



**MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, September 4, 2014

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

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

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**Mayor Ken Bradley, Chairman, presided**

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**Members in attendance:**

Councilman Jeff Rinehart for Mayor Rebecca Borders, City of St. Cloud  
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  
Commissioner Robert "Bobby" Olszewski, City of Winter Garden  
Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo  
Mayor Howard Schieferdecker, City of Maitland  
Mr. Tom Tomerlin, City of Lake Mary

**Members not in attendance:**

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

**Others in attendance were:**

Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT  
Mr. Tony Rodriguez, LYNX  
Ms. Michelle Maikisch, Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX)  
Ms. Alana Curry, Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX)  
Ms. Alissa Barber Torres, Orange County  
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Gabriella Arismendi, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Anthony Washington, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ken Bradley called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Bradley provided the invocation and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bradley had no announcements.

**IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

**V. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP**

Ms. Virginia Whittington told MAC members that there was a change in agenda item IX,D and noted that Mr. Keith Caskey will provide information on that change under the agenda item. She called attention to a revised transit priorities list for the Central Florida MPO Alliance agenda item in the supplemental folders.

**VI. Partner Reports**

**LYNX**

Mr. Tony Rodriguez, LYNX, reported that LYNX recently made service changes to 18 routes to help improve connectivity. He noted that overall the changes have been doing well.

**FDOT**

Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT, was not in attendance at this time. His report will be provided later in the meeting.

**Florida's Turnpike Enterprise**

No Florida's Turnpike Enterprise representative was in attendance.

## VII. Old Business

- Quiet Zone Update - Ms. Virginia Whittington

Ms. Whittington reported that the legislature approved the \$10 million quiet zone grant through FDOT that local jurisdictions can apply for. She recently hosted a conference call with Mr. Andre Goins, FDOT, and local jurisdictions that chose to participate regarding the grant application process. Ms. Whittington informed MAC members that a 50% match is a requirement for the grant and there is a \$3.3 million cap for an individual application. Due to the \$3.3 million cap, she noted, it is not in the best interest of the region to submit a regional application. She told committee members that Seminole County is considering a county-wide application and the City of Lake Mary was planning to submit individually, however, they will submit with Seminole County if the county-wide application is submitted. Ms. Whittington reported that City of Maitland will likely apply for a grant and the Cities of Winter Park and Orlando have already submitted quiet zone grant applications. She noted that the concept plans were revised based on a review by FDOT and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). A cost increase of approximately \$500,000 from the original estimate, she reported, was the result of changes to three of the crossings from three quadrant gates to four as required by FRA and changes where a combination street gate and bed gate had been recommended at several locations. Ms. Whittington told committee members that Broward County had set aside funding for quiet zones for their project so they would not be seeking any of the \$10 million grant funds. Council President Dowless inquired about a recent news report regarding federal requirements at crossings that resulted in increased costs. Ms. Whittington responded that the crossing issues reported by the news were the same as she had reported on earlier requiring an increase to four gates at three of the crossings and the subsequent cost increase to satisfy that FRA requirement.

## VIII. Action Items

### A. *Approve Minutes of the July 2, 2014 Meeting*

Approval was requested of the July 2, 2014 meeting minutes were provided.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Joel Keller moved for approval of the July 2, 2014 meeting minutes. Councilman Jeff Rinehart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### B. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP*

Mr. Gene Ferguson joined the meeting in progress.

Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT, requested the MAC to recommend that the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP be amended to include a new LYNX project, a project length change for a resurfacing project on SR 50, and funding for the PD&E phase for the SunRail

extension to Orlando International Airport. The amendments were described in the letter from FDOT that was provided.

**MOTION:** Mayor Howard Schieferdecker moved for approval of the amendments to the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP. Council President John Dowless seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Bradley asked Mr. Ferguson for his partner report at this time. Mr. Ferguson responded that he had nothing new to report.

#### ***C. FDOT Amendment to FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP***

Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT, requested the MAC to recommend that the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP be amended to include the projects that rolled forward from FY 2013/14 to FY 2014/15 based on the FY 2014/15-2018/19 Adopted Five Year Work Program, as well as other minor corrections. Additional information was provided including: FDOT Work Program; Roll Forward reports; and a letter explaining the amendments.

**MOTION:** Mayor Charlene Glancy moved for approval of the amendments to the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP that included projects that rolled forward from FY 2013/14 to FY 2014/15 based on the FY 2014/15-2018/19 Adopted Five Year Work Program, as well as other minor corrections. Mayor Gary Bruhn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### ***D. FY 2019/20-2039/40 Prioritized Project List***

Action was requested by Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to approve the FY 2019/20-2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL), a draft copy of which was provided. This document included a list of highway, Management and Operations, bicycle and pedestrian, and transit projects that have been ranked in order of priority. FDOT will use the PPL in developing their FY 2015/16-2019/20 Five Year Work Program.

