



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, October 22, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Hybrid Virtual

Chairman Nabil Muhaisen, Presiding

Members Present:

Mr. Charles Abbatantuono, ECFRPC
Mr. Brett Blackadar, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Dean Fathelbab for Mr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford
Ms. Krystal Clem, City of Lake Mary
Mr. John Hambley for Ms. Ashley Cornelison, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Joshua De Vries, Osceola County
Ms. Kimberley Tracy for Ms. Alyssa Eide, City of Maitland
Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Orange County
Cmsr. Ed Gold, City of Belle Isle
Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando
Mr. Will Hawthorne, CFX
Mr. Steven Kane for Mr. Conroy Jacobs, Osceola County
Mr. Jean Jreij, Seminole County
Ms. Amy Kessel, City of Orlando
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. Jim Hitt for Ms. Pam Richmond, City of Apopka
Mr. Christopher Schmidt, City of Winter Springs
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport
Ms. Anjum Mukherjee for Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood

Ms. Erin Sterk, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Regina Ramos for Mr. Matt Suedemeyer, Orange County
Ms. Sarah Walter, City of Winter Park
Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County
Mr. Tom Radzai for Mr. Bobby Wyatt, City of Oviedo

Non-Voting Members Present:

Members Absent:

Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA
Mr. Glen Hammer, Osceola County Public Schools
Ms. Amy King, Sanford
Mr. Jay Marder, Town of Oakland (Non-Voting)
Mr. Michael Rigby, Seminole County Public Schools
Mr. Steven Thorp, OCPS
Mr. Jon Williams, City of Winter Garden

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Catalina Chacon, FDOT
Mr. Todd Helton, FDOT
Mr. Jeremy Dilmore, FDOT
Ms. Rakinyah Hinson, FDOT
Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Jasmine Blais, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouk, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

I. Call to Order

Chairman Nabil Muhaisen called the Technical Advisory Committee to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Chairman 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 that it is important to speak their mind at meetings since their input and vote can have an impact.

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

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the roll call. Mr. Caskey provided an overview of the hybrid meeting format for today's meeting. He noted that an in-person quorum is required for action and stressed the importance of RSVPs to ensure a quorum. Mr. Caskey told TAC members that the Blind Experience event was taking place November 3rd from 10a.m. to 12 p.m. and RSVPs were required. He called attention to the Florida AV Summit scheduled November 29 to December 1 at the Rosen Shingle Creek not CFX. Mr. Caskey reported that there was a change in the order of the presentations for the meeting with the I-4 presentation being moved up. In addition, there was a change in presenters with Mr. Jack Adkins and Ms. Catalina Chacon presenting the Stimulus presentation and Mr. Nick Lepp presenting the MTP amendment.

III. Public Comments on Action Items

None

IV. Common Presentations/Status Reports

A. *Preview of 2022 Legislative Priorities*

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a preview of MetroPlan Orlando's priorities for the 2022 session of the Florida Legislature. Ms. Whittington reviewed the priorities, items for support and those that will be monitored. She noted that there would be no funding request for Best Foot Forward this year after last year's request passed but was vetoed by the governor. Increasing funding for transportation was a priority with the caveat that it does not impact the Transportation Trust Fund negatively. Another top priority, she added, was adding bicyclists to the list of vulnerable road users. Ms. Whittington noted a new item to support was to add provisions to Florida's Sunshine law that allows public meetings to be conducted virtually during a declared state of emergency. She told TAC members that items to monitor that rolled over included distracted driving, red light cameras, mid-block crossings and an attempt to diminish the role of the Regional Planning Councils. Additional items to monitor included resolving concerns over state funding received from the federal government and integrating projects funded with federal stimulus funds.

B. *Presentation on I-4 Ultimate Project - taken out of order*

Mr. Jeremy Dilmore, FDOT, gave a presentation on the latest status of the I-4 Ultimate project that is currently under construction from west of Kirkman Road to east of SR 434. Mr. Dilmore provided an overview of the project and an example of a typical section. He noted that the project was 90% complete, toll equipment installation is underway with toll system testing to follow and express lanes ready for traffic in early 2022. Mr. Dilmore reviewed additional information on the express lanes, express lane signage, all electronic tolling, outreach plan on use of toll lanes and response to incidents. Discussion ensued regarding toll limits, integrating the system with apps like WAZE, enforcement for those without transponders, and barrier separation.

C. *Presentation on Federal Stimulus Projects*

Mr. Jack Adkins, FDOT, gave a presentation on the projects being funded in the MetroPlan Orlando region as a result of the federal stimulus program under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Mr. Adkins noted that the stimulus funds would be an infusion of funds and collaboration

was important to fund projects that would enhance mobility and better connect communities. The projects proposed were work program planned, were of high value and needed to be construction ready. Ms. Catalina Chacon provided detailed information on the south I-4 and north I-4 projects that were selected to be funded with the stimulus funds.

D. *Presentation on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project*

Ms. Catalina Chacon and Mr. Todd Helton, FDOT, gave a presentation on the current status of the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project. Ms. Chacon provided a brief background on the project noting that FDOT was looking at critical areas that needed to be advanced. She told CAC members that there were new tools available to evaluate opportunities to add capacity such as managed lane policy versus the express lane policy, options with managed lane separation and size and cost of projects. Ms. Chacon added that projects were identified through the process, some of which were already planned, plus a potential westbound bottleneck. The bottleneck interim solution was determined to be what was being called the “Tube”, a continuous westbound express lane that would bypass interchanges. Ms. Chacon provide a graphic of a typical section of the interim single westbound express lane., along with other identified projects and the delivery plan. Mr. Todd Helton provided additional information on the individual projects along with the design build procurement process. Discussion ensued regarding length of construction time, the need for additional funds for the projects, funding available for other projects, and improving level-of-service. Additional discussion ensued regarding data for express lane use, truck use of express lanes, capacity related to HOV lanes, bicycle and pedestrian facilities on interchanges previous cross section versus new cross section, impact on right-of-way reservation and future possibility of a Tube eastbound.

