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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, May 24, 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
Fr. Jabriel Ballentine, Orange County
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole County
Ms. Karolyn Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. Russ Hauck City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Mark Loeb, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. 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
Ms. Lisa Portelli, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County
Mr. Keith Trace, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Keri Caffrey, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. Wade Vose, Orange County
Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, City of Kissimmee

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT
Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Harry Barley, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, 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. Brindley Pieters led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman O'Hanlon welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert told CAC members that the CAC Bylaws Task Force met right before the CAC meeting and the information on the proposed revisions would be presented at the June meeting. She reported that the Corrine Drive Complete Streets Study survey closes on May 30th and they have had a lot of public participation, with over 1700 surveys completed so far. She added that the survey could be accessed online at the MetroPlan Orlando website. Mr. Dan Stephens told committee members that the City of Kissimmee is conducting a study on Central Avenue and information on that study could be found on the City of Kissimmee website. Ms. Lambert called attention to the items in the supplemental folders which included additional information for the FDOT Construction Report, the Air Quality update including a memo on monitoring sites, and print outs of the project lists for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

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 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes*

Approval was requested of the April 26, 2017 meeting minutes, which were provided. Mr. Dan Stephens called attention to a typo on page two where Ms. Nikhila Rose was listed as a MetroPlan Appointee as opposed to MetroPlan staff.

MOTION: Mr. Atlee Mercer moved for approval of the April 26, 2017 meeting minutes as amended. Fr. Jabriel Ballentine seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments*

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested approval of amendments to add several new projects to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan. More information on these projects was provided. Mr. Lepp told committee members that the amendments were major and would require them to go through the public hearing process. The public hearing was scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017 in conjunction with the TIP Public Hearing. Mr. Lepp noted that the projects requested in the amendment would not impact cost feasibility. He reviewed the projects included in the request. Ms. Lisa Portelli asked how someone would know if bike lanes are included in the projects. Mr. Lepp responded that project specific planning, such as bike lanes, was determined later in the process.

MOTION: Mr. Scott Zubarik moved for approval of the amendments to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Tony Tizzio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. *Preview of FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of the new FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Copies of the FDOT highway, TSMO, bicycle and pedestrian, transit and commuter rail sections of the TIP were provided. A copy of the FY 2021/22 - 2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL) that was adopted last year and has been updated to show the latest project phases that have been funded based on the new TIP was also provided. The TIP will be presented for approval at the June 28th CAC meeting. Mr. Caskey provided a brief background on the Transportation Improvement Program noting that the TIP is updated annually. He reviewed the projects that have had changes from the previous TIP. Mr. Caskey reported that major toll roads are not included on the Prioritized Project List due to being funded by toll revenue. He called attention to a policy change that now allowed up to 30% of District Dedicated Revenue (DDR) funds to be allocated for premium transit projects. Discussion ensued regarding SunRail Phase III as the number one premium transit project, removal of the SR 417 project, advancing bicycle and pedestrian projects, how premium transit projects were ranked, and what was the CFX laser scanner. Mr. Caskey explained that the SR 417 project was removed due to lack of local support. He added that 4P applications need to be submitted in order to advance projects and premium transit projects needed to be in the LRTP. Mr. Atlee Mercer recently attended a demonstration on the laser scanner and he explained that the scanner was a new, efficient technology used to measure traffic homicide locations. Mr. Rob

McKey asked Mr. Caskey to explain the steps in the project process. Mr. Caskey responded that there are four basic steps PD&E, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction and the process usually took eight to ten years to complete. Mr. Jeffrey Campbell asked who to contact for information about a specific project. Mr. Caskey responded that the project manager was the best option for project specific information. Ms. Lambert added that CFLRoads.com was also a good resource for project information. Mr. R. J. Mueller inquired about the project origination process. Mr. Caskey responded that the FDOT ETDM process, which reviews potential projects for their environmental impact, was the first step in the process along with then adding projects to the LRTP.

B. *Preview of 2021/22 - 2039/40 Prioritized Project List*

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of the new FY 2022/23 – 2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL). This year, the PPL must be submitted to FDOT in July and will be presented to the committees and board for approval in the June/July committee and board meetings. A copy of the draft PPL was provided. Mr. Lepp reviewed the purpose of the Prioritized Project List, the SU funding policy, the project application tool, and the top projects in the various categories. He noted the new Off-System Complete Street category that had been added. Mr. Dan Stephens asked how this new list would impact funding for projects. Mr. Lepp responded that the Off-System Complete Street list would require local funding participation and work on prioritizing the list would be conducted in the future. Discussion ensued regarding the NeoCity Loop, the Safe-Routes-to-School program, project application data, and where the applications go, prioritizing projects, and the City of Orlando Bike share program. Ms. Lisa Portelli noted that she has been tracking traffic data at school sites, but did not have an agency to submit Safe-Routes-to-School applications. She asked in MetroPlan Orlando could assist with the application process. Mr. Lepp responded that MetroPlan Orlando could assist with the application process. He added that he did not have information regarding the City of Orlando Bike Share program, but could get back to Mr. Mueller with that information.

Mr. Rob McKey commented on traffic issues traveling on Florida's Turnpike to I-75 when he travels from Ocoee to the Villages. He asked if there were any plans to widen that road to accommodate the traffic volume. Ms. Carol Scott responded that the new interchange at Mineola was opening that should help mitigate traffic in the area and design work has been done on further phases of the Turnpike to the Leesburg toll plaza. Mr. McKey added that funding that is being allocated to landscaping could possibly be diverted to the road project. Ms. Scott responded that DOT has a policy set for landscaping that requires a percentage of the project funding specifically for landscaping.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

The latest FDOT monthly construction status report for the Orlando area was provided.

B. *Air Quality Report*

The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided at the meeting.

C. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

Highlights from the May 2017 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 28, 2017.

B. Public Hearing for FY 2017/18-2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program & 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments

A public hearing to review the FY 2017/18-2021/22 TIP and amendments to the 2040 LRTP was held on Monday, June 5, 2017 in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32801. Maps were available for review at 5:30 p.m. and the public hearing began at 6:00 p.m.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell commented on the number of issues locally in terms of bicycle and pedestrian collisions with trains. Mr. Dan Stephens commented that Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando staff, had researched information on rails and trails, where trails were built adjacent to rail lines. Mr. Gary Huttman added that he did not know how local rail incidents compared to other areas, but local incident data most likely is reported to the Commuter Rail Commission.

Mr. Bill Dehlinger commented that he would like an update on SunRail. Chairman O'Hanlon requested a SunRail update at the next CAC meeting.

Fr. Jabriel Ballentine commented that based on his experience in other areas with rail systems, expectations from local residents for SunRail, which is a commuter rail system, were more in line with how a light rail system would perform.

Mr. Tony Tizzio commented that a task force formed many years ago had looked at the rails and trails issue.

Mr. Atlee Mercer commented that there is an education process in terms of implementing a new rail system and people learn over time what not to do, such as stopping on the tracks.

Mr. Mark Loeb commented that transit-oriented development should help with SunRail ridership numbers. He noted that \$2 billion had already been invested in transit-oriented development locally. Mr. Loeb added that low gas prices impact ridership negatively as well.

Ms. Lisa Portelli asked if there could be a presentation at a future meeting explaining the barriers to constructing trails adjacent to rail lines.

Mr. Dan Stephens told CAC members that he could forward them a report he did 5-6 years ago on the success or failure of a transit system.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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

Approved this 28th day of June 2017.


Mr. Tom O'Hanlon, Chairperson


Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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