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## Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Advisory Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, April 23, 2021

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Virtual

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*Chairman Doug Jamison, Presiding*

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#### Voting Members Present:

Mr. Brett Blackadar, Altamonte Springs  
Mr. Cade Braud, City of Orlando  
Mr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry  
Ms. Amye King for Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford  
Ms. Krystal Clem, City of Lake Mary  
Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Orange County  
Mr. Bob Francis, City of Belle Isle  
Mr. Naseem Ghandour, City of St. Cloud  
Mr. Bryan Homayouni, Central Florida Expressway Authority  
Mr. Doug Jamison, LYNX  
Mr. Jean Jreij, Seminole County  
Mr. Carl Kelly, University of Central Florida  
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee  
Mr. Alex Laffey, Osceola County  
Ms. Kathy Lee, Osceola County  
Mr. Butch Margraf, MPO Appointee  
Mr. Travis Mathias, Town of Windermere  
Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, City of Kissimmee  
Ms. Lee Pulham, Reedy Creek Improvement District  
Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County  
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Gateway Airport  
Ms. Rachel Gironella for Christopher Schmidt, City of Winter Springs  
Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood  
Ms. Alyssa Eide for Kimberley Tracy, City of Maitland  
Ms. Sarah Walter, City of Winter Park  
Mr. Jeff Weatherford, City of Apopka  
Mr. Charlie Wetzel, Seminole County

Voting Members Absent:

Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA  
Lt. Brad McDaniel, Seminole County Sheriff's Office

Non-Voting Members/Advisors Present:

Non-Voting Members/Advisors Absent:

Mr. Eric Gordin, FTE  
Mr. Glen Hammer, Osceola PS  
Vacant, Orange County CTST

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT  
Mr. Ron Chin, FDOT District Seven Traffic Operations Engineer  
Ms. Carol Scott, FTE  
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Virginia L. Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Jamison called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Chairman Jamison detailed the virtual meeting guidelines, the raise hand feature to be recognized, and the public comment procedures. He noted that the virtual meetings were accessible to all. Mr. Jamison reported that at the March board meeting, board members discussed the Dangerous by Design report ranking the Orlando area number one most dangerous for pedestrians. He noted that the board discussed there are some factors that cannot be changed, and pedestrian safety needs to be considered in projects. Discussion on this topic will continue at future board meetings.

**II. Confirmation of Quorum/Agenda Review/Staff Follow-up**

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb conducted the roll call. Mr. Eric Hill provided an overview of the workshop format for today's meeting. Mr. Hill explained that the Governor's executive order allowing boards and committees in Florida to meet virtually without a quorum physically present due to COVID-19 concerns expired on October 31, 2020. He stated that at the September 9, 2020 meeting the MetroPlan Orlando Board approved Resolution #20-15 which enables the MetroPlan Orlando advisory committees to continue to meet virtually in workshop sessions through June 2021. He noted that a physical quorum is not required. The committees will review and discuss action items going to the Board and will provide informal consensus recommendations to the Board on the

action items. The committees will then be taking formal action to ratify the Board's actions at a future in-person meeting. Mr. Hill reminded committee members that the Off-System Construction Candidate Program Applications were due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. He noted that there was one change to the agenda, he will be presenting the Workforce Task Force presentation in place of Ms. Bouck.

### III. Public Comments on Action Items

None

### IV. Items for Review/Discussion

#### A. February 26, 2021 TSMO Meeting Minutes

The TSMO reviewed and discussed the February 26, 2021 meeting minutes which were provided and made a consensus recommendation to accept the minutes as provided. The TSMO will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to approve their recommendation.

#### B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP

FDOT was requesting that the FY 2020/21- 2024/25 TIP be amended to include the addition of the following projects:

- FM #4234461 – SunRail Phase II North from DeBary to DeLand
- FM #4454151 – Neptune Road from Partin Settlement Road to US 192
- FM #4489011 – Railroad Crossing on Hester Avenue in Sanford

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented an overview of the amendment request. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The TSMO reviewed and discussed the amendment request and provided a consensus recommendation to the Board to approve the proposed amendment. The TSMO will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item.

