



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, April 28, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairwoman Sarah Elbadri, presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Jose Alvarez, Osceola County
Ms. Susan Buttery, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Maria Cortes, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. Douglas Henley, Alternate
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Mr. Kyle Longville, Seminole County
Ms. Gigi Moorman, Orange County
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, Alternate
Ms. Patricia Rumph, Orange County
Ms. Maria Saavedra, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. David Sibia, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Carlos Torrealba, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Doug Jamison, LYNX
Mr. Alan Danaher, WSP

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Cody Dyess MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs
Ms. Cynthia Henry, Orange County
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Ms. Marsha Shapiro Appointee
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Briana Campbell MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Mr. Saiosi Fine, FTE
Mr. Bruce Detweiler, LYNX
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Loschiavo, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

A complete listing of other attendees may be obtained upon request.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Sarah Elbadri welcomed everyone and called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Jeffrey Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairwoman Elbadri detailed the virtual meeting guidelines, various Zoom platform features, and public comment procedures. She noted that the virtual meetings are accessible to all. Chairwoman Elbadri called attention to the proposed federal infrastructure package and expressed hope that it indicates a positive direction. She noted that Mr. Mighk Wilson would be presenting on pedestrian safety later in the meeting and observed that there is still a lot of work to be done to improve pedestrian safety. Chairwoman Elbadri told CAC members that the City of Orlando is hiring a Mobility Coordinator. She reported that she shared CAC's discussion on pedestrian safety with the Board. Chairwoman Elbadri called upon new CAC members to speak briefly about themselves.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne thanked everyone for their participation in the virtual meetings. She reported that, based on board action, meetings are still being held as virtual workshops. Ms. Horne detailed the raise-hand and chat features for the meeting. She called attention to the upcoming market research survey, which will be active May 3rd through May 23rd. A flyer with survey details will be emailed to committee members. Ms. Horne noted additions to the families of CAC member Kyle Longville and MetroPlan Orlando staff members Alex Trauger and Lisa Smith. She added that CAC member Marissa Salas was on the cover of FDOT's safe walking booklet and Mr. Douglas Henley is

now serving on the Bike/Walk Central Florida board. Ms. Horne asked that CAC members keep their cameras on whenever possible. She reported that there were no changes to the agenda, and they were ready to move forward.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb conducted the attendance roll call.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS FOR REVIEW/DISCUSSION

A. Approval of February 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The CAC reviewed the February 24, 2021 meeting minutes, which were provided, and made a consensus recommendation. The CAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to approve the recommendation. Ms. Patricia Rumph called attention to a needed correction to the spelling of her name.

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

FDOT requested 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, 2021 Board meeting. The CAC reviewed and discussed the amendment request and provided a consensus recommendation to the Board. The CAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND 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 the May 12th meeting. Mr. Lepp reviewed the five emphasis areas and how the region did in terms of hitting these targets from 2017-2021. He told CAC members that the 2045 MTP goals were incorporated to see how the emphasis areas match up with the goals. Mr. Lepp reviewed the 2045 MTP performance measures in order of importance and the shift in goals pre- and post-pandemic. He provided a survey link for CAC members to rank the goal areas. The results of the survey, which will be conducted with other committees as well, will be brought back to the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

Ms. Maria Cortes asked about the Neptune Road four-laning project that was part of the TIP amendment Mr. Nick Lepp responded that the project included four lanes with a trail and multimodal accommodations. Ms. Cortes asked if right-of-way indicated eligibility for federal funds. Mr. Lepp responded that the majority of right-of-way funding was local with \$500,000 federal. Chairwoman Elbadri asked if a trends report would be available. Mr. Lepp responded that it was being worked on and a presentation would be forthcoming.

B. Presentation on Pedestrian Safety Trends

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation that discussed the Dangerous by Design report and other information pertaining to the Orlando Metropolitan Area's pedestrian safety initiatives. Mr. Wilson reviewed the Pedestrian Danger Index used to compute how dangerous an area is along with the impact the Central Florida visitor population has on crashes. He provided information on scenarios for reducing fatalities, FDOT's new safety principle "Safe System," fatality factors and crosswalk law. Mr. Wilson compared examples of local roads with similar roads in other states where speeds are reduced. He called attention to the deadly factors in crashes, including types of vehicles, noted in the Dangerous by Design report. Mr. Wilson added that an additional mitigation option could be reducing nighttime speed limits. Discussion ensued regarding identifying top crash locations, areas that have reduced speeds, educating new residents, smart phone impact on crash data and hit-and-run patterns.

C. Presentation on LYNX Automated Vehicles

Mr. Doug Jamison, LYNX, and Mr. Alan Danaher gave a presentation on LYNX's automated vehicle program. Mr. Jamison provided an introduction and intent of the program, which was to develop a Concept of Operations and a draft scope for deployment of AVs at LYNX. Mr. Alan Danaher reviewed the major tasks of the program. He noted that input was solicited from vendors as well as users including a focus group, which included CAC and TDLCB members. An online survey was also conducted. Mr. Danaher told committee members that a list of opportunities and barriers was created. He added that 90% of the respondents indicated that the Orange LYMMO line would be the best candidate for the program, and the two operational scenarios were determined to be either a small AV shuttle or retrofitting an existing vehicle. