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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, May 25, 2016

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Tom O'Hanlon presided

Members in attendance were:

Ms. Asima Azam, Orange County
Fr. Jabriel Ballentine, Orange County
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole County
Ms. Karolyn Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bill Carpenter, Seminole County
Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole,
MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Mr. Robert McKey, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County
Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jamil Gutierrez, FDOT

Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Candy Bennage, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Keri Caffrey, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. John Florio, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Mark Loeb, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jacob Lujan, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Christopher Maier, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Keith Trace, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Wade Vose, Orange County
Ms. Leslie Wolcott, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Crystal Mercedes, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

A complete listing of other attendees may be obtained upon request.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom O'Hanlon called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman O'Hanlon told CAC members that the SR 417 toll within a toll project is on hold and he believes there still needs to be a swap of road sections between agencies, so that one agency oversees an entire arterial.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert introduced new MetroPlan Orlando staff member Ms. Crystal Mercedes, who will be working with Mr. Eric Hill on Transportation Systems Management and Operations projects. She reported that the June 8th MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting was being held at 9:00 a.m. at Second Harvest Food Bank. Ms. Lambert told CAC members that included in the supplemental folders were revised pages for the Transportation Improvement Program and the latest air quality report.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed that a quorum was present.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. *Approval of April 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes*

Approval is requested of the April 27, 2016 meeting minutes that were provided.

MOTION: Mr. Bill Carpenter moved for approval of the April 27, 2016 meeting minutes. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *Repurposing of Federal Earmark Funds - Staff Recommendation*

Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando, explained a provision that was contained in the new federal transportation bill (the FAST Act) regarding repurposed earmarks, old qualifying earmarks in our three-county area and the staff recommendation that uncommitted funds be used to advance project development work on the US 192 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project in Osceola County, the SR 50 BRT project in Orange County and LYMMO North-South expansion. A bulletin describing the repurposing process was provided along with a spreadsheet showing the projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region that have earmark funds available for repurposing. Mr. Huttman told committee members that legislators no longer use earmarks to set aside funding for projects and the state was given the authority to repurpose funding that remained available. The FDOT Central Office in turn gave the authority to the FDOT District Office to designate projects locally to advance with the funds. MetroPlan Orlando has coordinated with District 5, he reported, on allocating the available \$3 million which needs to be allocated by August and requires MetroPlan Orlando board approval. Mr. Huttman added that the funds would be required to be obligated by September 30, 2019 and staff has been looking at what projects could advance and make the best use of the funds within the time frame requirements. He told CAC members that three projects were identified for consideration, including the US 192 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), the SR 50 Bus Rapid Transit, and the LYNX LYMMO north/south expansion. Discussion ensued regarding local commitments for the identified projects, percentage of FTA new starts contributions, who the grantees were for the three projects, the first stage and total cost for each project and the projected time frame, and was there a limit on the number of projects. Mr. Huttman told committee members that FTA will contribute 50% for new starts projects and all three were good competitive projects for those funds. He added that the grantees were LYNX for the US 192 and SR 50 BRT projects and the City of Orlando for the LYMMO expansion and these were staff recommendations for projects, which were already on the Project Priority List and each needed approximately \$1 million. Mr. Zubarik inquired about the total cost for each project. Mr. Huttman responded that the total costs were \$50 million for the US 192 BRT, \$36 million for the SR 50 BRT and the LYMMO expansion was divided into two segments, one at \$14 million and the second at \$10 million. Mr. Hector Lizasuain commented that there was a lot of communication ongoing in Osceola County regarding setting aside funding for the US 192 BRT project and moving it forward to get it done. Additional discussion ensued regarding project readiness, importance of the SR 50 BRT for other areas along the corridor, timeline constraints, and looking at also advancing pedestrian safety projects.

MOTION: Mr. Atlee Mercer moved for approval of allocating \$1 million of the earmarks repurposed funding to each of the three projects that were identified, the US 192 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), the SR 50 Bus Rapid Transit, and the LYNX LYMMO north/south expansion, with the caveat that if any of the projects could not advance, the funds be allocated to the other remaining projects. Mr. Hector Lizasuain seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

