



**CENTRAL FLORIDA  
MPO  
ALLIANCE**

**Central Florida MPO Alliance  
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, July 9, 2021

MetroPlan Orlando

Chairman Roy Tyler, Polk TPO, presiding

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Honorable Roy Tyler  
Honorable Jeremy Clark  
Honorable Christine Moore  
Honorable Bob Dallari  
Honorable Viviana Janer  
Honorable Ire Bethea, Sr.  
Honorable Dan Robuck  
Honorable Barbara Girtman  
Honorable Chris Cloudman  
Honorable Christine Power  
Honorable Rita Pritchett  
Honorable Yvonne Minus  
Honorable Jim Robinson

**REPRESENTING:**

Polk TPO  
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MetroPlan Orlando  
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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 Josh Blake  
Honorable Craig Estep  
Honorable Michelle Stone  
Honorable Brian Yates

Lake-Sumter MPO  
Lake-Sumter MPO  
Ocala/Marion County TPO  
Polk TPO

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Mr. Gary Huttman  
Ms. Chandra Frederick  
Mr. Robert Balmes  
Ms. Georganna Gillette  
Ms. Lois Bollenback  
Mr. Mike Woods  
Ms. Carol Scott  
Ms. Jessica Ottaviano  
Ms. Catalina Chacon  
Ms. Loreen Bobo  
Mr. Jack Adkins  
Mr. Steven Buck  
Mr. Will Hawthorne  
Mr. Eric Hill

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

Mr. Mighk Wilson  
Ms. Marissa Battle

MetroPlan Orlando  
Dewberry/CFX

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

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Roy Tyler called the July 9, 2021, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and welcomed everyone.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Ire Bethea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Chairman's Announcements**

Chairman Tyler called on Ms. Virginia Whittington who provided a brief tutorial on the new board room equipment. Following the tutorial, Chairman Tyler reviewed the public comment procedures for both in person and virtual comments.

**IV. Alliance Roll Call**

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

**V. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None.

**VI. Reports**

Chairman Tyler 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**

Mr. Jack Adkins represented FDOT District 5 and reported that in anticipation of stimulus funds becoming available they are getting plans in place and projects ready that they will prioritize with M/TPO staff. He added that they will work as a team to meet needs as best they can. He called attention to the new Safety Office headed by Ms. Loreen Bobo. The Safety Office will focus on behavioral solutions, new ideas and building collaborative

partnerships. Mr. Adkins reminded CFMPOA members that work program begins early this year in October.

Ms. Carol Scott represented FTE. She reported that FTE kicked off the public meeting for the Poinciana Parkway extension PD&E Study in June. The study will analyze findings, data, and alternatives for an extension from CR 532 to the I-4/SR 429 interchange. She noted that a tentative meeting for the PD&E study for SR 408 to SR 50 is scheduled for late summer. Additional information can be found at the websites [www.poincianaextension.com](http://www.poincianaextension.com) and [www.turnpike408to50.com](http://www.turnpike408to50.com).

## VII. Action Items

### a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of minutes as follows: January 10, 2020, July 10, 2020\*, October 9, 2020\*, and April 9, 2021\*

**MOTION:** Councilman Ire Bethea moved approval of the January 10, 2020, July 10, 2020\*, October 9, 2020\*, and April 9, 2021\* meeting minutes. Commissioner Jeremy Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

*\*Meetings held in virtual workshop format.*

### b. Regional Prioritized Project List

Ms. Georganna Gillette, Space Coast TPO, gave a presentation on the updated Regional Prioritized Project List. She noted that at the April CFMPOA meeting the process, schedule, and last year's list were provided. Ms. Gillette told committee members that the adopted list goes to FDOT to be used for programming of state and federal funds. She added that regional priorities are developed to leverage resources and connect population and markets. Ms. Gillette reviewed the funding categories and updates to the list. Discussion ensued regarding the location of a MetroPlan Orlando project that had been deleted.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of the Regional Prioritized Project List. Commissioner Bob Dallari seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A question was raised regarding the motion including a Space Coast TPO project that was added. Ms. Gillette confirmed that project as South Babcock Street that was added to the TRIP list.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of the Regional Prioritized Project List with the addition of the South Babcock Street project added to the TRIP list. Commissioner Bob Dallari seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **VIII. Presentations**

