



MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, April 3, 2014

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando Board Room
315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 355
Orlando, Florida

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Joe Durso, Chairman, presided

Members in attendance:

Mr. Randy Knight for Mayor Kenneth Bradley, City of Winter Park
Council President John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Commissioner Joe Durso, City of Longwood
Commissioner Joel Keller, City of Ocoee
Mayor Charles Lacey, City of Winter Springs
Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Town of Oakland
Mayor Bruce Mount, Town of Eatonville
Mayor Howard Schieferdecker, City of Maitland

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Rebecca Borders, City of St. Cloud
Mayor Bill Brooks, City of Belle Isle
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere
Mayor Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry
Commissioner Robert "Bobby" Olszewski, City of Winter Garden
Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo
Commissioner Allan Plank, City of Lake Mary

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Mark Calvert, Evolve
Mr. Mike Woodward, Kimley-Horn & Assoc.
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Gabriella Serrado, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Nikhila Rose, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Durso called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Durso led the Committee in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Durso had no announcements. He asked Mayor Howard Schieferdecker to give a brief report on the League of Cities meeting recently held in Tallahassee. Mayor Schieferdecker told MAC members that the state had indicated, at a League of Cities meeting with Senator Andy Gardiner, that they were willing to provide up to \$10 million in funding for quiet zones this year. The key to securing the funds, he noted, was that the cities needed to submit applications for them that will show a need for the funding which will continue if deemed needed. Mayor Schieferdecker reported that the topic of expanding the MetroPlan Orlando board to twenty-two members was also discussed in Tallahassee. He told MAC members that MetroPlan Orlando was not looked favorably upon by Senator Gardiner who preferred to disband the agency which he felt was not effective. Federal legislation creating MPOs however prevents Senator Gardiner from dissolving MetroPlan Orlando. Chairman Durso commented that it would require both a senate and house majority plus the Governor's signature to implement any change and he felt that there would be extensive future conversations regarding any changes at MetroPlan Orlando. He thanked Mayor Schieferdecker for providing the update.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

V. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Virginia Whittington reported that there were no changes to the agenda. She called attention to an upcoming change for the next MAC meeting when Mr. Gene Ferguson will be assuming the FDOT liaison role for the Space Coast TPO and Ms. Lorena Valencia will become to new FDOT liaison to MetroPlan Orlando. Ms. Whittington noted that there was no FDOT liaison in attendance for the current meeting as all liaisons were at a meeting in Jacksonville.

VI. Partner Reports

There were no FDOT, LYNX or Florida's Turnpike Enterprise representatives in attendance.

VII. Action Items

A. *Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting*

Action was requested for approval of the March 6, 2014 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Joel Keller for approval of the March 6, 2014 meeting minutes. Mayor Howard Schieferdecker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP*

Ms. Virginia Whittington told MAC members that a request was made by FDOT to amend the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP to include various safety and traffic operations projects. The amendments were described in the letter from FDOT that was provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Joel Keller for approval of the amendments to the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP. Mayor Bruce Mount seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. Presentations/Status Reports

A. *Presentation on SunRail Marketing Plan*

Mr. Mark Calvert, Evolve, gave a presentation on the marketing plan for SunRail. Mr. Calvert reviewed the definition of commuter rail, SunRail car interior and exterior, amenities provided on the rail cars and at stations, and ticket cost. He explained the ticket technology and pass availability and incentives including free service for the first 2^{1/2} weeks (May 1-16). Multi-day or yearly passes, he noted, start the first day they are activated. The train system, he explained, is built for growth so it can easily be expanded if the need arises. Mr. Calvert informed MAC members that tentative train schedules were available at SunRail.com. He also reviewed the marketing progress, event schedule and safety outreach efforts. Mr. Calvert told committee members that trip planner and train tracker technology should be available at SunRail.com in the next couple of weeks. Commissioner McMullen asked where the grand opening was being held. Mr. Calvert responded that the grand opening would be a whistle stop tour that would culminate at the Sand Lake Road station and the large scale celebration would be held there.

B. Status Report on 2040 LRTP

Mr. Mike Woodward, Kimley-Horn and Associates, presented a status report on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The presentation focused on the Management & Operations, bicycle and pedestrian and safety and security elements of the LRTP. Mr. Woodward explained the acronyms associated with management and operations (M & O), congestion management benefits and process, and the MAP 21 task schedule. He reviewed MetroPlan Orlando's existing congestion management process and funding allocation along with future actions necessary for the congestion management process.