C. Central Florida MPO Alliance Prioritized Project List

Action was requested by Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Prioritized Project List, which included a list of highway, trail and transit projects that are of regional significance. The draft list was provided. Ms. Whittington told CAC members that the CFMPOA, which had been meeting for a number of years, decided in 2013 to look at projects of regional significance. Alliance members, she added, implemented a formal prioritization process for Strategic Intermodal System, trail and transit projects compiled by each respective M/TPO. Ms. Whittington noted that the lists were reviewed yearly, updated and the revised drafts are approved by the agencies boards and committees prior to approval by the CFMPOA. She then reviewed the changes that had been made during the recent update. Ms. Whittington reported that at the last CFMPOA meeting, a question was raised regarding the Shingle Creek Trail, which crosses urban boundaries, and why it was not included on the trails list. In the past, she noted, only trails that crossed regional boundaries had been included. At the request of staff, a change was made to also include trails that cross urban boundaries and the Shingle Creek trail was added to the trail priority list. Ms. Whittington told committee members that the third list was transit projects that were all high capacity Bus Rapid Transit or rail projects and privately funded projects had also been included.

MOTION: Mr. Tony Tizzio moved for approval of the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Prioritized Project List. Mr. Atlee Mercer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. Preview of FY 2016/17-2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of the new FY 2016/17-2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Copies of the FDOT highway and bicycle and pedestrian projects and the LYNX transit projects were provided. A copy of the FY 2020/21-2039/40 Prioritized Project List that was adopted last year was also provided and had been updated to show the latest project phases that have been funded based on the new TIP. The TIP will be presented for action at the June 22nd CAC meeting. Mr. Caskey provided some background information on the TIP and reviewed the changes that had been made for the new TIP. He called attention to some pages that had been revised and were included in the supplemental folders. A TIP public hearing, he added, will be held on Monday, June 20th at MetroPlan Orlando with maps available at 5:30 p.m. and the hearing at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bill Carpenter commented that widening roadways from

four to six lanes created problems for pedestrians. He added that he would like to see information on the pedestrian impact study that had been conducted to see what the outcome was regarding widenings of arterials. Chairman O'Hanlon requested an update at the next meeting on the pedestrian safety audits that had been conducted. Mr. Atlee Mercer commented that looking at what is done to a roadway after the widening to address pedestrian issues is important. Chairman O'Hanlon added that there has been a shift in funding away from capacity projects with more funding going to other modes. Mr. Caskey confirmed that the past few years there has been a shift away from major capacity projects. Mr. Brindley Pieters inquired about aviation projects. Mr. Caskey responded that the airports themselves were responsible for the aviation projects.

B. Orientation Presentation: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Master Plan and Update on Federal Grant Application - deferred

C. Video: Talk by Jeff Speck on "The Walkable City"

Jeff Speck is the author of *The Walkable City* and a city planner and urban designer who advocates internationally for smart growth and sustainable design. He recently visited Orlando to talk about how walking and walkability can improve health, economic vitality, social connections and safety in our community. CAC members viewed a video recording of Mr. Speck's lecture at MetroPlan Orlando. Due to time constraints, the remaining portion of the video will be shown at the June CAC meeting.

CAC members could also view the complete slide deck Mr. Speck used during his Orlando lecture here:

<https://www.slideshare.net/secret/FaPdv9Pio8h7Ed>

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Air Quality Report

The latest air quality report for Central Florida was provided at the meeting.

B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

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

C. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

Highlights from the May 2016 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. Next Community Advisory Committee meeting

The next CAC meeting will be on **June 22, 2016**.

B. Clean Air Award Presentation

The annual Clean Air Award presentation was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at Wekiva Island. More details about this event could be found at:

<http://www.metroplanorlando.com/news/wekiva-island-ucf-transportation-and-casselberry-recognized-with-clean-air-awards/>

C. MetroPlan Orlando Board - June Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting will be held on **June 8, 2016** at 9 a.m. at Second Harvest Food Bank (411 Mercy Drive, Orlando, FL 32805).

D. Transportation Improvement Program Public Hearing

The FY 2016/17-2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program public hearing will be held Monday, **June 20, 2016** at MetroPlan Orlando (250 S. Orange Ave., Suite 200, Orlando, FL). Maps will be available at 5:30 p.m. and the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Atlee Mercer commented that Phase I of the Poinciana Parkway opened April 30th and Phase II was scheduled to open in October. He noted that the traffic study for Phase I projected 1,500 trips and the roadway is averaging 6,000 trips already. Mr. Mercer added that no tolls were being charged on Phase I until June and the project was under budget and on schedule.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O’Hanlon asked committee members to think about pedestrian safety for the next CAC meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 22nd day of June 2016.

Chairperson

Witness

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.