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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2017

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
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole County
Ms. Karolyn Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Mark Loeb, MetroPlan Appointee
Christopher Maier, MetroPlan Appointee
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. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Fr. Jabriel Ballentine, Orange County
Ms. Keri Caffrey, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Ms. Lisa Portelli, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. Keith Trace, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Wade Vose, Orange County
Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, City of Kissimmee

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Charles Ramdatt, City of Orlando
Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Paul Satchfield, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Jamil Gutierrez, FDOT
Mr. David Cooke, FDOT
Mr. Chris Cairns, FDOT
Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Elizabeth Whitton, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, 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 9:35 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mark Loeb led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman O'Hanlon opened the meeting with a discussion detailing his concerns regarding Mitchell Hammock Road, located in the City of Oviedo. He explained that the road is currently over capacity, and that the City has installed a new "short cycle time" automatic traffic control system at that intersection. He read into the record a text that he received from a City of Oviedo official regarding a presentation that had been made to the City Council providing an update as to how the system is working. He explained that this type of traffic control system is currently used in England, and that if it works efficiently it would be his desire to mimic that system here. Mr. O'Hanlon stated that he has already discussed his desire to see a comprehensive analysis and presentation on this issue on a later agenda with Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff. The questions that he would like answered are how well does the system work in England, and is it a safety hazard having this type of feature. He stated that he would also like get feedback from the City of Oviedo regarding their experience with this system. In addition, he stated that he feels that this system could be used as a tool to increase driver alertness and provide leverage to the current infrastructure.

He entertained comments from other committee members. Mr. Dehlinger asked if there were any data available from England showing the efficiency of the system. Mr. Mercer said that he feels that mimicking England may not solve the problem and may be premature. He would like to investigate

other ways to change driver behavior. Ms. Campbell said that she feels that in order for a system of this nature to work, it will require a culture shift to get people to think and behave differently. She stated that drivers will need to understand that this is a wakeup situation, not a speed up situation. Consensus of the Committee members was that this topic was worthy of further exploration.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Lambert welcomed new Committee member Russell Hauck from the City of Altamonte Springs. She announced that Jamil Gutierrez with FDOT District 5 has resigned his position effective March 9th. She thanked him for his service to MetroPlan Orlando. The clean air awards entry call has gone out.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith confirmed that a quorum was present.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. *Approval of January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes*

Approval was requested of the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Mr. Atlee Mercer moved for approval of the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes.
Mr. Mark Loeb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. *Automated Vehicle Proving Ground – What It Means for Central Florida*

Mr. Charles Ramdatt, City of Orlando staff, gave a presentation that provided an overview of how the Central Florida Automated Vehicle Partnership was formed; how the Automated Vehicle Proving Ground designation was achieved. He provided insight into the background and history of transportation and innovation in Central Florida, and acknowledged the entities that make up the Central Florida Automated Vehicle Partnership. He explained that their areas of focus include four modes of travel and the interaction of those modes, safety and full range automation, and the difference between autonomous versus automated vehicles. He touched upon the responsibilities of each partner. He stated that the anticipated benefits for Central Florida would be USDOT Designation/Certification agreement & funding opportunities; coordinated research opportunities; safer and more livable communities; and independent pursuit of other opportunities. Mr. Ramdatt explained that the project received its unofficial designation in mid-January 2017 and that the initial team meeting was held in early February 2017 with the USDOT convening of 10 winning teams sometime around February 27 & 28, 2017. They are currently in the phase of sharing of details and opportunities with local governments & other local interest groups.

Mr. Ramdatt discussed the next steps which include the development of a Partnership Memorandum of Understanding; developing a process for engaging auto-makers, OEMs, the Local Technology Community, dealing with the full range of procurement issues, harmonizing among partners, advocating for local, state and federal law/rule changes, facilitating un-invited/un-solicited suggestions for innovation, developing protocols for media engagement as well as requests for, and releasing of information, and spring-boarding to other innovative ideas that can improve access, mobility and quality of life in Greater Orlando. He entertained questions and comments from Committee members.

