



MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, May 1, 2014

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

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Rebecca Borders, Vice-Chairman, presided

Members in attendance:

Mayor Rebecca Borders, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Michelle del Valle for Mayor Kenneth Bradley, City of Winter Park
Council President John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere
Mayor Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry
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
Mr. Steve Noto, City of Lake Mary
Commissioner Robert "Bobby" Olszewski, City of Winter Garden
Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo
Mayor Howard Schieferdecker, City of Maitland

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Bill Brooks, City of Belle Isle
Commissioner Joe Durso, City of Longwood

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Lorena Valencia, FDOT
Ms. Carleen Flynn, LYNX
Ms. Andrea Ostrodka, LYNX
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Harry Barley, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Nikhila Rose, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Rebecca Borders called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Borders led the Committee in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance and asked that they take a moment to remember Commissioner Allan Plank who passed away recently.

III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chair Borders had no announcements however Chairman Durso had asked Ms. Whittington to address the MAC on his behalf. Ms. Whittington read the statement from Chairman Durso that he had requested be read into the record:

"First and foremost I apologize for not being able to attend today's meeting as I am in Tallahassee for the last week of session. That being said I'd like to ask that in addition to any update that MetroPlan staff may give at next month's meeting that we ask Kathy Till from the Florida League of Cities to attend our next meeting to provide us with a broader overview of some of the issues that affected our cities regarding transportation and overall infrastructure.

Secondly, as is customary the chair of this committee needs to appoint a nominating committee for next year's committee leadership. So this morning I'd like to appoint Mayor Borders, Council President Dowless, Mayor Glancy and Commissioner McMullen to serve along with me on the nominating committee.

Finally I'd like to thank Mayor Borders for chairing today's meeting in my absence and Mayor Scheiferdecker for being on standby.

Thank you all and see you soon."

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

V. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Virginia Whittington recognized Ms. Lorena Valencia the new FDOT liaison for MetroPlan Orlando. She explained that the department has implemented cross-training among its MPO liaisons. Mr. Ferguson has been assigned to Space Coast TPO until August. She also informed committee members that Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has

offered to appoint a staff member to replace Ms. Alice Gilmartin, so we are expecting to have a new representative for MAC soon. Ms. Whittington updated MAC members on quiet zone progress noting that they continue to look at funding options. A TIGER grant application, she reported, was not a viable option due to issues with some of the partner cities/counties such as the availability of the matching funds required. Council President Dowless asked about the \$10 million proposed state funds currently under consideration in the legislature and if they were also being considered for use in quiet zones in other areas, such as the All Aboard Florida project. Ms. Whittington said it is likely that there would be interest from several areas around the state. She stated that the local quiet zone project is farther along in the process and could make the strongest argument for funding especially since SunRail is already in service and the quiet zone project has been regionally coordinated. She told MAC members that when the legislation is signed by the governor we'd have a better idea of how to position a quiet zones project funding request. Mayor Schieferdecker noted that the proposed legislation was for \$40 million for the entire state with \$10 million being the first allocation of that \$40 million and that they would be competing for the funds. Ms. Whittington reported that there are already some quiet zones in Florida and that Polk County has also expressed interested in implementing them.

She acknowledged Mr. Steve Noto, representing the City of Lake Mary and Ms. Michelle del Valle representing the City of Winter Park. In regard to the agenda for the meeting, she noted that item IX,C, was being deferred to next month.

VI. Partner Reports

FDOT

Ms. Lorena Valencia, FDOT, told committee members that FDOT was requesting a TIP amendment for a rail safety project in Apopka. The project would add new signal crossing equipment and pedestrian gates in an area where a new sportsplex is planned. She reported that SunRail service has begun. Ms. Valencia told committee members that the I-4 Mobility Group was selected for the I-4 Ultimate project with design for the project slated for 2014 and construction projected to start in 2015.

LYNX

Ms. Carleen Flynn, LYNX, reported that LYNX is excited about the start of SunRail service and they are monitoring bus service connections to the rail line.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

No Florida's Turnpike Enterprise representative was in attendance.

VII. Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Action was requested for approval of the April 3, 2014 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Joel Keller moved for approval of the April 3, 2014 meeting minutes. Mayor Howard Schieferdecker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Lorena Valencia, FDOT, requested the MAC to recommend that the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP be amended to include a rail safety project. The amendment was described in the letter from FDOT that was provided. Ms. Valencia provided information on the requested TIP amendment during her partner report.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of amending the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP. Mayor Charlene Glancy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. *Chair Appointment of Nominating Subcommittee*

The Chairman appointed a Nominating Subcommittee to recommend a slate of officers for the term July 2014 through June 2015. Chairman Durso appointed Mayor Rebecca Borders, Council President John Dowless, Mayor Charlene Glancy and Commissioner Joseph McMullen to serve along with him on the Nominating Subcommittee. Subsequent approval of the subcommittee's recommendations would be brought before the MAC in June. Approval of the Subcommittee membership was requested. Ms. Whittington stated that members would be contacted to schedule a meeting

