



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Bob Dallari, Board Vice Chairman, Presided

Members

Hon. Jose Alvarez, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
Hon. Samuel B. Ings, City of Orlando
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Dale McDonald, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Advisors in Attendance:

Mr. Benton Bonney, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Mr. Will Hawthorne, Technical Advisory Committee

Mr. Thomas Kapp, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Community Advisory Committee
FDOT Secretary Mike Shannon, District 5

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County
Hon. Cheryl L. Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Fred Hawkins, Jr., Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon. Jeff Triplett, City of Sanford
Hon. Betsy VanderLey, Orange County

Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Steve Bechtel, Mateer & Harbert
Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Mr. Keith Caskey
Mr. Nick Lepp
Mr. Eric Hill
Mr. Joe Davenport
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Sally Morris
Mr. Alex Trauger
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Mighk Wilson
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga
Ms. Lara Bouck
Ms. Sarah Larsen

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bob Dallari called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Jay Zembower requested a moment of silence for victims of 9/11 and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dallari read a statement from Commissioner VanderLey regarding her absence from the meeting.

Statement from Chairwoman VanderLey for the record of the meeting.

“As many of you may already be aware, I recently traveled out of the country. Unfortunately, I managed to severely break and dislocate my leg during my trip. I will spare you the details, but I am immobilized by doctors’ orders for at least the next 6 weeks. I am deeply disappointed to miss today’s meeting, as I believe the multi-modal conversation is extremely important for our community. I am confident you will find today’s presentation decidedly informative and valuable; I look forward to continuing the dialogue once I am able to reengage.”

He noted that Commissioner VanderLey will provide a report on the July 12-15 National Association of Counties meeting she attended at a later date. Mr. Huttman provided a report on the July 30th MPOAC meeting where he attended the Staff Director’s meeting as well as the Policy Committee meeting. Attendees, he reported, received a UPWP update, a report on the MPOAC institute attendance and updates from FDOT and FHWA. Mr. Huttman added that discussion took place regarding state and federal policy positions, Connected and Autonomous vehicles, and options for replacing the gas tax. Mayor Alvarez provided a report on the August 8th TDLCB meeting where members approved the May meeting minutes, a new citizen advocate committee member and the LYNX Human Services Transportation Plan. He added that TDLCB members in preparation for next year’s CTC Evaluation, will be hosting a special workshop for all TDLCB members and the committee passed a Blind Americans Equality Day resolution. Mayor Dyer provided a report on the July 18th and August 29th Commuter Rail Commission meetings. He noted that an important development from the meetings was Volusia County’s decision not to move forward with SunRail expansion to DeLand.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary Huttman called attention to the numerous events staff participated in since the July Board meeting. He introduced new MetroPlan Orlando staff members, Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, Ms. Lara Bouck and Ms. Sarah Larsen. Mr. Huttman congratulated MetroPlan Orlando staff members, Ms. Cynthia Lambert and Ms. Mary Ann Horne for their FPRA Golden Image award. Mr. Huttman reported on the NARC Fly in he attended, the scheduled Mobility Week and FBT Summer Camp he attended. In addition, Mr. Huttman called attention to a recent trip to the North Florida TPO to tour their Traffic Management Center and get information on their data exchange program. He noted that MetroPlan Orlando will be hosting Mr. Jeff Sheffield on September 25th at 9:30 a.m. to speak on the data exchange. Mr. Huttman called attention to the CAV Readiness update and Signal Retiming Infographic under Information Items for Acknowledgement, along with items included in the Supplemental folders. He thanked Mr. Paul Skoutelas for attending and speaking at the meeting. Mr. Huttman read an additional statement from Commissioner VanderLey regarding Mr. Skoutelas’ speaking topic.

Chairwoman VanderLey Statement

“Our region is at a tipping point, not just in transportation, but in areas that are directly touched by transportation – like affordable housing, access to jobs, and homelessness. We need to learn from the experiences of other areas across the country on what’s working and what’s not.

MetroPlan Orlando can play a critical role in these discussions. It’s true that we’re the designated transportation planning agency. We’re also conveners. When we bring people together and have open, honest discussions, we can tackle so much more working together than we can on our own.

