



**MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, May 5, 2016  
**LOCATION:** MetroPlan Orlando Board Room  
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

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Mayor Charles Lacey, Chairman, presided

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**Members in attendance:**

Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere  
Council President John Dowless, City of Edgewood  
Mayor Joe Durso, City of Longwood  
Mr. Roger Dixon, CAO, for Mayor Anthony Grant, Town of Eatonville  
Mayor Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry  
Commissioner Joel Keller, City of Ocoee  
Mayor Charles Lacey, City of Winter Springs  
Mayor Steve Leary, City of Winter Park  
Mayor A. Dale McDonald, City of Maitland  
Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo  
Mayor Lydia Pisano, City of Belle Isle  
Commissioner Sal Ramos for Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Town of Oakland  
Commissioner Sid Miller, City of Lake Mary

**Members not in attendance:**

Mayor Rebecca Borders, City of St. Cloud  
Commissioner Robert "Bobby" Olszewski, City of Winter Garden

**Others in attendance were:**

Mr. Jamil Gutierrez, FDOT  
Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX  
Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
Mr. Randy Schrader, City of Kissimmee  
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Elizabeth Whitton, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Crystal Mercedes, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Harry Barley, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Charles Lacey called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Lacey led the committee in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Lacey welcomed Mayor Lydia Pisano, new MAC member representing the City of Belle Isle. He informed committee members that the MetroPlan Orlando board had discussed the scheduled SR 417 widening project and learned that the final decision on the project was at the discretion of the Turnpike Enterprise, unless mutual agreement could be reached between the MPO and the Turnpike. After the Board meeting, the FDOT Secretary announced that the project was being terminated.

**IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

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

Ms. Virginia Whittington told MAC members that Mayor Bruhn had four students from local middle and high schools shadowing him for the day. She asked that he introduce them to the committee. She thanked MAC members for the sympathy cards sent after the recent passing of her mother. Ms. Whittington introduced two new MetroPlan Orlando transportation planning staff members, Ms. Elizabeth Whitton and Ms. Crystal Mercedes. Ms. Mercedes, she noted, would be working with Mr. Eric Hill. She told MAC members that Mr. Alex Trauger had accepted a position with HDR and offered him congratulations on the new position. Ms. Whittington introduced Ms. Mary Ann Horne to announce the 2016 Clean Air Award recipients. Ms. Horne reported that the City of Casselberry received honorable mention for their efforts with warm asphalt mix. She told MAC members that the City of Casselberry award will be presented at the next city commission meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Horne added that the University of Central Florida Transportation and Parking Department also received an honorable mention award which will be presented to them on May 25<sup>th</sup>. She told committee members that the winner of the 2016 Clean Air Award was Wekiva Island and they were looking to schedule the presentation of the award the last week of May.

## VI. Partner Reports

### LYNX

Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX, told MAC members that LYNX will release a request for proposals for a system-wide survey on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He reported that LYNX expects the contract to be awarded at the July 28<sup>th</sup> LYNX board meeting and the survey beginning in the fall 2016.

### FDOT

Mr. Jamil Gutierrez, FDOT, reported that the I-4 Ultimate project has been under construction for 20 months and it is on schedule. He told MAC members that major interchanges at Kirkman Road, SR 408, Ivanhoe Boulevard, and Maitland are currently being worked on. Mr. Gutierrez reported that the Wekiva Parkway Sections 4A and 4B are currently open. Sections 3A, 3B, and 5, he added, are in the right-of-way acquisition stage with letting in June 2017 and Section 6 is preparing for right-of-way acquisition and to be advertised for design/build in 2016. He informed committee members that Section 7 will be entering a plans update and right-of-way acquisition phase in December 2017 and FDOT is currently seeking a consultant for design for that section. Section 8, he noted, is currently going through a line and grade update and in 2017 FDOT will advertise for design/build procurement. Coordination, he added, continues with local, state and federal partners as well as community outreach efforts. Mr. Gutierrez noted that in regard to SunRail, ridership has remained at the 3,000 plus level with the April ridership total at 3,784. He told MAC members that SunRail Phase II south is underway and Phase III, the connection to the Orlando International Airport, continues to be developed. SunRail Phase II north in Volusia, he reported, is currently on hold while financing options are explored. He added that SunRail ridership outreach efforts continue.

### Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, reported that a large interchange at the Turnpike and SR 417 is under construction. She noted that there are eight movements possible at the interchange and two have been built and three will be opening soon. Ms. Scott added that all electronic tolling will be used.

## VII. Public Comments on Action Items

None.

## VIII. Action Items

### *A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting*

Action was requested for approval of the March 3, 2016 meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the March 3, 2016 meeting minutes. Mayor Joe Durso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## ***B. Chair Appointment of Nominating Subcommittee***

The Chairman requested volunteers to serve on a Nominating Subcommittee to recommend a slate of officers for the term July 2016 through June 2017. Approval of the subcommittee's recommendations will be brought before the MAC in June and the elected 2016-17 officers will assume their duties at the July 7, 2016 meeting. Mayor Joe Durso, Mayor Steve Leary, Council President John Dowless and Chairman Charles Lacey volunteered to serve on the nominating subcommittee. The subcommittee planned to meet immediately following the MAC meeting.