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the appointments to the Nominating Subcommittee. Mayor Charlene Glancy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. Presentations/Status Reports

A. *Status Report on 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan*

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a status report on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The presentation focused on the highway and transit Cost Feasible Plan. Mr. Trauger told MAC members that they will be asked to adopt the 2040 LRTP, with any changes, at the next meeting. He reviewed the focus of the 2040 LRTP, financial resources, transit and its related priorities and funding, highway needs and how priorities are established. In addition he provided information on the number of projects needed in the three counties and how many were currently cost feasible. Lastly, Mr. Trauger provided information on establishing priorities, policy focus and the next steps in the 2040 LRTP process. He asked for MAC member's input on the steering and direction they felt was important for the 2040 LRTP. Mayor Schieferdecker expressed his concern regarding what he felt was inadequate feeder bus service for SunRail. He felt there

needed to be increased focus and funding for SunRail connections to make the rail service work and then the focus of any leftover funds could shift to mega projects in the area. Mayor Bruhn asked about the Transportation Funding Task Force and if that group was still meeting. Ms. Whittington responded that the values study had been commissioned and would be rolled out on June 19th and that would help determine the next steps to take in terms of funding sources. Council President Dowless expressed his agreement with Mayor Schieferdecker's comments that making SunRail successful needed to be a priority. He asked if a resolution, to the MetroPlan Orlando Board, recommending available funding be used to ensure SunRail is successful would be beneficial. Ms. Whittington responded that Chairman Durso provides a report on the latest MAC meeting to the MetroPlan Orlando board and his comments help the board in their decision making process. She noted that approval of the 2040 LRTP would be requested at the June meeting and a resolution from MAC could be provided to the MetroPlan Orlando board along with the approval at that time.

MOTION: Mayor Howard Schieferdecker moved for approval of supporting additional funding sources being put in place at this time for the final mile connection for SunRail Phase I. Council President Dowless seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Howard Schieferdecker moved for approval of preparing a resolution, in support of funding sources being put in place at this time for final mile connections for SunRail Phase I, to review at the next MAC meeting and if approved submit to the MetroPlan Orlando board in June. Mayor Bruce Mount seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding funding issues for the last mile service and the cities involved helping support any additional service, impact of SunRail on cities without stops and Flexbus. Mr. Trauger informed MAC members that Flexbus was not included in the 2040 cost feasible projects however it was included in the 2040 LRTP needs projects.

B. Presentation on 2040 LRTP Outreach: MetroPlan LIVE!

Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on MetroPlan LIVE!, the organization's first interactive town hall meeting for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. She told committee members that this type of outreach allowed people to participate from home via the telephone or online. Promotion for the town call began in January 2013, she noted, and the event was well publicized through a variety of methods. Ms. Lambert reported that there were 407 peak participants with an average of 75; 45 of which were participating online. She noted a majority of the web users stayed on for the entire broadcast and there were a total of 59 questions or comments received along with a spike in MetroPlan Orlando website traffic. The MetroPlan Live! event was videotaped and will be available on the MetroPlan Orlando website in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Lambert told CAC members that a 2040 LRTP public hearing is scheduled for

Wednesday, June 4th at LYNX Central Station. Mayor Schieferdecker asked what were the topics of the majority of the 59 questions and comments. Ms. Lambert responded that the major interest was in the projects especially SunRail.

C. Presentation on Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts - deferred

D. Air Quality Status Report

Ms. Nikhila Rose, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a status report on air quality, focusing on ozone levels in the MetroPlan Orlando region. Ms. Rose provided an overview of what ozone is and the two types of ozone and how air quality related to the planning process. She reviewed the local monitoring stations, what the average results were for a four-year period at each station along with a graph detailing the historic monitoring/attainment results since 2005. EPA maintains an interactive website, she told committee members, where information is available for each monitoring station.

IX. General Information

A. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan: Community Outreach Event Reports

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

B. Legislative Update

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

C. Final FY 2014/15-2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program

A link to the final version of the FY 2014/15-2015/15 Unified Planning Work Program was provided.

D. FDOT Quarterly Construction Status Report

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

E. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

Highlights from the April MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

X. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to MAC Members

A. *SunRail Grand Opening*

The grand opening ceremony for SunRail was held on Wednesday, **April 30, 2014** at 11 a.m. at the Sand Lake Road Station.

B. *Plans & Programs Subcommittee*

The Plans & Programs Subcommittee held a meeting on Friday, **May 2, 2014** at 9:00 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room to continue updating the list of candidate projects for Transportation Regional Incentive Program funds and begin development of the FY 2019/20-2039/40 Prioritized Project List.

C. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 14, 2014; 9:00 a.m.*

D. *Municipal Advisory Committee meeting - June 5, 2014; 9:00 a.m.*

XI. Public Comments (General)

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Whittington requested MAC member's assistance with submitting their RSVPs when the meeting notice is sent out.

There being no further business Vice-Chairman Borders adjourned the meeting of the Municipal Advisory Committee at 10:35 a.m.

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

Approved this 5th day of June, 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.