B. SunTrax

Mr. Paul Satchfield, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, presented an overview of SunTrax. Mr. Satchfield explained that the SunTrax project is a partnership between the Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Polytechnic University. He said that SunTrax is an autonomous vehicle toll testing facility that is located in Polk County at the Polk Parkway just off of I-4. In addition, he noted that the facility will be dedicated to research, development and testing of emerging transportation technologies, allowing for "real world" testing. He displayed a rendering of the preliminary design of the track. The design phase of the track and toll facilities was completed in 2016 and construction is set to begin in the spring of 2017; and the design phase of the 200 acre infield is already underway. Mr. Satchfield entertained questions and comments from Committee members.

C. Presentation on Bicycle & Pedestrian Crash Analysis

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented an analysis of bicycle and pedestrian crash statistics. He explained that the analysis was a comparison of two studies one using data from long form police reports from Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties from 2002/2003 and 2012/2013. He noted that the crash typing criteria was developed by the Federal Highway Administration. He provided an overview of crash types as well as the most effective counter measures for crash prevention. Mr. Wilson entertained questions and comments from Committee members regarding whether consideration was given to back-in parking versus pull-in parking; mobility training; emphasis on training school aged children; and if there were any data available for mid-block crossing accidents.

D. Presentation on Florida Transportation Plan & Complete Streets Policy Implementation

Mr. David Cooke, FDOT staff, presented an update on the implementation of the Florida Transportation Plan and Complete Streets policy and how they are being implemented and incorporated into all of their manuals. He reviewed the seven goals of the FTP with the main one being safety and security. He explained that over the past year they have had ongoing outreach with stakeholders and partners. He said that the primary objective is to ensure consistency in all of the FDOT policies, guidebooks and manuals. The comment period is ongoing until April 2017 and anticipated completion of the updated handbook is the summer of 2017. Mr. Cooke entertained questions and comments from Committee members.

E. Presentation on Roundabouts in the MetroPlan Orlando Region

Mr. Chris Cairns, FDOT staff, reviewed FDOT's methodology for the implementation of roundabouts. He discussed the history and use of roundabouts in Florida. He discussed the safety benefits of roundabouts. He explained that as a result of safety studies conducted over the past 20 years, the FHWA has identified roundabouts as one of nine proven safety countermeasures. He gave an overview of the current policies that FDOT uses regarding roundabouts. He explained that FDOT recognizes the benefits of roundabouts, particularly with regard to safety performance, and now requires consideration of roundabouts prior to installation of a traffic signal and for all construction or reconstruction projects. Mr. Cairns described the 3-step process for screening roundabouts. He explained that Step 1 involves a simple 1-page form to review whether a roundabout might be a suitable candidate for a particular intersection. Promising sites are advanced to the next steps for more detailed evaluations. Additionally, his presentation covered maneuverability and geometric/design elements which have a direct impact on safety and operations. In designing roundabouts, heavy consideration is given to pedestrian and bicycling activities which is essential to the operation. The current trend in roundabout development is on local residential streets (small/mini roundabouts), City/County collector and arterial streets, and several recent roundabouts successfully implemented on rural facilities. He showed examples of successful roundabouts that have been developed in the state in recent years. Mr. Cairns entertained questions and comments from Committee members.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

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

B. 2017 Schedule for Transportation Improvement Program & Prioritized Project List

The 2017 preview and approval schedule for the FY 2017/18-2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2022/23-2039/40 Prioritized Project List was provided.

C. Legislative Report

A report on the latest legislative activities occurring in the MetroPlan Orlando region was provided.

D. MetroPlan Orlando Committee Highlights

Highlights from the February 2017 MetroPlan Orlando Committee meeting were provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. *Next Community Advisory Committee meeting*

The next CAC meeting will be on **April 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.** There is no CAC meeting scheduled in March.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Mercer expressed concerns with the data presented in the FDOT monthly construction status reports. He stated that he feels that the two most critical elements needed to understand the data are missing. He suggested including the total number of days anticipated for project completion and actual percent of project completion. He asked that the edited document be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. McKey discussed his concerns with the passage of HB 6007, the Traffic Infraction Detectors Bill, by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee as detailed on the January 2017 Legislative Session Activity Report. He expressed disappointment that the bill was passed especially since there was overwhelming opposition. He feels that the detectors are necessary deterrents for running red lights.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 26th day of April 2017.



Mr. Tom O'Hanton, Chairperson



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator

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