



**CENTRAL FLORIDA
MPO
ALLIANCE**

**Central Florida MPO Alliance
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, April 9, 2021

VIRTUAL Meeting
Zoom Webinar Conference

Vice-Chair Michelle Stone, Ocala/Marion TPO, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Jeremy Clark
Honorable Christine Moore
Honorable Michelle Stone
Honorable Ire Bethea, Sr.
Honorable Craig Estep
Honorable Barbara Girtman
Honorable Chris Cloudman
Honorable Christine Power
Honorable Rita Pritchett
Honorable Yvonne Minus
Honorable Andrea Young

REPRESENTING:

Polk TPO
Polk TPO
MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
River to Sea TPO
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Space Coast TPO
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MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Jay Zembower
Honorable Ricky Booth
Honorable Josh Blake
Honorable Dan Robuck
Honorable Brian Yates

MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando
Lake-Sumter MPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
Polk TPO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Robert Balmes
Ms. Georganna Gillette
Ms. Lois Bollenback
Mr. Mike Woods
Mr. Siaso Fine
Ms. Nicole Mills
Ms. Loreen Bobo
Ms. Robin Birdsong

MetroPlan Orlando
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Ocala/Marion County TPO
Space Coast TPO
River to Sea TPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
FDOT - District 1
FDOT - District 5
FDOT - District 5

A complete list of all others in attendance may be obtained upon request.

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Commissioner Michelle Stone called the April 9, 2021, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and welcomed everyone.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Michelle Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Agenda Review and Alliance Roll Call

Ms. Whittington noted no changes to the agenda. She explained that no action will be taken on any item on today's agenda, and the presentations are for information purposes only. She provided an overview of the virtual meeting guidelines, the raise hand feature to be recognized, and the public comment procedures. She added that the meeting is being recorded and live-streamed on the MetroPlan Orlando's YouTube page. She pointed out that the virtual meetings are accessible to all. Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the attendance roll call.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

V. CFMPOA New Member Orientation

Ms. Virginia Whittington provided a brief history on how and why the Central Florida MPO Alliance was established. She provided the opportunity for new members to introduce themselves and provide insight into their government experience.

VI. Reports

Vice-Chair Stone called attention to written delegation reports which were provided for information only.

a. Delegation Reports

- Lake-Sumter MPO Report
- MetroPlan Orlando Report
- Space Coast TPO Report
- River to Sea TPO Report
- Polk TPO Report

b. FDOT District Reports

Ms. Nichole Mills, represented FDOT District 1. Ms. Mills stated that District 1 has released its 2045 traffic model known as the DR1RPM, and will soon be conducting mini training webinars to provide an overview of the changes and differences between the 2040 and 2045 plan. The District is also reviewing new model software for the next plan update. The District continues to plan uses for the anticipated federal government stimulus funding for all phases of projects. Additional funding was obtained for buses for the Posner Center

Park and Ride facility at US 27 and I4 for transport over to the Poinciana SunRail station. The additional express buses will help to alleviate overcrowding and parking concerns at the Poinciana SunRail station.

Ms. Loreen Bobo, represented FDOT District 5, safety continues to be a top focus for District 5. She stated that the District continues to strive for Vision Zero. She provided an overview of “Operation Stride” (Statewide Traffic Railroad Initiatives using Dynamic Envelopes). She explained that the purpose of Operation Stride was to bring more driver awareness of where not to stop on railroad tracks. Ms. Bobo noted that a total 172 Dynamic Envelopes were installed in District 5 over the past year. Ms. Bobo reported that the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project is slated for completion by the end of 2021. The District continues to plan uses for the anticipated federal government stimulus funding for all phases of projects. Ms. Bollenback, River to Sea TPO, thanked FDOT District 5 for great interaction and partnership they have created with the communities that they work with.

Mr. Siao Si Fine, represented FTE. He reported that FTE is widening the Turnpike mainline from SR50 in Clermont to the Minneola Interchange from four to eight lanes to include replacement of crossing bridges and a round-a-bout at CR 455. Construction is expected to begin in Mid-July 2021.

VII. Discussion and Consensus Items

a. Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the October 10, 2020 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting were provided for information. The CFMPOA will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to approve their recommendation.

VIII. Presentation/Discussion

a. Coast to Coast Trail/SunTrails Update

Ms. Robin Birdsong, Program Manager, SUN Trail and Transportation Alternatives, provided a brief overview of the Florida Transportation Plan, Florida’s Vital Few Initiative, and the creation of the Florida Greenways and Trail System. Ms. Birdsong explained that the plan is coordinated by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and that network maps are updated in coordination with partners and stakeholders every 3-5 years. The next update is anticipated for 2023. She discussed the two-tier funding structure, project phases, FDOT work program, schedule milestones. She provided contact information for Trail Coordinators in each District, and the website address www.floridasuntrail.com so that members can obtain information and keep up-to-date on progress.

b. Overview of the Process for Adoption of the Regional List of Priority Projects List

Ms. Georganna Gillette, Executive Director, Space Coast TPO, gave an overview of the adoption of the Regional List of Priority Projects List. The list, may be viewed at: [Regional LOPP 2020 All Tables-10-1-20 Final DRAFT.xlsx \(metroplanorlando.org\)](#)

c. Regional Transportation Systems Management & Operations Program Update

Mr. Eric Hill, Director of Transportation Systems Management & Operations, MetroPlan Orlando provided an update of the Regional TSMO Program. For the benefit of new members, Mr. Hill gave an overview of what TSMO is. He discussed the program framework which included deciding on a proper name for the group, developing and executing the MOU, development process, bringing the program to life by establishing a working group made up of staff from each of the partnering MPO/TPOs. The working group met on March 9th and will meet again on April 13th. Mr. Hill explained that efforts made to sustain the program by applying for grant funding through the State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) for TSMO planning along the I-4 corridor. The grant award was in the amount of \$100,000 and have partnered with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) to apply for a grant award of \$100,000 through the National Institute for Congestion Reduction to bring the academic arm into the program. Also partnered with CUTR for a Department of Energy grant that will evaluate proposed technologies that will enable automated driving systems for safety and energy. CUTR will use planning models for each MPO/TPO to evaluate the benefits.

d. Presentation/Discussion: 2021 Legislative Update

Ms. Virginia L. Whittington, Director of Regional Partnerships, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an update on the current legislative session. Ms. Whittington mentioned to Alliance members that proposed SB 62 which sought to abolish RPCs in the State of Florida which received a lot of attention early in the session lost traction and is no longer of concern. SB 100 titled Highways Projects, sought to repeal M-Cores passed in its Senate Committees; however, the companion bill, HB 763, has yet to be heard in House Committees. Ms. Whittington noted that MetroPlan Orlando's Tallahassee team will continue to monitor proposed SB 1412 and companion bill HB 1113 as it goes through the last rounds of committees. She noted that proposed 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 gained no traction in either the Senate or House.

IX. Member Comments

None.

X. Public Comments

None

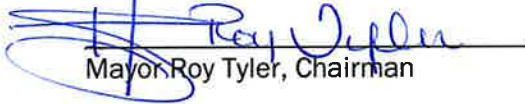
XI. Next meeting – July 9, 2021 (subject to change)
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XII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed by Lisa Smith, Board Services Coordinator, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance



Mayor Roy Tyler, Chairman

Attest:



Lisa Smith, Board Services Coordinator

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.