



**MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, March 7, 2019

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando Board Room
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Council President John Dowless, Chairman, presided

Members in attendance:

Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere
Mayor Eddie Cole, Town of Eatonville
Council President John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Commissioner Richard Firstner, City of Ocoee
Mayor Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry
Mayor Charles Lacey, City of Winter Springs
Mayor Steve Leary, City of Winter Park
Mayor A. Dale McDonald, City of Maitland
Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Town of Oakland
Mr. Steve Noto, City of Lake Mary
Mayor Ben Paris, City of Longwood

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo
Mayor Lydia Pisano, City of Belle Isle
Council Member Keith Trace, City of St. Cloud
Vacant, City of Winter Garden

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Mr. Jim Martin, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Will Sloup, Metric
Dr. Dean Bushey, Voyage
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Dowless called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dowless welcomed everyone. He recognized Mayor Gary Bruhn for his service on MAC. Mayor Bruhn spoke briefly.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

V. PARTNER REPORTS

LYNX

Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX, reported that the LYNX CEO, Edward Johnson, had resigned and Mr. Jim Harrison, Orange County, had taken over as Interim CEO. He told MAC members that LYNX staff briefed Mr. Harrison on the annual submission of the National Transit Database information, which provides the formula for LYNX funding. Mr. O'Keefe noted that LYNX staff participated in MetroPlan Orlando's recent federal certification.

FDOT

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT, reported that FDOT staff participated in MetroPlan Orlando's recent federal certification and it was a very smooth process. MetroPlan Orlando staff, she added, did an excellent job presenting their accomplishments since the previous certification. Ms. Hinson told MAC members that FDOT staff held the first of two partnering meetings regarding LAP policy update language the day before and they are soliciting input on the language online until June 10th.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Mr. Jim Martin, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), reported that FTE recently held a public meeting regarding new ramps and configuration in the South Orlando Sand Lake Road area. Mr. Martin told committee members that FTE hosted engineering students from Milwee Middle School and visited Tildenville Elementary School to show how roads are built. He called attention to the FTE LRTP modification request later in the agenda.

VI. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Virginia Whittington thanked Mayor Bruhn for his service on MAC. She called attention to the recent state and federal certifications, noting that the comment period for the federal certification was open until April 5th. Ms. Whittington told MAC members that there were vacancies on CAC and applications were available online until March 22nd. She thanked FTE staff for hosting the Milwee Middle School students, which had been done in conjunction with Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS). Ms. Whittington noted that all presenters were in attendance and they were ready to move forward with the agenda.

VII. Public Comments on Action Items

None.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. *Approval of February 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

Approval was requested of the February 7, 2019 meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the February 7, 2019 meeting minutes. Mayor Dale McDonald 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 MAC 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 emphasized 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 map was included in the supplemental folders. He noted that the Kirkman Road 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.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the 2040 LRTP being 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. Mayor Dale McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. *2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP): Overview*

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. An attachment was provided. Mr. Trauger told MAC 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, things to think about related to the 2045 MTP and next steps. He added that a systems performance report was a new requirement and a MTP Working Group was being formed, which included MetroPlan TAC, TSMO and CAC representation along with local agencies and stakeholders. Mr. Trauger reported that work on the 2045 MTP will go through the regular advisory board process. Mayor McDonald asked how MAC members could participate. Mr. Trauger responded that there will be local government coordination during the development process.

B. *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. Mayor Bruhn asked about the public meeting scheduled that evening. Mr. Sloup responded that the public meeting was being held to solicit input on the four alternatives. Mayor Bruhn commented that a connection is needed from SR 535 to Apopka Vineland Road and he has lobbied for that connection for a number of years.

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

Dr. Dean Bushey, Voyage, gave a presentation on Voyage, which brings communities together with self-driving cars by enabling residents to summon an autonomous vehicle and move effortlessly from point A to point B. Prior to expanding to The Villages in Sumter County, Voyage operated a handful of self-driving cars in a San Jose, California-based retirement community. Dr. Bushey provided an overview of a current demonstration project in The Villages (Florida), home to 125,000 residents. Dr. Bushey told MAC members that Voyage provides an alternative means of transportation for those who cannot or choose not to drive. He provided background information on the program including the team, benefits of the service, technology and safety measures. Discussion ensued regarding road maintenance issues, length of time safety drivers will be used, making a profit, regulation issues expanding to major roadways, analog vehicles and connecting to the internet. Dr. Bushey responded that the vehicles rely on mapping detail, there is no set time frame for using safety drivers, the company's philosophy is "until" it is deemed safe. The project is currently using venture capital and they are working on a cost for service. He added that the current focus is on public transportation, the vehicles use all electronic

components, not analog, and they use their own network because there is spotty service from other providers. Additional discussion ensued in regards to data storage, influence of Florida Polytechnic test track, insurance issues, the network in the Villages, recognition of traffic lights and car to car communication.

Council President Dowless acknowledged Mr. Steve Noto in attendance representing the City of Lake Mary.

X. 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/>

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting*

The MetroPlan Orlando board meeting scheduled for March 13, 2019, 9:00 a.m. (Second Harvest Food Bank) was announced.

B. *Next Municipal Advisory Committee meeting*

The next MAC meeting will be on May 2, 2019.

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved to adjourn the March 7, 2019 MAC meeting. Council President John Dowless seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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

Approved this 2nd day of May 2019.



Mayor John Dowless, Chairman *for*



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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