



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 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 attendance were:

Hon. Lee Constantine, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Jim Fisher, City of Kissimmee
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
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Members attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
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

Advisors in Attendance:

FDOT Secretary Jared Perdue, District 5
Ms. Loreen Bobo, FDOT, District 5
Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOT, District 5
Mr. Siasoi Fine, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Community Advisory Committee
Mr. Doug Jamison, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Mr. Thomas Kapp, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, Technical Advisory Committee

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority

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 Viviana Janer 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

Chairwoman Janer reviewed the virtual meeting procedures, including public comments. She announced the passing of former City of Sanford Mayor and MetroPlan Orlando Board member Jeff Triplett; and officially welcomed back Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County, now representing CFX. Commissioner Uribe provided a report on the February 11th TDLCB meeting. Chairwoman Janer announced that this meeting is Mayor McDonald's last, and thanked him for his service on the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

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 noted that no alternates were in attendance. Mr. Huttman reported on the Corona Virus Response and Relief Act, the Supplemental General Appropriations Act, the Re-authorization of the Federal Transportation Bill, and the 2020 Census timeline. He called attention to the virtual MPOAC Institute scheduled to be held March 19-20 and April 23-24. He announced that Mr. Carl Mikyska resigned his position as the MPOAC Executive Director effective March 5th, and that Mr. Jeff Kramer has taken over that role as interim director. He thanked Board members who completed the Strategic Plan survey, reviewed the revised office protocols, and provided an update on the installation of the new AV equipment. He announced that Transportation Planner Taylor Laurent, passed her PE exam, and that staff cross-training continues. He congratulated MetroPlan Orlando Staffers Alex Trauger and Lisa Smith on the new additions to their families.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cynthia Lambert conducted the roll call and confirmed that a quorum of 11 voting members was physically present.

V. AGENDA REVIEW

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chairs from the Municipal Advisory Committee, the Community Advisory Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee and TSMO Committee reported out on their respective February/March meetings.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2021 Board meeting**
- B. Approval of Financial Report for January 2021**
- C. TDLCB Membership Certification**
- D. Approval of Community Advisory Committee (CAC) appointments**

MOTION: Commissioner Uribe moved approval of the consent agenda, items A-D. Mayor McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

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

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the request of FDOT to amend the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP to include funding for a LYNX project, two rail crossing projects, a shared use path and pedestrian improvements, and a truck parking study. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff, and the draft resolution was provided.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline to complete a PD&E study. Commissioner Dallari stated that he is not opposed to the PD&E study, but that he has concerns that the properties targeted for truck parking will no longer be available at the completion of the study. He asked if there was a way to do early acquisition in order reserve properties for much needed truck parking. Both Commissioners Zembower and Constantine agreed with his concerns. Secretary Perdue provided a brief overview of the process of the PD&E study and property acquisition. Secretary Perdue said that the Department is willing to have discussions with affected jurisdictions as a way to find innovative solutions to the dilemma while still adhering to the Federal Government guidelines. Attorney Small explained to Board members that properties cannot be reserved and freeze its development potential based on future acquisition. He said that a good option would be to meet with the District Secretary and Right-of-Way staff to discuss creative solutions.

MOTION: Commissioner Constantine moved approval of the FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously with a 18-0 vote.

**B. FTE Amendment to FY 2020/21 – 2024/25 TIP
Mr. Keith Caskey-MetroPlan Orlando Staff**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented Florida's Turnpike Enterprise request to amend the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP to include connected vehicle infrastructure on segments of Florida's Turnpike and SR 528. A letter from FTE explaining the amendment request, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff, and the draft resolution was provided. Mr. Caskey noted that this is a standalone project. He added that if the results of this project go well, this program could be expanded to other Turnpike facilities within the region.

MOTION: Commissioner Zembower moved approval of the FTE Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP. Mayor McDonald seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously with an 18-0 vote.

**C. Approval of Board Emphasis Areas
Mr. Nick Lepp – MetroPlan Orlando Staff**

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the Board Emphasis Areas. Mr. Lepp explained that the Board approves emphasis areas annually. The current emphasis areas are trail connectivity, engage the younger population, complete streets, Sunrail connectivity and safety. He gave an overview of how the emphasis areas are determined and factored into the planning process. Mr. Lepp requested the Board either continue to use and support the emphasis areas or use the goals and objectives contained in the new Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He noted that if the Board prefers to use the goals and objectives, staff will present a polling or ranking process at the May meeting which will be used in the prioritization process in the upcoming year.

The Board members discussed at length the importance of safety in light of the newly released Dangerous by Design report that ranked the region as #1 most dangerous for pedestrians. Board members were in agreement that safety should rank higher. They discussed the importance of pedestrian safety and the need to understand the importance of the PDI (Pedestrian Danger Index) and how it factors in, pedestrian education efforts, understanding the criteria used to make the analysis and understanding what human factors were involved and how to address those issues, street lighting and crosswalks. Many expressed that there have been significant improvements made to enhance pedestrian safety and that is not reflected in the report. Secretary Perdue stated that he understands and agrees with the concerns raised by Board members and gave an overview of the collaborative efforts that FDOT has underway with many of the local jurisdictions. He stated that he feels it is wise to explore the data and how they arrived at the conclusion. He agreed that the report did not take into consideration the improvements that have been made regarding pedestrian safety. Consensus of the Board members was to table the Board Emphasis Areas until the May 12th Board meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved to table the Board Emphasis Areas until the May 12, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with an 18-0 vote.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)

- A. Executive Director's Report page**
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report**
- C. 2021 Approved Legislative Priorities**
- D. Signal Retiming Crash Impact Assessment – Fact Sheet**
- E. CS-SB62**
- F. ECFRPC SB62 Fact Sheet**
- G. FDOT D5 Work Program Presentation**
- H. FDOT FTE Work Program Presentation**
- I. MetroPlan MTP Submittal Package to FHWA**
- J. Featured Research and Articles:**
 - **American Planning Association Planning Advisory Service: Quick Notes, Urban Air Mobility**
 - **The Washington Post: From Mayor Pete to Secretary Buttigieg: Appearances hint at expansive role for next transportation chief, by Michael Laris & Ian Duncan, February 2, 2021**

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement, excluding item G. Mayor McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dallari pulled item (G) for discussion. He expressed concern that the Poinciana Parkway from I-4 to SR 429 Interchange was not moving forward in the Five-Year Work Program. He said that he feels that the interchange is key to the Region and that it should be looked at either in the Five-Year Work Program or I-4 Beyond the Ultimate. He requested more information about fair share equity across the Region in order to provide clarity on where the dollars are being used. Mr. Huttmann stated that he is working with FDOT staff on ways to make the Fair Share Report better, and on the outstanding question of how the I-4 Ultimate is being shown. Ms. Carol Scott, FTE, informed Board members that the FTE recently began the PD&E study for the Poinciana Parkway Extension from CR 532 to I-4. She stated that MPO will be kept informed as the study progresses, and a kick-off meeting is anticipated for Summer 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Zembower moved approval of the information item G. Mayor McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 17-1. Commissioner Dallari voted no.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation on the Signal Retiming Crash Impact Assessment

Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando Staff

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.

B. Presentation on Best Foot Forward Program

Ms. Emily Hanna, Executive Director Bike Walk Central Florida

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. Ms. Hanna reported on changes coming to Best Foot Forward. In addition, she provided an overview of Bike Walk Central Florida, the Bike Five Cities program, and the resources and outreach available to local jurisdictions.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 12, 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 12th day of May 2021



Commissioner Viviana Janer, Chair



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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