The City of Sanford and Seminole County were requesting that the final RiverWalk Phase III project be moved from #35 to #10 on the Bicycle & Pedestrian component of the PPL. This is a result of some recent funding developments, including \$12 million now being committed by the City of Sanford and Seminole County for this project as a result of voter approval of the new sales tax and City funding commitments so that the work can be accelerated. A letter and set of slides from the City of Sanford explaining this request were provided

*(The original request, as shown in the letter, was to move the RiverWalk Phase III project from #35 to #9. However, at the BPAC meeting on August 27th, Osceola County requested that the Ventura Elementary School sidewalk project be put back on the PPL bicycle & pedestrian list at #2, where it was ranked last year. That project had been taken off the list because it was thought to be fully funded; however, additional funding is still needed to complete that project. The BPAC included Osceola County's request in their approval of the PPL, which means*

*that the BPAC is recommending that the RiverWalk Phase III project be moved up from #35 to #10 rather than #9. These changes were provided.)*

**MOTION:** Councilman Jeff Rinehart moved for approval of the FY 2019/20-2039/40 Prioritized Project List. Commissioner Joel Keller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **E. Approval of the 2015 CFMPOA Regional Priority Project List**

Action was requested by Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) 2015 regional transportation priorities. Copies of the lists were provided.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) 2015 regional transportation priorities. Council President John Dowless seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **IX. Presentations/Status Reports**

#### **A. Central Florida Expressway Authority Update**

Ms. Michelle Maikisch, Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) provided an overview of the new regional expressway authority. Ms. Maikisch told MAC members that Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) was created through Florida Senate Bill 230 which was signed into law by Governor Scott on June 20, 2014 and replaced the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority. CFX, she noted, is a regional authority with jurisdiction over Orange, Seminole, Osceola and Lake Counties along with the City of Orlando. The Osceola County Expressway Authority (OCX), she reported, will continue to function until 2018 and certain financial milestones are met. Ms. Maikisch noted that CFX will oversee 109 miles of expressway in Orange County, however they will not be taking over any projects in Seminole or Osceola. County appointments to the board, she told committee members, are for a 2-year term, Governor's appointments serve four-year terms and City of Orlando and Orange County Mayors serve for as long as they are in office. Ms. Maikisch reported that CFX oversees a \$1.2 billion work program and they are currently working on streamlining to a single transponder brand to help simplify the process for users. She introduced Ms. Alayna Curry, Community/Government Relations Coordinator, who is active with outreach efforts to the community. She asked MAC members to contact Ms. Curry if they knew of any group interested in learning more about CFX. Ms. Maikisch covered the next steps for CFX which included the Governor's two appointments to the board, continuing board member orientation, developing a new agency image, hiring a new executive director, adopting the 2015-2019 Work Plan, centralizing their customer service system, completing the Wekiva Parkway and working on their 2040 Master Plan.

### ***B. Presentation on Orange County Multimodal Corridor Plan***

Ms. Alissa Barber-Torres, Orange County staff, gave a presentation on Orange County's Multimodal Corridor Plan. Ms. Torres reviewed the plan context, overview, implementation and coordination with other local initiatives. She noted that historically plans had been roadway focused, however, the new approach was more of a multimodal focus, with the goal of making corridors safer for all modes of traffic. Ms. Torres told committee members that Orange County partnered with FDOT on the plan. She reviewed the five themes of the plan: safety, livability, technology, economy and amenities; the three phases of implementation; summary of tools used in the plan; draft conceptual multimodal themed corridors and coordination efforts with other initiatives. Impact fee revenue, she noted, was currently less restricted and could provide additional dollars to help fund the plan.

### ***C. Presentation on Bike & Ped Counts Program***

Ms. Gaby Arismendi, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the current status of collecting bicycle and pedestrian counts in the MetroPlan Orlando region. She told committee members that this was the second round of bicycle and pedestrian counts to be conducted and the actual counts were scheduled for September 11 and 13 and there would be count training sessions on September 8 at MetroPlan Orlando, September 9 at UCF and September 10 at Osceola County. Ms. Arismendi reported that technology to use in future counts has been narrowed down to a combination of pyro sensors and tube sensors in order to obtain the best data for the least cost. Data obtained through these methods, she noted, would be available daily and could be accessed remotely to alleviate the need to physically visit each data collection site. Ms. Arismendi told committee members that a determination would need to be made in regards to where to install the technology and that obtaining bicyclist information was more difficult. To assist with the best areas to install bicycle count technology, she noted, they partnered with Strava who obtained and sold data for cyclists in the area. She told MAC members that the upcoming count will be beneficial because it will help measure if bicycles are being utilized to make the "last mile" connection to SunRail. Future tasks for the initiative included purchasing the technology and monitoring the rotating the count sites.

