening.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Mr. John Puhek commented that he enjoyed the Best Foot Forward presentation and asked if the deaths referenced were at night or during daytime hours. He noted that in the area where he lives many pedestrians cross outside of the crosswalk and wear dark clothing. Mr. Puhek added that engineering is great, but education is important as well. He suggested educating

pedestrians about things such as wearing light colored clothing at night and installing educational video screens at the DMV.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 28th day April 2021.



Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Chairwoman



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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