V. Public Comments on Action Items

None.

VI. Action Items

A. *Approval of the August 27, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes*

Approval was requested of the August 27, 2021 meeting minutes, a revised copy of which had been provided.

MOTION: Mr. Josh Devries moved to approve the revised TAC August 27, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Erin Sterk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. *FDOT Amendment to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the TAC to recommend that Table 6 in the 2045 MTP be amended to include the I-4/Sand Lake Road Interchange and express lane project from west of SR 528 to west of Kirkman Road and the I-4 express lane project from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of SR 528. A letter from FDOT stating that this project is consistent with the SIS Cost Feasible Plan was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff. Ms. Erin Sterk commented that based on the information provided, she

could not support the amendment, since an eastbound express lane is not included. Discussion ensued regarding future funding for an eastbound Tube and why the urgency of the amendment. Mr. Lepp explained that FDOT needed the amendment approved at this time for the procurement process.

MOTION: Mr. Brett Blackadar moved to approve Table 6 in the 2045 MTP be amended to include the I-4/Sand Lake Road Interchange and express lane project from west of SR 528 to west of Kirkman Road and the I-4 express lane project from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of SR 528. Mr. Hazem El-Assar seconded the motion.

AMENDED MOTION: Ms. Erin Sterk moved to approve Table 6 in the 2045 MTP be amended to include the I-4/Sand Lake Road Interchange and express lane project from west of SR 528 to west of Kirkman Road and the I-4 express lane project from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of SR 528 with the caveat that an eastbound tube be included, and information be provided in the future regarding details on where rail would be accommodated. Ms. Laura Hardwicke seconded the motion.

Mr. Nick Lepp reported that there was no supporting document for the amendment. Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT, told TAC members that no funding had been identified for an eastbound tube at this time. Ms. Sterk withdrew the amendment.

MOTION: Mr. Brett Blackadar moved to approve Table 6 in the 2045 MTP be amended to include the I-4/Sand Lake Road Interchange and express lane project from west of SR 528 to west of Kirkman Road and the I-4 express lane project from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of SR 528. Mr. Hazem El-Assar seconded the motion. Motion passed 30:2 (Sterk and Abbatantuono opposed).

C. FDOT Amendment to FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the TAC to recommend that the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP be amended to include the federal stimulus projects described in the FDOT presentation that was given at the October 22nd TAC meeting. The amendment included the following projects:

- FM #4411133 - I-4 at Daryl Carter Pkwy. Interchange
- FM #4443151 - I-4 at Sand Lake Road from west of SR 528 to west of Kirkman Road
- FM #4443153 - I-4 from west of Central Florida Pkwy. to west of SR 528

A letter from FDOT staff 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 November 10th Board meeting. Ms. Erin Sterk commented that the two I-4 interchange projects in Seminole County mentioned in the FDOT presentation were not included. Mr. Caskey responded that another TIP amendment request was forthcoming that will include these projects.

MOTION: Ms. Tawny Olore moved to approve the amendment to the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP. Mr. Brett Blackadar seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Appointment of Officer Selection Subcommittee

Action was requested to approve the establishment of a subcommittee to select candidates to serve as the TAC Chairman and Vice-Chairman from January through December 2022. Volunteers were requested from each county to serve on the subcommittee. Ms. Mary Moskowitz, Ms. Tawny Olore, Mr. Renzo Nastasi and Mr. Charles Abbatantuono volunteered to serve. A poll will be sent to the volunteers to set a date and time for the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Will Hawthorne moved to approve the Officer Selection Subcommittee. Mr. Josh Devries seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

E. Approval of the Proposed 2022 Board/Committee Meeting Schedule

Approval was requested of the 2022 MetroPlan Orlando Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Schedule, a copy of which was provided. Mr. Caskey called attention to the fact that the May 2022 meeting was the Friday of Memorial Day weekend.

MOTION: Mr. Steven Kane moved to approve the 2022 MetroPlan Orlando Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Schedule. Ms. Mary Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

VII. TAC-Only Presentations

There are no TAC-only presentations.

VIII. General Information

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

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

B. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

A copy of the September 8, 2021 Board Meeting Highlights was provided.

C. Air Quality Report

The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided.

D. LYNX Press Releases

A set of press releases from LYNX was provided.

E. Blind Experience Event Flyer

A flyer for the Mobility Week Blind Experience event on November 3rd was provided.

F. 2021 Florida Automated Vehicles Summit

The 2021 Florida Automated Vehicles Summit will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando from November 29th through December 1st. More information on the summit was available at <https://favsummit.com/>.

IX. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to TAC Members

A. Next MPO Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was scheduled in person on November 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801.

B. Next TAC Meeting

The next TAC meeting has been scheduled for December 3, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801. This will be a hybrid meeting with a limited number of TAC members, staff, presenters and members of the public attending the meeting in person. Other TAC members, staff, and members of the public will join the meeting virtually on Zoom.

X. Other Business/Member Comments

Ms. Laura Hardwicke thanked Ms. Sterk for sharing her comments.

XI. Public Comments (General)

None.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Nabil Muhaisen adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11:46 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb

Approved this 3rd day of December 2021



Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, Chairman



fa 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.