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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, June 22, 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:

Fr. Jabriel Ballentine, Orange County
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole County
Mr. Bill Carpenter, Seminole County
Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
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
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Wade Vose, Orange County
Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Asima Azam, Orange County
Ms. Candy Bennage, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Keri Caffrey, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Karolyn Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole,
MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. John Florio, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Mr. Mark Loeb, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Christopher Maier, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmere Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County
Mr. Keith Trace, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Leslie Wolcott, MetroPlan Appointee

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 9:33 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Marissa Salas led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman O'Hanlon requested a moment of silence for the recent Pulse shooting tragedy and asked Fr. Ballentine to lead a prayer.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert told CAC members that the LYNX TDP presentation was being deferred at the request of the presenter. Under general information, she noted, the memo on the road safety audits was not available at the time of the meeting, but will be sent out at a later date. She asked committee members to make a note on their calendars that there is no July CAC meeting, and the next meeting was scheduled for August 24th. Ms. Lambert reported that FDOT had appointed Ms. Nicola Liquori the Executive Director for SunRail.

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 May 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the May 25, 2016 meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Mr. Bill Carpenter moved for approval of the May 25, 2016 meeting minutes. Fr. Jabriel Ballentine seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Approval of FY 2016/17-2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program

Action was requested by Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the FY 2016/17-2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This document included the transportation projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region that are

programmed for funding over the next five years. The draft TIP could be reviewed at <http://www.metroplanorlando.com/files/view/draft-tip-for-2016-17-2020-21.pdf>

Mr. Caskey told CAC members that the link to the TIP had been provided for committee members to review the document prior to the meeting. He noted that a formal presentation of the TIP, including any changes that had been made, had been presented at the May meeting. Mr. Caskey reported that a TIP public hearing has held Monday, June 20th and a summary of the public hearing and comments received so far had been provided in the supplemental folders. Vice-Chairman McKey asked if any action had been taken on the comments received. Mr. Caskey responded that the comments would be provided to the MetroPlan Orlando Board and no action had been taken.

MOTION: Mr. Bill Carpenter moved for approval of the FY 2016/17-2020/21 Transportation Improvement Program. Fr. Jabriel Ballentine seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

C. Repurposing of Federal Earmarks

At the May CAC meeting, the committee recommended that old federal earmarks be used to advance bus rapid transit projects. Since then, new information had become available, that was provided for committee members. It was requested that the committee discuss the new information and choose whether to stick with the original recommendation to use earmarks for bus rapid transit projects, or revise the recommendation. Ms. Lambert reviewed the new information, including additional options, regarding repurposing of federal earmarks. She explained the quiet zone funding issue that was being faced by many local jurisdictions, prompting MAC members to approve spending the earmark funding to offset the increased cost of quiet zones. Chairman O'Hanlon noted that there had been a need to allocate the funds in a short time frame. He added that by FDOT suggesting to allocate the earmark funds to the Maitland Boulevard project, replacement funds from the Maitland Boulevard project could be allocated to a future project, without the time constraints. Discussion ensued regarding the regional benefit of quiet zones, the quiet zone shortfall amount, FDOT as a source of the quiet zone funding needed, and the value of the BRT projects originally proposed. Ms. Lambert told CAC members that FDOT is looking at the increased cost estimate for quiet zones and strategies for reducing the shortfall. Additional discussion ensued regarding train noise, property values in the rail corridor, the impact of autonomous vehicles, future traffic based on population growth projections, and what quiet zone improvements entailed. Ms. Lambert told committee members that quiet zone improvements included things such as adding gates to a crossing and the improvements were unique based on each crossing.

MOTION: Mr. Atlee Mercer moved for approval of staying with CAC's original approval of using the repurposed federal earmark funds for 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. Bill Carpenter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

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

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave an overview of transportation systems management and operations. He also reported on the ITS Master Plan and the regional effort to develop a grant application for the USDOT Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative. Mr. Hill told CAC members that autonomous vehicles are changing the transportation ecosystem by freeing up transportation expense dollars for consumers, helping to prevent crashes, and making more efficient use to roadway space. Vice-Chairman McKey inquired about vehicles with adaptive cruise control. Mr. Hill responded that there are four levels of autonomous vehicles which include: vehicles with self-driving features currently on the road, vehicles with adaptive cruise control, vehicles that take over driving safety features, and fully autonomous vehicles. Mr. Atlee Mercer commented that autonomous vehicles would allow more vehicles to use the expressway. Mr. Hill added that autonomous vehicles could spur changes in land use and that the technology was ahead of public policy standards. Discussion ensued regarding insurance and liability issues for autonomous vehicles.

Mr. Hill told committee members that Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) was challenged with how to address congestion. He explained that the TSMO goal was to maximize current investment and minimize the impact of events such as crashes. TSMO tactics, he reported, include the Road Rangers program, which assists with roadway incidents, and the signal retiming effort which started seven years ago to help facilitate traffic movement.

