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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Friday, February 24, 2023
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

Chairman Bill Wharton, Presiding

Members Present:

Mr. Bruce Doig, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Leonard Barden for Dr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Mr. Christopher Carson, City of Lake Mary
Mr. Josh DeVries, Osceola County
Mr. Humberto Castellero, Orange County
Mr. Jacques Coulon, City of Orlando
Ms. Alyssa Eide, City of Maitland
Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando
Mr. Jean Jreij, Seminole County
Mr. Ramy Kamal, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Steven Kane Osceola County
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Mr. Hong Lim, City of Winter Park
Mr. Jeff Hopper for Ms. Mary Moskowitz, Seminole County
Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County
Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Ms. Tawny Olore, Osceola County
Ms. Lee Pulham, Reedy Creek Improvement District
Ms. Pam Richmond, City of Apopka
Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood
Ms. Erin Sterk, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Matt Suedemeyer, Orange County
Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County
Mr. Tom Radzai for Mr. Bobby Wyatt, City of Oviedo

Non-Voting Members Present:

Members Absent:

Mr. Charles Abbatantuono, ECFRPC
Mr. Prince Bates, City of Sanford
Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford
Mr. Dana Chester, CFX
Ms. Ashley Cornelison, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA
Cmsr. Ed Gold, City of Belle Isle
Mr. Glen Hammer, Osceola County Public Schools
Mr. Jay Marder, Town of Oakland (Non-Voting)
Ms. Tonya Elliot Moore, Windermere
Mr. Michael Rigby, Seminole County Public Schools
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport
Mr. Steven Thorp, OCPS
Mr. Jon Williams, City of Winter Garden
Vacant, City of Winter Springs

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Hatem Aguib, FDOT District 5
Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5
Mr. Siaoqi Fine, FTE
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Wharton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Wharton noted the importance of an in-person quorum and RSVPing for the meetings. He reviewed the public comment procedures.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Slade Downs reported there was a change to the agenda. Under agenda item V.E., he added, the presenter would be Mr. Hatem Aguib, FDOT District 5. He called attention to the

State of Florida's Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure initiative which would advance 20 projects, three of which were in MetroPlan Orlando's area. The initiative is currently under review by the legislature to seek approval. Mr. Downs told TAC members that CAC won the Annual Report social media sharing competition. He called attention to TAC members who had the most shares, Ms. Erin Sterk, Ms. Mary Moskowitz, and Dr. Kelly Brock.

IV. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

V. COMMON 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 TAC 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's next for MetroPlan Orlando and what local partners can do. Ms. Laurent noted that the local partners are being asked to designate a local champion who can serve as the point of contact for the project.

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 and reported that 17 corridors and 7 independent intersections were retimed in Orange and Seminole County. 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. Discussion ensued regarding connection to the speed management study, measuring other goals, DOT looking at other intersection improvements and crash trends.

C. Bicycle/Pedestrian Count Program Status Update

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, gave a status update on the ongoing tracking and analyzing of bicycle and pedestrian counts around the region. Mr. Wilson provided an overview and history of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Count Program including the technology changes over time. He reviewed the technology changes from people counters to Eco counters to MioVision and noted the advantages of the current MioVision system. Mr. Wilson detailed MetroPlan Orlando's usages of the bicycle/pedestrian counts, the 2023 counts and some examples of types of counts. Mr. Wilson asked what jurisdictions were conducting bicycle/pedestrian counts and any that had MioVision with the prospect of collaborating on the data. Discussion ensued regarding counting scooters, how to access the data, accessing Best Foot

Forward's data, possibly switching to new technology data rolling into the state's non-motorized user traffic count system, and looking at new technology for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant.

D. MPO Planning Process 2023 – 2025 (TSMO/TAC Only)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on ongoing work and future updates to the MPO planning process based on feedback from regional planning partners. Mr. Trauger noted that there is an opportunity to identify new project types to add to multimodal planning efforts. He provided the bridge graphic which shows the relationship between core planning products the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Prioritized Project List (PPL) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He reviewed partner feedback and other considerations. Mr. Trauger noted that there was reserve funding that helped with cost overages, but those reserves may not be available in the future. He provided information on Master Planning 2050 ongoing efforts and what's next. In addition, he reviewed the path forward for the current year. Mr. Trauger told TAC members that new for the PPL was methodology for identifying critical sidewalk bundles and focus on the TIP is maintaining projects already on the list. Discussion ensued regarding information on sidewalk bundle projects, status of adding to PPL bringing data forward to ensure equity, process for bringing projects off PPL to the TIP, building tools to initiate projects and the challenge of workforce turnover.

E. 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 a number one priority however funding has been an issue and the phased approach has helped to move projects forward. Mr. Aguib detailed phased projects in Orange and Osceola Counties and their status. He told TAC 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 and a value engineering approach were looked at as to how to move the Osceola projects forward. Mr. Aguib reviewed what they are proposing for the Osceola 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, 4 of which are in the District 5 area. Thanks were expressed to FDOT for the initiative. Discussion ensued regarding the Seminole County segment of Beyond the Ultimate, the Orange County segments still including two express lanes and concern over a potential bottleneck if the Osceola project is constructed first.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. January 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes for the January 27, 2023 TAC meeting was requested. The minutes were provided.

MOTION: Mr. Shad Smith moved to approve the TAC January 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Steve Kane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2022/23 – 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 Improvement 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 briefly reviewed the amendment request.

MOTION: Mr. Steve Kane moved to approve the FDOT amendment to the FY 2022/23 – 2026/27 TIP. Ms. Erin Sterk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. TAC-ONLY PRESENTATIONS

There are no TAC-Only Presentations.

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 – One 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 – The Moving Florida Forward infrastructure initiative was announced on January 30, 2023. For more information

about the initiative and identified priority projects, visit <https://www.fdot.gov/MovingFloridaForward>.

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 MetroPlanOrlando.org/calendar

- A. Transportation Systems, Management, & Operations Committee (TSM&O), Feb. 24, 2023**
- B. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC), March 2, 2023**
- C. MetroPlan Orlando Board, March 8, 2023**
- D. MetroPlan Orlando Federal TMA Certification Public Meeting, March 15, 2023**
- E. Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC, SunRail), March 23, 2023**
- F. Community Advisory Committee (CAC), April 24, 2023**
- G. Transportation Systems, Management, & Operations Committee (TSM&O), April 28, 2023**
- H. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), April 28, 2023**
- I. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB), May 11, 2023**

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bill Wharton adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11:29 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb

Approved this 28th day of April 2023



Mr. Bill Wharton, Chairman



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, Senior Board Services Coordinator

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