### ***D. Regional Northeast Corridor Study Findings and Opportunities***

Ms. Gaby Arismendi, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a report on the findings and opportunities resulting from the Regional Northeast Corridor study. Ms. Arismendi told MAC members that the study came about as a result of a clause in the SunRail mainline purchase agreement allowing FDOT to purchase the Aloma Spur for \$10. The Regional Northeast Corridor Study task force, she noted, met five times in order to formulate an existing condition analysis of the 11.3 mile Aloma Spur corridor which begins at the Sanford SunRail station, navigates south

next to the Orlando Sanford International Airport and terminates in the City of Winter Springs. Ms. Arismendi reported that the task force analysis criteria included: socio economic impact, land use, mobility, travel demand and environmental issues. She told committee members that she has presented the task force findings, one-on-one and through public meetings, to number of groups within the corridor and surrounding areas.

***E. Presentation on Results of 2014 Travel Time Study and Benefit/Cost Analysis***

Mr. Anthony Washington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the results of the Travel Time Study and Benefit/Cost Analysis conducted in 2014. Mr. Washington reviewed the study purpose, benefits of signal retiming, roadway segments used in the study, maps of roadways for each county, a graph comparison of before and after retiming, annual fuel savings, examples of how the benefit/cost ratio was calculated and the five-year benefit/cost ratio. He told committee members that copies of the roadway limits and county specific maps were provided in the supplemental folders. SunRail, I-4 and local jurisdiction recommendations, he noted, would be taken into consideration for future corridor selection. Mr. Washington also reviewed data on impact of signal retiming on the side streets of the corridors retimed. This data, he noted, indicated that the retiming did not have any substantial negative impact on side streets. Mayor Persampiere inquired about use of technology to adjust signal timing "on the go". Mr. Washington responded that technology is used to obtain travel speeds. Mr. Babuji Ambikapathy, GMB, told MAC members that technology is being tested in some high traffic areas, however, the cost to use technology is high.

**X. Discussion Item**

***A. Voting Membership on the MetroPlan Orlando Board***

Following an action by the Florida State Legislature, the MAC wished to discuss voting membership on the MetroPlan Orlando Board. An excerpt from the 2014 MPOAC Summary of State Legislation, which explained the action taken by the legislature to allow an increase in MPO/TPO board size, was provided in response to a request at the last MAC meeting. Council President Dowless inquired about MAC member's ability to lobby board members regarding a MAC voting seat. Ms. Whittington responded that MAC members were allowed to contact MetroPlan Orlando board members, except for Mayor Bradley since he serves on the MetroPlan Orlando board. Discussion ensued in regards to possible options to pay for a voting seat on the board and what would be needed to officially make the change in the number of board members. Ms. Whittington responded that staff could provide possible funding scenarios at the next MAC meeting and a simple majority vote on the part of the board was required to change the bylaws to add seats. Consensus was to table the funding discussion until the next MAC meeting, but to take the first step necessary in pursuing the voting seat, which is to request the MetroPlan Orlando Executive Committee or the Board add the item to their next agenda for consideration.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of MAC moving forward with pursuing a voting seat on the MetroPlan Orlando board. Mayor Howard Schieferdecker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**XI. General Information**

**A. *SunRail Ridership Report***

The latest SunRail Ridership Report was provided.

**B. *FDOT Quarterly Variance Report***

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

**C. *FDOT Quarterly Construction Status Report***

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

**D. *Air Quality Status Report***

A status report on the latest ozone readings for the MetroPlan Orlando region was provided at the meeting.

**E. *Summary of Recent Regional Market Research***

A video providing a summary of recent market research conducted within the MetroPlan Orlando region as available at this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UUpvVb2j0vgSEwJf0iaULFzg&v=X9RtthD9NcY&feature=player\\_detailpage](https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UUpvVb2j0vgSEwJf0iaULFzg&v=X9RtthD9NcY&feature=player_detailpage)

The full report was available at this link:

<http://www.centralfloridapartnership.org/clientuploads/regionaleadershipforums/EnvisioningtheFutureofCentralFlorida.pdf>

**F. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights***

Highlights from the July MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

**XII. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to MAC Members**

**A. MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 10, 2014; 9:00 a.m.**

- B. Municipal Advisory Committee meeting - Thursday, November 6, 2014; 9:00 a.m.  
(Please note there will not be an October meeting.)

**XIII. Public Comments (General)**

None.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bradley commented on the improvement in air quality as evidenced in the air quality report provided.

Mayor Schieferdecker thanked MAC members for their support in his quest to get feeder bus service for the SunRail station in Maitland. He noted that feeder bus service will start at the end of September.

There being no further business Chairman Bradley adjourned the meeting of the Municipal Advisory Committee at 10:44 a.m.

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

Approved this 6th day of November, 2014.

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