Mr. Woodward next covered the bicycle and pedestrian elements of the 2040 LRTP. He reviewed the bicycle/pedestrian acronyms, what the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) covers, the TIP prioritization process, and expectations of the bicycle/pedestrian update. Mr. Woodward also explained the current criteria for the 2030 LRTP and the bicycle/pedestrian criteria for the 2040 LRTP along with funding allocations, emerging issues and future actions. Commissioner Keller asked about funding for the Coast-to-Coast Trail. Mr. Woodward explained that funding for the Coast-to-Coast Trail would be allocated from a different source.

C. 2013 Safety Report

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a report on safety statistics in the MetroPlan Orlando region for 2013. Mr. Hill provided an overview of current safety activities and trends, State Strategic Highway Safety Plan emphasis areas, red light camera statistics and results and MAP 21 legislation safety initiatives. He also reviewed data on crash occurrences and fatalities.

D. Medicaid Managed Care Changes

Ms. Gaby Serrado, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided an overview of impending changes to the Medicaid Managed Care program and their potential impacts to Lynx Paratransit service. Ms. Serrado reported that changes to the Medicaid Managed Care program will go into effect August 1, 2014 and include six plans with a transit component that riders will have to select from for their medical trips. Trips other than medical, she noted, would still be provided by ACCESS LYNX. Currently the system is coordinated so that riders can call one number and schedule all their trip needs and there were concerns that the new system could create confusion and additional stress on transportation disadvantaged riders, especially initially. Letters had been sent out to system users April 1 notifying them of the change and the need to select a medical provider from the six companies that will provide service. Chairman Durso told MAC members that he was aware of the upcoming change and that if a provider is not selected system users will have additional thirty-days to respond prior to them being auto-enrolled.

E. *Report on the Development of Quiet Zone Concept Plans*

In December 2012, the MetroPlan Orlando Board authorized an allocation of up to \$500,000 from FY 2013 XU funds (Federal STP Urban Funds) to cover the costs of preparing quiet zone concept plans along the SunRail corridor. The consultant team concluded its work, and Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the results and next steps. Ms. Whittington noted that Federal Railroad Administration had reviewed the corridor with representatives from local jurisdictions and that they had received a good deal of well-rounded input on the project. She told committee members that the estimated cost was a little over \$15 million and that included a 25% contingency and a 20% final design fee. In response to Mayor Schieferdecker's remarks at the beginning of the meeting, residents along the Florida East Coast rail line have expressed concerns with noise that will result from the All Aboard Florida project. Ms. Whittington told committee members that staff continues to look into funding options for construction including a TIGER VI grant opportunity that Orange County and the City of Orlando have expressed interest in pursuing. If MAC members are also interested in pursuing the grant application, she explained, a lead agency would need to be identified since MetroPlan Orlando is unable to oversee construction. Chairman Durso asked if staff could contact Florida legislators to get an idea as to where leadership wants to go with funding. Discussion ensued in regards to funding applications, how to apply, who could lead application process, how much would be available and when and if the funds Senator Gardiner referred to would be available to other projects statewide and whether applications should be submitted for TIGER VI grant funds as well as state funds. Ms. Whittington noted that TIGER VI grant applications were due the end of April. The consensus of the members present was to have staff contact all of the stakeholders and facilitate a conference call to determine the level of interest in submitting a TIGER grant application.

IX. General Information

A. *Call for Entries for 2014 Clean Air Award*

The Central Florida Clean Air Team was seeking nominations for the 2014 Clean Air Award. Additional information was provided at:

<http://www.metroplanorlando.com/news/central-florida-clean-air-team-seeks-entries-for-the-2014-clean-air-award/>

B. *TIP/Prioritized Project List Schedule*

The upcoming schedule for the development of the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP and FY 2019/20-2039/40 Prioritized Project List was provided.

C. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan: Community Outreach Event Report

The latest community outreach report for development of the 2040 LRTP was provided.

D. Legislative Update

An update on the latest transportation-related activities by the Florida Legislature was provided.

E. MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the March MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

X. Upcoming Meetings/Activities of Interest to MAC Members

A. MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 9, 2014; 9:00 a.m.

B. SunRail Grand Opening - Wednesday, April 30, 2014; 11:00 a.m.; Sand Lake Road Station

C. Municipal Advisory Committee meeting - May 1, 2014; 9:00 a.m.

XI. Public Comments (General)

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chairman Durso adjourned the meeting of the Municipal Advisory Committee at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 1st day of May, 2014.

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.