### **a. Regional TSMO Update**

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, gave an update on the Regional Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) program. Mr. Hill told CFMPOA members that TSMO uses information and communication technology to improve transportation and mobility. He noted that the future of TSMO is to develop a system that will communicate with vehicles. The TSMO Regional Working Group is tasked with developing a program, to work with the MPOs in Central Florida to advance TSMO, and to develop an innovative program that is consistent in the region. Mr. Hill reported that the Working Group includes not only the M/TPOs, but representatives from FDOT Districts 1, 5 and 7, plus Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and the Tampa and Orlando tolling agencies. A Memorandum of Understanding guides the work of the group. He told committee members that at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting they had an update on the NICR grant with CUTR to develop an academic perspective on the feasibility of developing a consortium. A presentation on the North Central Texas Council of Government AV program and a planned survey. At the June meeting they received information on the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments broadband and survey results to address knowledge transfer, deficiency in funding and advancing and prioritizing TSMO.

### **b. I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Update**

Ms. Catalina Chacon, FDOT, reviewed the presentation agenda, which included goals of the project, and the north and south segments. She provided an update on the I-4/Sand Lake Road intersection. Ms. Chacon called attention to opportunities available, and the value engineering approach being used to relook at the corridor. She provided an example of an original typical section and a potential typical section after using the new approach. Ms. Chacon detailed the next steps and gave a programming update. Discussion ensued regarding the I-4 portion for Brightline and how the "small bites" approach being used impacts residents and level of service.

### **c. FDOT Freight Parking Study Update**

Mr. Steven Buck, FDOT, gave a presentation on the FDOT Freight Parking Study. Mr. Buck reported that the PD&E study kicked off this summer to address the number one issue for commercial truck drivers. He provided information on Jason's law and the survey assessment by USDOT. Mr. Buck told committee members that the survey objective was to evaluate each state, assess volume, and develop a system of metrics. A statewide survey was completed in March 2020 and I-4 was identified as the most critical corridor and current and future parking needs were identified. Mr. Buck added that federal freight funds were available to conduct the study which will include heavy public involvement. He provided a timeline for the study which is currently in the data collection phase. Design was slated to begin later this year. Discussion ensued regarding issues with rest stops including the decreasing availability, and increasing need and cost of right-of-way.

**d. CFX Master Plan Update**

Mr. Will Hawthorne, CFX gave a presentation on the Central Florida Expressway Authority's 2045 Master Plan that is currently under development. Mr. Hawthorne told committee members that CFX was created as an agency of the State of Florida by the legislature in 2014. As part of that action, the scope of the agency was expanded to include Lake, Osceola, and Seminole counties and would look at multimodal partnerships. CFX, he reported, has a 10-member board and oversees 125 miles of limited access expressway. Mr. Hawthorne noted the CFX Master Plan sets the course for the future and is a five-year, needs-based plan that is approved by the board. The 2040 Master Plan identified \$11 billion in needs and by 2025, \$2.5 billion will be invested in the system. Mr. Hawthorne reviewed major initiatives, signature projects the SR408/SR417 and SR 528/SR 436 interchanges, and study areas that have been identified. He provided a survey link and requested input from CFMPOA members.

**e. Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Presentation**

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, gave a presentation that pedestrian safety initiatives. Mr. Wilson reviewed the Pedestrian Danger Index used to compute how dangerous an area is along with the impact the Central Florida visitor population has on crashes. He provided information on scenarios for reducing fatalities, FDOT's new safety principle 'Safe System,' fatality factors and crosswalk law. Mr. Wilson compared examples of local roads with similar roads in other states where speeds are reduced. He called attention to the deadly factors in crashes, including types of vehicles, noted in the Dangerous by Design report. Mr. Wilson added that an additional mitigation option could be reducing nighttime speed limits. Discussion ensued regarding type of lighting and traffic study requirements for reducing speed limits.

**IX. Member Comments**

Ms. Virginia Whittington called attention to Ms. Lois Bollenback's decision to tender her resignation from the River to Sea TPO. Ms. Bollenback spoke briefly about her great experience working with local leaders and staff.

**X. Public Comments**

None.

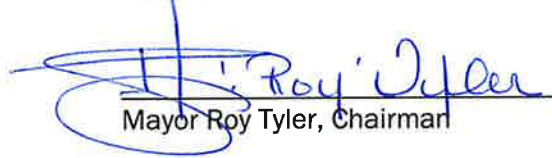
**XI. Next meeting – October 8, 2021 (TBA)**

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Senior Board Services Coordinator, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

  
Mayor Roy Tyler, Chairman

Attest:

  
Cathy Goldfarb, 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.*