In my absence, please take this opportunity to have a robust discussion with each other and with Mr. Skoutelas on how we can take Central Florida transportation to the next level. We are very fortunate to have the chance to learn from a national expert on transit.

I look forward to completing my recovery and to seeing you all again soon”

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed a quorum of 13 voting members present.

V. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman stated they were ready to move forward with the agenda as printed.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Dale McDonald reported that he chaired his first MAC meeting on September 5th. MAC members recommended approval of two amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program for FDOT and SunRail roll-forward projects, and two different Public Participation Plans. Presentations, he noted included updates on the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Regional Resilience Collaborative, Orange Avenue corridor study, traffic signal retiming, CAV Readiness study, and a report on MetroPlan Orlando's Strategic Business Plan. Mayor McDonald added that MAC's next meeting is November 7th.

Mr. Atlee Mercer reported that Community Advisory Committee members met on August 28th and Vice Chairwoman Sarah Elbadri chaired the meeting. CAC members, he noted, recommended approval of two amendments to the current Transportation Improvement Program, involving Roll-Forward Projects and MetroPlan Orlando's two draft Public Participation Plans. Committee members, he added, offered many good suggestions of community groups to reach out to. Mr. Mercer called attention to presentations CAC members received which included an update on the MetroPlan Orlando Strategic Plan, the Orange Avenue Corridor Study, Traffic Signal Retiming, and the Connected & Autonomous Vehicle Readiness Study.

Mr. Will Hawthorne reported that Technical Advisory Committee members met on August 23rd and recommended approval of the TIP amendment requests for the roll forward and SunRail amendments. He noted TAC members also recommended approval of the MetroPlan Orlando Public Participation Plan and the 2045 MTP Public Participation Plan. In addition, they heard status reports on: the MetroPlan Orlando Strategic Plan, the Orange Avenue Corridor Study, the traffic signal timing report and the Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Readiness Study.

Mr. Benton Bonney reported that the Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee met on August 23rd and approved the June 28, 2019 meeting minutes and amendments to the FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 TIP to include FDOT and SunRail projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2018/19 to FY 2019/20. TSMO members also approved MetroPlan Orlando's Public Participation Plan and the Public Participation Plan for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the recommendation for Mr. Butch Margraf to serve as the TSMO Community Advocate. Mr. Bonney added that Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff

gave a presentation on the 2019 Traffic Signal Retiming Study and an update on the Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Readiness Study.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2019 Board meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for June & July 2019
- C. Approval of Travel Report for June & July 2019
- D. Approval of Board Personnel Committee Recommendation on Executive Director's Annual Review
- E. Ratification of FY 2019 Budget Amendment #3 (Year End)
- F. Approval of FY 2020 Budget Amendment #2 (Roll Forward)
- G. Approval of contribution to Bike/Walk Central Florida Best Foot Forward Pedestrian Safety Program
- H. Approval of Board Resolution in support of "Blind Americans Equality Day"
- I. Approval of Board Resolution in support of "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day"

MOTION: Mayor Pat Bates moved approval of Consent Agenda, Action Items A-I. Commissioner Samuel Ings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the TIP Roll Forward Amendments

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested approval that the FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to include projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2018/19 to FY 2019/20. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request was provided, along with the FDOT Roll Forward Report, a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution.

MOTION: Commissioner Samuel Ings moved approval of the FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) being amended to include projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2018/19 to FY 2019/20. Mayor Dale McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote conducted.

B. Approval of the SunRail TIP Roll Forward Amendments

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC to recommend that the FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to include SunRail projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2018/19 to FY 2019/20. A letter from FDOT SunRail staff explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution.

MOTION: Mayor Jose Alvarez moved approval of the FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) being amended to include SunRail projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2018/19 to FY 2019/20. Mayor Buddy Dyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote conducted.

C. Approval of the MetroPlan Orlando Public Participation Plan

Action was requested by Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend the approval of 2019 MetroPlan Orlando's Public Participation Plan. A PowerPoint Presentation was given prior to action being taken. The draft plan was provided.