Mr. Hill provided an overview of the ITS Master Plan. He told CAC members that Gannett Fleming was the lead consultant for the project and an initial workshop had been held on April 29, 2016. A second workshop, he noted, was scheduled for Friday, July 22nd and the goal was to develop the Master Plan. Mr. Hill reported that a vision statement and goals had been established for the Master Plan. He added that the ITS Master Plan goals include performance, efficiency and reliability; information, communication and technology; safety and security; and environment and quality of life. Security, as it relates to the Master Plan, he added, was protecting data. Mr. Hill reviewed the existing conditions, which included both the quantitative and qualitative conditions, and noted that funding listed as a qualitative condition was mainly for maintenance and operations. Mr. Atlee Mercer inquired about adding WAZE, which provides real-time and accurate traffic data, to the discussion. Mr. Hill responded that multiple data sources are used and protecting the data from abuses was important. He also reviewed the ITS Master Plan business case and challenges. Mr. Dan Stephens requested information from the first ITS Master Plan Workshop. Mr. Hill responded that he can provide a handout that had been distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Hill next provided a status report on the USDOT Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) grant application. He told committee members that Congressman Mica had indicated that a grant opportunity would be included in the latest transportation bill that passed. Mr. Hill reported that federal

funds would provide a 50% match and \$60 million would be available nationwide through the grant. He noted that a workshop was held April 15th with area stakeholders and emphasis was being placed on thinking regionally. Normally, he added, FDOT regions compete for grant funding such as this, however, FDOT had given their endorsement to the grant being submitted by MetroPlan Orlando. Mr. Hill provided information on the stakeholder polling results for vision elements, vision benefits, goals and focus areas. He explained the three themes for the grant which included pedestrian safety, greenways (looking at intersections) and sunstore (data). Discussion ensued regarding the impact of technology, changes in infrastructure and planning, time frame for updating the ITS Master Plan, planning for autonomous vehicles, the challenge of getting autonomous vehicles on current roadways, time frame for long range transportation plan revisions, and focus on congestion. Mr. Hill commented that seniors and the disabled are two groups that autonomous vehicles would help improve mobility. Chairman O'Hanlon called attention to the funding shift away from highways and to pedestrian and ITS projects. Additional discussion ensued in regards to ACCESS LYNX issues and the impact of Uber.

B. LYNX Transit Development Plan - deferred

C. Preview of 2021/22-2039/2040 Prioritized Project List

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of the new FY 2021/22-2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL). The PPL will be presented to the committees and board for approval in August/September and submitted to FDOT by the September deadline. A copy of the draft PPL was provided. In addition, the updated version of last year's FY 2020/21-2039/40 PPL that highlighted the projects now funded through construction was also provided for cross reference purposes. Mr. Caskey reviewed the PPL funding categories and noted that the new project application tool was available this year. He told CAC members that the project application tool allows local jurisdictions to submit information and it generates a 4P (Priority Projects Programming Process) application from that data. The project application tool, he added, does not rank/prioritize the projects or dictate outcomes. Mr. Dan Stephens noted that MetroPlan Orlando's now disbanded Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee had prioritized bicycle and pedestrian projects in the past and he asked how those projects were now being prioritized. Mr. Caskey responded that the TAC Task Force will likely be taking a look at the system BPAC used to prioritize projects, in the fall, to assess how to prioritize those type of projects. He next reviewed the major changes in the highway, bicycle and pedestrian and transit projects included in the current PPL. Discussion ensued regarding the SR 436 project from Orlando International Airport to the Seminole County line project moving to the transit list, and issues at the SR 417/Red Bug Lake Road and SR 417/Mitchell Hammock Road intersections. Mr. Mark Loeb asked what context sensitive projects entailed. Mr. Caskey responded that context sensitive projects were non-capacity improvements that include things such as adding pedestrian enhancements, adding a turn lane, etc. He told CAC members that the transit project list was a work in progress, and had been categorized A, premium transit projects; B, projects requiring transit planning/feasibility studies; and C, enhancements to the existing LYNX system. Mr. Caskey reported that the Kissimmee Circulator project was now a bus system and the ITS Enhanced Transit was what was formerly known as Flexbus. Mr. Atlee Mercer inquired about Orange County's North-South Road project, which is the new #1 priority in the list of TRIP projects in the PPL and what happens to the project at the Osceola County line. Mr. Caskey responded that he did not have the information requested on that project, but

would research it and forward the information to CAC members. Discussion ensued in regards to switching out projects and re-ranking them, evaluation criteria, and the integration of complete streets. Mr. Caskey explained that context sensitive projects, which move away from adding capacity, helped address complete streets planning. Ms. Lambert added that the Complete Streets policy that had been developed by the steering committee would be going through the committee process and to the board for approval in the future.

D. Video: Lecture by Jeff Speck on "The Walkable City" - deferred

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. *Memo: Results from Road Safety Audits*

The memo from Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando staff, was not available at the time of the meeting. This information was forwarded to CAC members via email at a later date.

B. *Tracking the Trends Report*

An executive summary of MetroPlan Orlando's latest *Tracking the Trends* report was provided.

C. *Air Quality Report*

The latest air quality report for Central Florida was provided.

D. *FDOT Quarterly Variance Report*

The latest FDOT Quarterly Variance Report for the Orlando area was provided.

E. *FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report*

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

F. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights*

Highlights from the June 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 August 24, 2016. Please note that there is no meeting scheduled in the month of July.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Atlee Mercer commented that two sections of the Poinciana Parkway were operating already and current trips have far exceeded projections. He noted that the project came in on time and under budget and Phase II, also on time and under budget, was on schedule to

open in late September. He added that Osceola Expressway Authority also had three PD&E studies for connections to major roadways underway as well.

Chairman O'Hanlon commented that MetroPlan Orlando needed to be as up-to-date as possible on autonomous vehicles, due to the important role they will play in regional transportation.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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

Approved this 24th day of August 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.