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MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 2, 2023

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Mayor John Dowless, Chairman, presided.

Members in attendance:

Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Commissioner Richard Firstner, City of Ocoee
Councilmember Vance Guthrie, City of Maitland
Mayor Kevin McCann, City of Winter Springs
Commissioner Sal Ramos, Town of Oakland
Mayor Megan Sladek, City of Oviedo
Commissioner Jordan Smith, City of Lake Mary

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Phil Anderson, City of Winter Park*
Mayor Nathan Blackwell, City of St. Cloud
Mayor Nicholas Fouraker, City of Belle Isle*
Mayor Angie Gardner, Town of Eatonville *
Mayor David Henson, City of Casselberry*
Council Member Tony Davit, Town of Windermere
Commissioner Brian Sackett, City of Longwood
Vacant, City of Winter Garden

* *Excused Absence*

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Hatem Aguib, FDOT D5
Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT D5
Mr. Saiosi Fine, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Cody Johnson, LYNX
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Dowless called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. He noted the importance of an in-person quorum. Mayor Megan Sladek led the pledge of allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman John Dowless reviewed the meeting and public comment procedures.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Alex Trauger introduced Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, the new FDOT District 5 liaison. He called attention to the Governor's recent Moving Florida Forward initiative which members will hear more about later in the meeting. Mr. Trauger noted a couple of changes in the printed agenda. He told MAC members that the Best Foot Forward presentation is being postponed to their next meeting. In addition, he reported that Mr. Hatem Aguib would be presenting the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate presentation on behalf of FDOT. Mr. Trauger also announced that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) won the Annual Report sharing competition.

IV. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

Chairman Dowless called attention to MAC members that had requested excused absences. Those members were Mayor Anderson, who was virtual, Mayor Henson, Mayor Fouraker and Mayor Gardner.

MOTION: Councilmember Vance Guthrie moved for approval of excusing the absences of Mayor Anderson, Mayor Henson, Mayor Fouraker and Mayor Gardner. Mayor Megan Sladek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS / PARTNER UPDATES

- **Florida Department of Transportation**

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5, called attention to the FDOT construction report included in the agenda packet. He recommended CFLRoads for the latest updated information. Mr. Scarfe provided information on upcoming road closures including SR 500 to US 441, from the SR 429 connector to Jones Avenue, March 5th - March 8th. 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and intermittent lane closures on SR 551 (Goldenrod Road) from SR 408 to SR 50 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. He also spoke briefly about the scoping of projects that they are looking to complete in FY 2026/27. He told MAC members that FDOT will be reaching out directly to affected local jurisdictions.

- **LYNX**

Mr. Cody Johnson, LYNX, reported that ridership is 56,569/day which is up 22% from last year and 74% pre-pandemic levels. He added that construction has started on the Florida Mall Superstop, which is being renovated with additional seating being added. Discussion ensued regarding pre-pandemic ridership trends.

- **Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE)**

Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE, reported that there are two upcoming public hearings. One is scheduled for the Turnpike from US 192 to Osceola Parkway with the virtual public hearing on March 27th and the in-person March 29th. The second he reported is the Poinciana Parkway Connector which has the virtual public hearing on April 25th and in-person on April 27th.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of February 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the February 2nd MAC meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Mayor Megan Sladek moved for approval of the February 2nd 2023 MAC meeting minutes. Commissioner Jordan Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Amendment(s) to FY 2022/23 - FY 2026/27 TIP

Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the TAC make a recommendation to the Board that the

FY 2022/23 – FY 2026/27 TIP be amended to include the following item(s):

- FM# 443548-1 – Fortune Road and Simpson Road Intersection Project

A letter from FDOT staff explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the March 8, 2023 Board meeting. Mr. Sartorio provided a brief overview of the amendment request.

MOTION: Councilmember Vance Guthrie moved for approval of the amendment to the FY 2022/23 - FY 2026/27 TIP. Mayor Kevin McCann seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Update

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided an update on the Safe Streets for All grant program. MetroPlan Orlando was awarded funding to develop regional and local safety action plans. Ms. Laurent told MAC Members that MetroPlan Orlando was awarded \$3.79 million which will be used to create Vision Zero Safety Action Plans for the region, the three counties and 19 cities and towns. She reviewed the anticipated components, what is next for MetroPlan Orlando and what local partners can do. Ms. Laurent noted that the local partners are being asked to designate a region champion who can serve as the point of contact for the project. Discussion ensued regarding anything that can be done to speed up the process, is the funding recurring over years and providing the actual application to MAC members.