MOTION: Mayor Dale McDonald moved approval of the 2019 MetroPlan Orlando Public Participation Plan. Commissioner Samuel Ings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Approval of the MetroPlan Orlando MTP Public Participation Plan

Action was requested by Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend the approval of the Public Participation Plan for MetroPlan Orlando's 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). A PowerPoint Presentation was given prior to action being taken. The draft plan was provided. Ms. Lambert reviewed the goal for the plan along with the objectives for in-person engagement and objectives for information access and visualization. She provided the proposed schedule for the MTP Public Participation Plan and information on where comments on the plan could be submitted. Ms. Lambert called attention to a blue form where board members could list suggestions for outreach efforts.

MOTION: Commissioner Mayra Uribe moved approval of the Public Participation Plan For MetroPlan Orlando's 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Commissioner Samuel Ings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Director's Report**
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report**
- C. Summary of the July Board Workshop on the Strategic Plan**
- D. Memo regarding Orange Avenue Corridor Improvements**

- E. Memo to FDOT regarding the Draft Work Program
- F. Connected & Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Readiness Update
- G. Signal Retiming Update
- H. FDOT Work Program On Line Public Hearing – October 21-25, 2019
- I. The 2019 Central Florida Mobility Week will be celebrated beginning October 25- November 1.
- J. Featured Articles and Research

National League of Cities report says US cities should consider congestion pricing
<https://www.traffictoday.com/news/congestion-reduction/national-league-of-cities-report-says-us-cities-should-consider-congestion-pricing.html>

The automobile took over because the legal system helped squeeze out the alternatives.
<https://www.citylab.com/perspective/2019/07/americans-shouldnt-have-to-drive-but-the-law-insists-on-it/593527/>

FDOT has put together a brochure explaining the I-4 express lanes and showing where all the entrance/exit points will be:
<https://i4ultimate.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2150-Express-Lanes-Informational-Guide-20190710-rgb.pdf>

MOTION: Mayor Jose Alvarez moved approval of Information Items for Acknowledgement. Commissioner Viviana Janer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. MetroPlan Orlando Federal Certification

Ms. Teresa Parker, FHWA, gave a presentation on the summary of findings from the 2019 federal certification process. She reviewed information on the FHWA site visit, the review team, summary of risk assessment, noteworthy practices and recommendations.

B. 21st Century Transit

Mr. Paul Skoutelas, President American Public Transit Association, spoke about how transit is changing and transforming. Mr. Skoutelas noted that the most dramatic change in transportation that we've seen in a long time is currently taking place. He reviewed what APTA is, their major goal of more investment in public transportation and the three major priorities for that goal. Mr. Skoutelas added that APTA works at the national level to advocate for funding for transportation, but despite funding at its highest level there is still a \$90 billion backlog impacting infrastructure upgrades. He reported that the FAST Act will expire next year and a new authorization is needed that addresses both highway and transit. Mr. Skoutelas spoke about the changing dynamic in mobility and the need to help with the transition to alternatives such as Uber and LYFT and autonomous vehicles.

Discussion ensued regarding transits role in affordable housing, gas tax funding, a proposed Orange County sales tax initiative and the need for more investment in transit and a connected network.

FDOT Secretary Kevin Thibault was in attendance and spoke briefly about the need for robust public engagement and the role of technology in the future of transportation. He commented that he would like to see technology leveraged for transportation solutions, including bicycle and pedestrian safety. Secretary Thibault emphasized the importance of collaboration and working together to provide transportation solutions.

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Atlee Mercer asked about the status of the Pleasant Hill road project that was not currently in the TIP. Commissioner Janer commented that a quad road alternative has been added to help relieve congestion in that area until the proposed flyover could be built.

Mayor Dyer commented that Ms. Nicola Liquori is now overseeing Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and Mr. Mike Shannon is now overseeing SunRail. He thanked Ms. Liquori for her three years of service as Sunrail CEO.


XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Mr. David Bottemley commented on the need for transit stops to be ADA compliant.

XIV. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 13th day of November 2019.



Commissioner Betsy VanderLey, Chairwoman



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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