Following the Shingle Creek Trail Phase 4 presentation, Chairman Lacey called attention to the proposed nominating subcommittee meeting and informed MAC members that due to the meeting not being posted, it would have to be rescheduled. The Nominating Subcommittee will now be meeting right before the June 2<sup>nd</sup> MAC meeting. Mayor McDonald added that he would be available to participate on the subcommittee, now that the date and time had changed.

## ***C. FDOT Amendment to 2015/16-2019/20 Transportation Improvement Program***

Mr. Jamil Gutierrez, FDOT, requested the MAC to recommend that the FY 2015/16-2019/20 TIP be amended to include funding for several intersection improvement projects. A letter explaining the amendments was provided. Mr. Gutierrez reviewed the TIP amendments being requested.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the amendments to the FY 2015/16-2019/20 TIP. Mayor Joe Durso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## ***D. Change Project Limits for Shingle Creek Trail Phase 4***

Action was requested to recommend approval of changing the project limits for Shingle Creek Trail Phase 4 in Kissimmee. Mr. Randy Schrader, City of Kissimmee, gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the project limits prior to action being taken. An attachment was provided. Mr. Schrader explained that the original application included seven phases and the request to add this last phase to the Prioritized Project List was being made due to Orange County's realignment of their section of the trail at John Young Parkway. He provided an overview of the trail, trail segments including the MetroPlan Orlando grant application segment, and the jurisdictions responsible for each of the segments. Mr. Schrader told MAC members that by extending the limits, the trail would run from the Orange County line to Kissimmee Lakefront Park. Mayor Durso asked if everyone else involved was on board with the change in project limits. Mr. Schrader responded that all of the co-applicants, partners, and the MetroPlan Orlando committees all approved of the change.

## IX. Presentations/ Status Reports

### A. *Update on 2016 Florida Legislative Session*

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented an update on transportation related issues addressed in the 2016 Florida legislative session. She told MAC members that the 2016 legislative priorities included five top priorities along with those to support, monitor and oppose. The first of the top priorities was to seek funding for quiet zones and a request for \$10 million passed both the House and the Senate, but was vetoed by the Governor. The reason for the veto, she explained, was due to funds remaining from an original \$10 million quiet zone funding allocation. Ms. Whittington added that FDOT held onto the applications from round two of the quiet zone application process and there was no need for communities to reapply for round three. She noted that the City of Kissimmee was approved for 100% of their quiet zone funding request and a diagnostic review in Osceola County was scheduled for June. The second top priority, she reported, was SunRail Phase III, the connection to Orlando International Airport, which FDOT had included \$5 million in their work plan for planning and an additional \$20 million was allocated for the project in 2020. Ms. Whittington informed MAC members that the third top priority was funding for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs and there was no action on that item. The fourth priority was funding to assist LYNX with mitigating operational challenges during the I-4 construction and she noted that LYNX was awarded a \$1 million allocation. Ms. Whittington told committee members that the final top priority was to increase penalties for distracted driving but that no bills were passed in regards to distracted driving.

Ms. Whittington told committee members that there were six items included to support; preserving the State Transportation Trust Fund, authorizing a local option rental car surcharge, increasing funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP), strengthening language in statutes to better address pedestrian and bicyclist safety, developing a plan to move Florida toward a Mileage Based User Fee in lieu of the traditional fuel tax, and expanding the Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax to municipalities over 150,000 in population. She called attention to items that were opposed which were a utility relocation bill that made local jurisdictions responsible to move, removed right-of-way and added easement instead, and legislation to revamp the LYNX Board of Directors. She reported that the utility relocation bill passed and the Governor signed it into law and the LYNX board change was currently a dead issue, but could resurface in the future. Ms. Whittington added that LYNX recently hired Mr. Edward Johnson as their new CEO and he was starting in his new position on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Lacey commented that MAC had supported the proposed LYNX privatization and Board change.

Ms. Whittington spoke briefly about the new transportation bill which reallocated \$10 million to Florida Seaports and economic development, and made a statutory change regarding autonomous vehicles advancing that program for the state. She added that the bill also allowed FDOT to assume some project environmental review through National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and authorized an FDOT finance corporation as an issuer of debt to finance projects, which will help leverage public/private partnerships.

## **X. General Information**

### ***A. Air Quality Report***

The latest air quality report for Central Florida was provided at the meeting.

### ***B. Summary of Changes to FY 2016/17-2017/18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)***

A summary of changes to the FY 2016/17-2017/18 Unified Planning Work Program was provided. These changes reflected the comments on the UPWP from federal and state agencies received after the MetroPlan Orlando Board approved the UPWP in March.

### ***C. FDOT Quarterly Variance Report***

FDOT's latest Quarter Variance Report on cost estimate changes for projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was provided.

### ***D. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report***

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

### ***E. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights***

Highlights from the March 2016 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

## **XI. Upcoming Meetings of Interest**

### ***A. MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting***

The MetroPlan Orlando Board held a meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

### ***B. Municipal Advisory Committee meeting - Thursday, June 2, 2016; 9:30 a.m.***

## **XII. Public Comments (General)**

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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

Approved this 2nd day of June, 2016.

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Chairperson

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Witness

*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.*