



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, February 26, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Virtual

Chairman Nabil Muhaisen, Presiding

Members Present:

Mr. Charles Abbatantuono, ECFRPC
Mr. Brett Blackadar, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Christopher Cairns, City of Orlando
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Mr. Steve Noto for Ms. Krystal Clem, City of Lake Mary
Ms. Ashley Cornelius, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Joshua De Vries, Osceola County
Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Orange County
Cmsr. Ed Gold, City of Belle Isle
Mr. Jamison Edwards for Mr. Will Hawthorne, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Mr. Conroy Jacobs, Osceola County
Mr. Jean Jreij, Seminole County
Ms. Amye King, City of Sanford
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Ms. Mary Moskowitz, Seminole County
Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Renzo Nastasi, Orange County
Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Ms. Tawny Olore, Osceola County
Ms. Lee Pulham, Reedy Creek Improvement District
Mr. Tom Radzai for Bobby Wyatt, City of Oviedo
Ms. Pam Richmond, City of Apopka
Ms. Rachel Gironella for Mr. Christopher Schmidt, City of Winter Springs
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport
Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood
Mr. Matt Suedemeyer, Orange County

Ms. Alyssa Eide for Ms. Kimberley Tracy, City of Maitland
Ms. Sarah Walter, City of Winter Park
Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County

Non-Voting Members Present:

Members Absent:

Mr. Andre Anderson, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford
Mr. Glen Hammer, Osceola County Public Schools
Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA
Mr. Jay Marder, Town of Oakland (Non-Voting)
Mr. Michael Rigby, Seminole County Public Schools
Mr. Ian Sikonia, City of Orlando
Mr. Steven Thorp, OCPS
Mr. Jon Williams, City of Winter Garden

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Emily Hanna, Bike Walk Central Florida
Ms. Rakinyah Hinson, FDOT
Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouk, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

I. Call to Order

Chair Nabil Muhaisen called the Technical Advisory Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Chair Muhaisen provided an overview of the virtual meeting guidelines, the raise hand feature to be recognized, and the public comment procedures. He pointed out that the virtual meetings are accessible to all. Mr. Muhaisen told TAC members the MetroPlan Orlando board has a new Chair, Commissioner Viviana Janer. He shared five trends in transportation which included more travel time goals in urban areas, mobility offered as a service, more automated vehicles in public service and continue to move to open platform and data driven technology.

II. Confirmation of Quorum/Agenda Review/Staff Follow-Up

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the roll call. Mr. Caskey provided an overview of the workshop format for today's meeting. Mr. Caskey explained that 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. He stated that at the September 9, 2020, meeting the MetroPlan Orlando Board approved Resolution #20-15 which enables the MetroPlan Orlando advisory committees to continue to meet virtually in workshop sessions through June 2021. He noted

that a physical quorum is not required. 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. The committees will then be taking formal action to ratify the Board's actions at a future in-person meeting. Mr. Caskey reported that under agenda item VI.C., Mr. Alex Trauger would be filling in for Mr. Nick Lepp.

III. Public Comments on Action Items

None

IV. Common Presentations/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 comparing crash rate increase independent from the corridor, reassessing corridors retimed and agency requests for retiming.

B. *Presentation on Best Foot Forward*

Ms. Emily Hanna, the new 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 their regional partners. Ms. Hanna briefly covered what Bike Walk Central Florida is. She 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. In addition, she provided a timeline for the Best Foot Forward program. Ms. Hanna reported on how monitored crosswalks are identified, how data is collected, and how crosswalk enforcement is carried out. TAC members viewed a video of crosswalk enforcement. She told TAC members that Best Foot Forward seeks to raise awareness through education and the media. Ms. Hanna reported changes coming to Best Foot Forward. In addition, she provided an overview of Bike Walk Central Florida and the Bike Five Cities program. Discussion ensued regarding funding for the program, resources available and outreach to local jurisdictions.

C. *Discussion on Project Prioritization & Performance Based Planning*

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a brief presentation and led a discussion on MetroPlan Orlando's current procedures regarding project prioritization and performance-based planning in the development of the Prioritized Project List. Mr. Trauger provided an overview of MAP 21 Performance Management. He reviewed the planning process and MetroPlan Orlando's process. In addition, he reviewed the PPL before performance-based planning and the new process and the PPL. Mr. Trauger covered some common questions related to the performance-based process. He noted that projects cannot be swapped, regional projects are a top priority, and a fair share process is no longer being used. Discussion ensued regarding ranking data,

input from local government, the challenge of not swapping projects, timeline for getting projects on the PPL, caps on projects and concerns over equity, transparency in scoring and project eligibility. Several TAC members agreed with concerns over equity. Mr. Trauger told TAC members that a Working Group would be scheduled to further vet the discussion and concerns.

V. Action Items for Review/Discussion

A. *January 22, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes*

The TAC reviewed and discussed the January 22, 2021 meeting minutes which were provided and made a consensus recommendation. The TAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to approve their 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 TAC reviewed and discussed the amendment request and provided a consensus recommendation to the Board. The TAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item. Mr. Shad Smith questioned where the truck parking study would be looking at for the parking study. Mr. Caskey responded that additional information on the truck parking study should be coming from FDOT and FDOT will be conducting public outreach on the proposed future site.

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 TAC reviewed and discussed the amendment request and provided a consensus recommendation to the Board. The TAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item.

VI. TAC-Only Presentations

There are no TAC-only presentations.

VII. 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.

VIII. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to TAC Members

A. Next MPO Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was held on March 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a hybrid meeting with a limited number of Board members, staff and members of the public attending the meeting in person in the Board Room and other Board members, staff, members of the public and the presenters joining the meeting virtually on Zoom.

B. Next TAC Meeting

The next TAC meeting will be held on April 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. This will be a virtual workshop as described in the paragraph under Action Items for Review/Discussion on page 2. Following the April 23rd meeting, the dates of the remaining TAC meetings during 2021 will be:

5/21/21

6/25/21

8/27/21

10/22/21

12/3/21

IX. Member Comments

Mr. Shad Smith commented that the revised construction report does not provide the more detailed information that was included in the old format.

X. Public Comments (General)

None



XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Nabil Muhaisen adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 10:50 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb

Approved this 23rd day of April 2021



Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, Chairman

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 which the appeal is to be based.