



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Board Chair, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Hon. Olga Castano, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County
Hon. John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee
Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
Mr. Tom Green, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon. Patty Sheehan for Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County

Hon. Art Woodruff, City of Sanford
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Advisors in Attendance

Mr. Jack Adkins for Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5
Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Community Advisory Committee
Mr. Shad Smith, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Mr. Bill Wharton, Technical Advisory Committee

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Amy Lockhart, Seminole County

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOT District 5
Ms. Emily Hanna, Executive Director Bike Walk Central Florida
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Deputy District Director for Congressman Maxwell Frost
Ms. Michelle Maikisch, Executive Director, Central Florida Expressway Authority

Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Alex Trauger
Mr. Eric Hill
Ms. Cynthia Lambert
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Taylor Laurent
Mr. Jason Sartorio
Ms. Lailani Vaiaoga
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Uribe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Jay Zembower, Seminole County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pat Bates reported on the February 9th Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board meeting and Commissioner Christine Moore reported on the February 10th Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting. Chair Uribe reported that on March 6th Representative Darren Soto along with Mayors Demings and Dyer, and Greater Orlando Aviation Authority CEO Kevin Thibault announced an award of \$69 million to complete a pedestrian bridge for Terminal C.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Huttman noted that Mr. Jack Adkins is representing FDOT on behalf of Secretary Tyler. He welcomed Ms. Michelle Maikisch, recently appointed Executive Director for Central Florida Expressway Authority, and Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Deputy District Director and Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Maxwell Frost, and Mr. John Scarfe, new FDOT D5 Liaison. He announced that the MPOAC Institute will be held in Orlando on April 14-15 and in Tampa on May 5-6. Mr. Huttman reported that MetroPlan Orlando will undergo its mandatory Federal Certification with Federal Highway and Federal Transit administrations on March 15th. He reported that MetroPlan Orlando staff recently met with FDOT staff regarding the 3R program and as a result of that meeting MetroPlan Orlando will be convening a workshop in either late March or early April with staff from affected agencies to provide input.

IV. FDOT REPORT

Mr. Jack Adkins, FDOT District 5, provided an overview of the 3R (Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation) Program.

V. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was physically present.

VI. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman called attention to information contained in the supplemental folders.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee reports from the meetings were presented by the Municipal Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, TSMO, and Technical Advisory Committee chairpersons.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the February 8, 2023, Board Meeting
- B. Approval of January 2023 Financial Reports
- C. Certification of TDLCB membership
- D. Approval and appointment of new Community Advisory Committee members

MOTION: Commissioner Jay Zembower moved approval of the Consent Agenda (Items A through D). Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of amendment to the FY 2022/23 – 2026/27 TIP - Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando Staff (Roll Call vote)

Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided background information and requested board approval for the FY 2022/23 – FY 2026/27 TIP to be amended to include increases in federal funding for an intersection safety project at Fortune and Simpson Roads in Osceola County where construction cost estimates have increased. The amendment also increases local funding commitment for the same project to cover ineligible construction expenses. A letter from FDOT staff explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and draft resolution.

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved to approve the amendment to the FY 2022/23-2026/27 TIP. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval /Acceptance of FDOT Annual Certification Report

Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOT staff, presented FDOT's report on the 2023 Annual State Certification Review of MetroPlan Orlando. Ms. Taylor told Board members that the certification review is conducted annually and provided some highlights of the certification review. She reported that MetroPlan Orlando exhibits good financial practices and as a result was awarded a low-risk rating.

MOTION: Commissioner Jay Zembower moved approval/acceptance of the FDOT Annual Certification Report. Commissioner Christine Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report-January 2023
- C. Letter of Support-Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Investment
- D. Letter of Support – Osceola County’s 2023 RAISE Grant request for the Buenaventura Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project
- E. Letter of Support – Florida Stations Program, Amtrak FY 22 Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program
- F. Letter of Support – U.S. DOT Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grant Phase II Proposal-Connecting Individuals in Food Deserts to Healthy Food
- G. MPOAC Legislative Bill Tracking for the 2023 Legislative Session
- H. Member Project Tracking List for the 2023 Legislative Session
- I. Letter of Support - Apopka RAISE Grant request for the Ocoee-Apopka Road Corridor Improvement Project
- J. Letter of Support – INVEST Orlando RAISE Grant request for West Orlando neighborhoods
- K. Letter of Support – STEER Orlando RAISE Grant request for Holden/Parramore, Callahan and Lake Dot neighborhoods

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement (Items A through K). Commissioner Christine Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. FY 2021/2022 Traffic Signal Retiming Program – Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the results of the FY 2021/2022 Traffic Signal Retiming Program. An infographic outlining the 2022 Corridor Retiming Program was provided. Mr. Hill explained that signal retiming is an annual program. He reviewed why signal retiming was important and reported that 17 corridors and 7 independent intersections were retimed in Orange and Seminole counties. He noted that Osceola County did not submit any corridors for retiming. Mr. Hill provided a history of data sources, and reviewed the performance metrics, project results, and benefit/cost summary.

B. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Update – Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided an update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. MetroPlan Orlando was awarded federal funding in the amount of \$3.79 million to develop regional and local Vision Zero Safety Action Plans. She reviewed the anticipated components, what’s next for MetroPlan Orlando and what local partners can do. Ms. Laurent noted that the local partners are being asked to designate a “champion” who can serve as the point of contact for the project.

C. Best Foot Forward Annual Report – Ms. Emily Hanna, Executive Director Bike Walk Central Florida

Ms. Emily Hanna, Executive Director of Bike/Walk Central Florida, presented the annual report on the activities of the Best Foot Forward Pedestrian Safety program. Ms. Hanna reviewed the changes from the previous year including new partners, and available data. Ms. Hanna provided a region-wide summary of enforcement, events and education outreach efforts and progress to date. A copy of the Best Foot Forward Annual Progress Report for FY 2021/22 can be found at: https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/221123_MetroPlan-Orl-FY22-Annual-Report_FINAL.pdf

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Sarah Elbadri, reintroduced herself in her new role as Deputy District Director for Congressman Maxwell Frost. She shared that a round of Community Project Funding was available and that they were meeting with Orange County, and the cities of Maitland, Orlando, and Eatonville, to identify potential projects that would meet the criteria. She said that she would be meeting with MetroPlan Orlando to discuss projects. The deadline for applications is March 15.

Ms. Joanne Counelis commented on the need for bus stops and shelters at several sites in Seminole County.

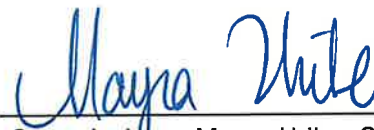
XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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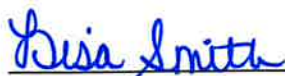
XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

XVI. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith. Approved this 10th day of May 2023.



Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Chair



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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.