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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 27, 2019
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801
TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Atlee Mercer presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole County
Mr. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole,
MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. C.J. Maier, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem for Ms. Kayla Mitchell,
MetroPlan Appointee
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

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jim Martin, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Mr. Bruce Detweiler, LYNX

Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Asima Azam, Orange County
Fr. Jabriel Ballentine, Orange County
Ms. Karolyn Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Mr. Robert McKey, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Lisa Portelli, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Wade Vose, Orange County
Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, Alternate
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, City of St. Cloud

Mr. Will Sloup, Metric
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Elizabeth Whitton, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Loschiavo, 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 Atlee Mercer called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Dan Stephens led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Mercer welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about his SunRail ride to the meeting.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert introduced new CAC member Mr. Edmund Cid. She noted that this would be Mr. C. J. Maier's last meeting and thanked him for his service. Ms. Lambert reported that a call for new member applications was posted last week to fill current vacancies. Ms. Theresa Mott asked how many CAC vacancies there were. Ms. Lambert responded that there were 3 or 4 vacancies currently and asked that CAC members contact her if they were no longer able to serve for any reason. She called attention to MetroPlan Orlando's upcoming Federal Certification, which is conducted every four years, scheduled on Tuesday, March 5th. She told CAC members that Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration staff will be participating in a site visit at MetroPlan Orlando and a 30-day online public comment period will be opened up following the site visit. She called attention to the recently announced Move Nona autonomous shuttle being launched in Lake Nona and an informational flyer that was provided. Ms. Lambert informed Committee members that the Voyage presentation had been cancelled due to the speaker being ill.

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 January 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

Approval was requested of the January 23, 2019 meeting minutes, which were provided. Mr. Jeff Piggrem requested a revision to his member comment, changing “he felt was not the best route” to state that “previous studies had shown was not the best route”.

MOTION: Mr. Jeff Piggrem moved for approval of the January 23, 2019 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Tom O’Hanlon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Modification: Florida’s Turnpike & Kirkman Road Extension*

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC to recommend that the 2040 LRTP be modified to include the widening and interchange modifications project on Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) from SR 408 to SR 50, requested by FTE, as well as the Kirkman Road Extension project from Sand Lake Road to Destination Parkway, requested by Orange County. Attachments were provided. Mr. Trauger clarified that the request was for a modification, not an amendment, to the LRTP and there were two separate requests. An 11” x 17” copy of the Orange County Kirkman Road extension project was included in the supplemental folders. Mr. Jeff Piggrem questioned the project limit to Destination Parkway and not Universal Boulevard, where there was an intermodal center. Mr. Trauger responded that the project limits were set by Orange County and their request was to Destination Parkway. He added that the project was previously in the cost feasible plan but due to an oversight was removed from MetroPlan Orlando’s 2025 LRTP; and now with private developer funding and the prospect of discretionary grant funding the project needs to be included in the LRTP. Mr. Tom O’Hanlon asked about approving the FTE request and tabling the Kirkman Road project. Some CAC members expressed confusion regarding the Kirkman Road project. Mr. Russ Hauck suggested passing the request for both projects and requesting clarification on the Kirkman Road project. Mr. Dan Stephens asked if the project had received approval from other committees and were any concerns raised. Staff responded that it had been approved by TAC and TSMO. Ms. Sarah Elbadri suggested CAC’s concerns be expressed to the MetroPlan Orlando Board. Mr. Trauger responded that a summary report for the CAC meeting is provided at the Board meeting. Mr. Mercer added that he regularly attends the MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting and provides a CAC report. Mr. Trauger assured CAC members that staff will follow up with additional information at the next CAC meeting. Mr. R. J. Mueller asked if there was an urgency to approve the Kirkman Road project. Mr. Trauger responded that there was no fast track for the project. Mr. O’Hanlon commented that projects that are questioned by CAC are usually questioned and delayed at the Board level.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O’Hanlon moved for approval of the FTE modification to the LRTP and to table the Kirkman Road project. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Mr. Russ Hauck moved for approval of modification to the LRTP with a request for clarification on the Kirkman Road project. Mr. C. J. Maier seconded the motion, which failed 5:11 (Hauck, Maier, Mercer, Pieters and White Approved).

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of the FTE modification to the LRTP and tabling the Kirkman Road project until CAC received clarification on why the project was not extending to Universal Boulevard and the Intermodal Center. Mr. R. J. Mueller seconded the motion, which passed 9:7 (Eisenberg, Hauck, Legacy Cole, Maier, Mercer, Mott and Pieters opposed).

Mr. Piggrem called attention to FDOT spending \$75 million to widen Sand Lake Road, which included demolition of the current bridges. He requested the loss depreciation amount resulting from the bridge demo and subsequent rebuilding of the bridges included in the Kirkman Road project.

C. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP): Overview & Request for Working Group Volunteers

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided an overview introducing key elements and new emphasis areas for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP - formerly LRTP) development process. Following the presentation and discussion, MetroPlan Orlando staff requested volunteers from the CAC to actively participate on the MTP Working Group through the plan's adoption scheduled for fall 2020. An attachment was provided. Mr. Trauger told CAC members that Metropolitan Transportation Plan was the commonly used term for MPOs and it is the core planning product. The MTP, he noted, identifies needs, while projects are prioritized in the Prioritized Project List, and funding is associated with projects in the Transportation Improvement Plan. Mr. Trauger reviewed the federal requirements, planning emphasis areas, tasks and activities and things to think about related to the 2045 MTP. He called attention to a MTP Working Group that was being formed and requested three volunteers from CAC, preferably representing the three counties. Mr. Trauger added that information on the vision and commitment was included in tab 3 and the group would meet on a monthly basis to begin with and transition to every other month later on. Ms. Elbadri asked when the Working Group would start meeting. Mr. Trauger responded that the scope needed to be approved first and he estimated the group would start meeting sometime in June. Dr. Dan Stephens, Mr. Jeff Piggrem and Mr. Tom O'Hanlon volunteered to serve, with Mr. O'Hanlon deferring his spot if anyone else was interested. Discussion ensued regarding others contributing ideas and updates on the Working Group progress. Mr. Trauger responded that regular updates will be provided at the Board and committee meetings.

MOTION: Mr. T.J. Legacy Cole moved for approval of Dr. Dan Stephens, Mr. Jeff Piggrem and Mr. Tom O'Hanlon serving on the MTP Working Group. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. CAC New Member Application Review Subcommittee

Action was requested to appoint a CAC New Member Application Review Subcommittee. The subcommittee will review applications for CAC vacancies and will make recommendations on new members at the April 2019 CAC meeting. Ms. Lambert told Committee members that the CAC New Member Application Review Subcommittee will meet for one meeting in early April. Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Mr. Tony Tizzio, Dr. Dan Stephens, Mr. RJ Mueller and Mr. Jeffrey Campbell volunteered to serve.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Mr. Tony Tizzio, Dr. Dan Stephens, Mr. RJ Mueller and Mr. Jeffrey Campbell serving on the CAC New Member Application Review Subcommittee. Mr. T.J. Legacy Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. *Presentation on Orange-Lake Connector*

Mr. Will Sloup, Metric Engineering, gave a presentation on the proposed Orange-Lake Connector that will run from US 27 to SR 429. Mr. Sloup provided an overview of the project and a current status report. He reviewed the four project alternatives, typical section diagram, next steps, the project schedule, which was 11 months into a 16 month timeline, and stakeholder/public involvement efforts. Mr. Sloup noted that additional information was available on the project website <https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH>. He also provided CFX public involvement coordinator staff contact information. Discussion ensued regarding traffic counts and tolling covering the cost to build, impact with other east-west corridors, feedback received from the public and interchanges proposed. Mr. Sloup noted that there needed to be an alternative selection first before build discussion took place, data from past studies could be used and they had not received any negative feedback from the public. He added that an interchange is being looked at by Lake County through the extension of CR 455 and also at the future Valencia Parkway.

B. *Presentation on Voyage (Door-to-door Autonomous Taxi Service) - deferred*

CAC members viewed a short video for the planned Lake Nona autonomous shuttle.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. *FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report*

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

B. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights*

Highlights from the February 2019 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

C. *LYNX Press Releases*

The latest press releases from LYNX were provided.

D. *Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities Update*

The latest update on bicycle and pedestrian activities in the Central Florida region was provided.

E. *Article of Interest*

This article from Teslarati, the Tesla blog, discusses insights on Tesla's upcoming features, including Full Self-Driving and Advanced Summon development:

<https://www.teslarati.com/tesla-elon-musk-full-self-driving-advanced-summon-update/>

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon gave an update on Tesla, noting that expectations are that the cars will be capable of driving themselves by the end of the year. He told committee members that legislative efforts are underway to facilitate autonomous vehicles and Florida is a leader in these efforts. Mr. O'Hanlon added that robot charging stations that will automatically charge your car, have been installed in some locations to accommodate travelers. Mr. Russ Hauck asked about insurance costs for autonomous vehicles. Mr. O'Hanlon responded that his insurance today is less than his regular car. Mr. Jeffrey Campbell noted the importance of the word "today" as things may change with the availability of more safety data in the future.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. *Next Community Advisory Committee meeting*

The next CAC meeting was scheduled on April 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. As a reminder, the dates of the remaining CAC meetings for 2019 were: 5/22/19, 6/26/19, 8/28/19, 10/23/19, 12/4/19. (There are no meetings scheduled in March, July, September or November.)

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon requested an update on proposed FTE/CFX SR 417 sections trade, now that there is a new Governor and FDOT Secretary.

Mr. R. J. Mueller commented on Osceola's proposed one-cent tax increase to help fund transportation projects and the unwillingness of Orange County to look at implementing a tax increase to fund important needs.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem commented on the lack of a response to his request last year for actual operating cost for SunRail for when local partners assume responsibility. Mr. Mercer commented that the Commuter Rail Commission is still working on those figures and that it is a complex issue that involves opening up the Interlocal Agreements.

Ms. Venise White commented that Seminole County Health Department is still recognizing local cities and communities for their Community Champions program, while they wait for the appointment of a new Surgeon General. She added that applications for Community Champions 2020 should be out soon, as well as health rankings for counties.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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

Approved this 24th day of April 2019.

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Mr. Atlee Mercer, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Goldfarb", written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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