B. 2021/2022 Traffic Signal Retiming Program

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the Traffic Signal Retiming Program. Mr. Hill told committee members that signal retiming is an annual program and he was providing an update on 2022 retiming efforts. He reviewed why signal retiming was important and reported that 17 corridors and seven independent intersections were retimed

in Orange and Seminole counties. Osceola, he added, did not submit any corridors for retiming for 2022. Mr. Hill provided a history of data sources and noted that Connected Vehicle data went through a validation process. He reviewed the performance metrics, project results, and benefit/cost summary, along with the historic benefit/cost summary. He noted that signal retiming is a balancing act between priorities. Mr. Hill called attention to an infographic provided in the agenda packet. Discussion ensued regarding fast pass technology for individuals, Seminole County's number one project, any shift to roundabouts and work at railroad crossings.

C. Annual Report on Best Foot Forward – Presentation Deferred.

D. I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project Update

Mr. Hatem Aguib, FDOT, gave a presentation on the updates to the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate (BtU South and BtU North) project. Mr. Aguib called attention to the State of Florida's recent Moving Florida Forward infrastructure initiative, which he will talk about later in the presentation. He provided background information on the I-4 Ultimate and Beyond the Ultimate projects including a map that showed the phased approach for Beyond the Ultimate. He noted that I-4 is the backbone of Central Florida and top FDOT priority, however, funding has been a challenge, but the phased approach has helped to move projects forward. Mr. Aguib detailed phased projects in Orange and Osceola Counties. He told MAC members that a traffic assessment, using heat maps, was conducted in order to find the focus areas that were most congested. Osceola County, he added, was determined to have severe congestion. Opportunities using a value-engineering approach were looked at to move the Osceola projects forward. Mr. Aguib reviewed what they are proposing for the Osceola County projects including the connections to Orange and Polk Counties and the next steps. He provided a brief presentation on Moving Florida Forward including a map of the 20 projects, four of which are in FDOT District 5. Discussion ensued regarding the congestion data being collected continually and whether this data is available on other corridors, what the three general lanes would look like, considerations for widening the shoulder within the express lanes, and projected start and end dates.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report –** The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area was provided.
- B. Highlights from February 8, 2023 MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting –** A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting.
- C. LYNX Press Releases –** Press release from LYNX was provided.
- D. Handout on Poinciana Parkway Extension Connector –** A factsheet from Florida's Turnpike Enterprise providing information on the Poinciana Parkway Extension Connector.
- E. Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative –** On January 30, 2023, Governor DeSantis announced the Moving Florida Forward infrastructure initiative. For more information about the initiative and identified priority projects, visit <https://www.fdot.gov/MovingFloridaForward>.
- F. Best Foot Forward Annual Report –** A copy of the Best Foot Forward Annual Progress Report for FY 2021/22 was available at the following link: https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/221123_MetroPlan-Orl-FY22-Annual-Report_FINAL.pdf.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A list of selected upcoming meetings to be held at MetroPlan Orlando's office. For more information and a full list of upcoming meetings, visit www.MetroPlanOrlando.org/calendar.

- A. Next Municipal Advisory Committee Meeting | 05.04.2023 | 9:30 a.m.
- B. Upcoming MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting | 03.08.2023 | 9:00 a.m.
- C. MetroPlan Orlando Federal Certification Public Meeting | 03.15.2023 | 9:00 a.m.
- D. SunRail/Commuter Rail Commission Meeting (at LYNX) | 03.23.2023 | 2:30 p.m.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Trauger called attention to the Federal Certification field visit on March 15th. He noted that this is when USDOT, FHWA, and FTA come to audit MetroPlan Orlando's planning process. Mr. Trauger added that part of the field visit is a public meeting where they take public comments on MetroPlan Orlando's regional planning/public participation processes. He invited MAC members to participate in the public meeting, adding that there are virtual and in-person options.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

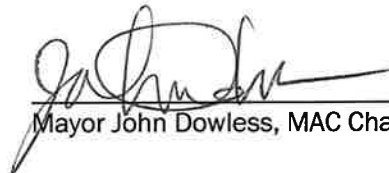
None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 4th day of May 2023.



Mayor John Dowless, MAC Chairman



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.