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ORANGE/ OSCEOLA/ SEMINOLE COUNTIES JOINT TRANSPORTATION
DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD **HYBRID** PUBLIC MEETING
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

DATE: November 12, 2020

LOCATION: Physical Location:
EMBASSY SUITES ORLANDO - DOWNTOWN
191 East Pine Street (San Juan I & II)
Orlando, FL 32801

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Those that attended the meeting in person were:

Mayor Jose Alvarez, Chairman, Osceola County
Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Ms. Dianne Arnold, Economically Disadvantaged
Mr. Chad Ballard, Medical Community
Ms. Neika Berry, Citizen Advocate (Non-system User)
Mr. Wayne Olson, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Ms. Jo Santiago, FDOT
Ms. Alnita Whitt, Veterans
Mr. Adam Zubritsky, OCPS
Ms. Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Benjamin Gonzalez, ACCESS LYNX

Those that attended the meeting via the Zoom platform:

Ms. Marilyn Baldwin, Disabled
Ms. Sharon Jennings, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Dr. Linda Levine-Silverman, Elderly
Mr. Bob Melia, Citizen Advocate (System User)
Ms. Janee Olds, Career Source CF
Ms. Karla Radka, Senior Resource Alliance
Mr. Wilfredo Raices, State Coordinating Council of Early Childhood
Mr. Calvin Smith, AHCA
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. William "John" Slot, ACCESS LYNX
Mr. Norman Hickling, ACCESS LYNX
Ms. Selita Stubbs, ACCESS LYNX
Ms. Nanette Stephens, ACCESS LYNX

A complete list of other attendees is available upon request.

Mayor Jose Alvarez, Chairman, called the public meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone and informed those in attendance that the public meeting was being conducted in the hybrid format. He explained that there was an in-person quorum of the members of the TDLCB, and the other members of the TDLCB were participating in the meeting via Zoom. Ms. Marilyn Baldwin led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Lisa Smith called roll and confirmed that a quorum was present. Ms. Virginia Whittington informed those in attendance of the purpose of the public meeting, provided details on how the public meeting was noticed, the options for submitting and/or making comments, and an overview of the virtual meeting guidelines, the raise hand feature to be recognized. She announced that the meeting had been properly noticed. Ms. Whittington thanked attendees for participating and providing their comments.

Mayor Alvarez explained that the meeting consisted of two parts: the public meeting and the regularly scheduled quarterly TDLCB meeting which would immediately follow the public meeting. He requested that public meeting participants fill out a speaker card if they wished to make comments. Mayor Alvarez announced that each speaker would be allowed two minutes.

Public Comments:

Ms. Whittington stated that online speaker cards were received from Mr. Jose Navarro, and Ms. Earlene Powell Crosskey, however, they were not present when their names were called to make their public comment and therefore did not address the Board.

Ms. Whittington acknowledged public comments received via email from Ms. Pamela Mason. Ms. Mason stated in her email that she is grateful for the transportation assistance that she receives from ACCESS LYNX in getting to and from her medical appointments.

Ms. Alma Rhees, Orlando, Florida, addressed the members of the TDLCB in person. Ms. Rhees spoke about an issue she is having at her particular SunRail station. She explained that there is lag time between the SunRail train and LYNX bus around 12:00 noon. She stated that it is difficult to schedule a ride around that timeframe. (Ms. Whittington noted that staff was in receipt of an email from Ms. Rhees prior to today's meeting expressing the same concerns. She explained that she had sent a follow-up email to Ms. Rhees seeking additional information, such as which SunRail station Ms. Rhees was referring to, so that the LYNX staff would be able to better respond to her concern.)

Ms. Shelia Young, Orlando, Florida, addressed the members of the LCB via Zoom. Ms. Young expressed gratitude to ACCESS LYNX for continuous services provided through the Covid 19 pandemic. She stated that she was extremely impressed at how well they maintained their continuity of service.

Prior to closing the public comment period Mayor Alvarez asked if anyone else wishes to make public comments. There were none. He thanked everyone that brought forward concerns at today's meeting. He assured the speakers that ACCESS LYNX will receive a copy of the comments received.

Member Comments: There were no member comments.

Mayor Alvarez thanked those in attendance for coming to the public meeting.

The public meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.