### V. Presentation

#### A. Update on Regional TSMO Program

The Regional TSMO Program was created to bridge TSMO planning between the M/TPOs in the Central Florida Mega-Region. MetroPlan Orlando is leading this effort and providing staff support. Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando provided a briefing on the work that has been completed by the Program. Mr. Hill told committee members that they are working together with the other agencies to create a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The M/TPO directors were tasked with seeking approval from their boards to execute the MOU. Mr. Hill reviewed the goals and objectives for the program. He noted that they have met twice on March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> and received presentations from national experts.

#### B Presentation I-4 Florida's Regional Advanced Mobility Elements (I-4 FRAME) Project

Mr. Ronald Chin, FDOT District Seven Traffic Operations Engineer gave a presentation on the I-4 FRAME Project. This project will deploy an advanced system consisting of next-generation traffic

incident management and vehicle-to-infrastructure technologies; allow travelers in the I-4 FRAME system to receive a variety of traffic, weather, intersection signal timing and other mobility-related messages in real time, according to the release. The project is supported with an award of \$10 million from the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Grant Program. The project runs from the Central Business District in Tampa to the southwest side of Orlando at the Florida Turnpike. I-4 and other routes included in the project cross Hillsborough, Polk, Osceola and Orange counties. Mr. Chin reviewed what the I-4 FRAME project is, the purpose and need and where the project is located. He provided a map detailing the project boundaries and technology to be deployed by district. Mr. Chin explained how the project would work and when it would be built, along with the budget summary. Discussion ensued regarding wrong way detection, I-4 becoming a freight corridor, connected and autonomous vehicles testing use as an emergency evacuation route, and partnering with Waze.

#### **C. Update on WorkForce Task Force**

Mr. Eric Hill provided an update on the WorkForce Task Force. Mr. Hill told committee members that the task force met on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussed focusing on signal technician training. He reported that there is a lack of training options and outreach is being conducted to identify or generate sources for training. Mr. Hill added that the task force will meet again in May.

### **VI. Common Presentations/Status Reports**

#### **A. Presentation on Board Emphasis Areas**

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the MetroPlan Orlando Board's emphasis areas for 2021. The Board took action on the emphasis areas at their May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. A link for TSMO members to vote on weighting of emphasis areas for project prioritization was emailed to TSMO members after the meeting.

#### **B. Presentation on Pedestrian Safety Trends**

As a follow-up to the latest Dangerous by Design report, Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on pedestrian safety trends in the MetroPlan Orlando region.

#### **C. Presentation on LYNX Autonomous Vehicles**

Mr. Doug Jamison and Mr. Alan Danaher, LYNX, gave a presentation on LYNX's autonomous vehicle study that focuses on development of a Concept of Operations for an AV deployment on the LYNX system.

### **VII. 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**

A copy of the March 10, 2021 Board Meeting Highlights was provided.

**C. LYNX Press Releases**

A set of press releases from LYNX was provided.

**D. Market Research Survey Flyer**

A flyer providing information on MetroPlan Orlando's Market Research Survey was emailed to TSMO members following this meeting.

**E. Bicycle & Pedestrian Report**

A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region was provided.

**VIII. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to TSMO Members**

**A. Next MPO Board Meeting**

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was scheduled on May 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a hybrid meeting with a limited number of Board members, staff and members of the public attending the meeting in person in the Board Room and other Board members, staff, members of the public and the presenters joining the meeting virtually on Zoom.

**B. Next TSMO Meeting**

The next TSMO meeting was scheduled on May 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. This was a virtual workshop Following the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, the dates of the remaining TSMO meetings during 2021 will be:

- 6/25/21
- 8/27/21
- 10/22/21
- 12/3/21

**IX. Member Comments**

Mr. Eric Hill commented that at the board meetings the committee chairs report information from their respective committees. He suggested that the TSMO chair include a report on what has been discussed at other committees during his chairman's report. He suggested some topics TSMO members might be interested in having presentations on. These topics included use of drones, project reports and traffic signals that detect red light runners.

Ms. Rachel Gironella inquired about the guidelines for the Off-System Construction Candidate Program Applications Mr. Nick Lepp responded that the applications are for construction assistance for larger projects that have PD&E, right-of-way and design completed.


**X. Public Comments (General)**



None.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Jamison adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Systems Management & Operations Advisory Committee at 9:37 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 21st day of May 2021

  
Mr. Doug Jamison, Chairman

  
 Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, Senior Board Services Coordinator

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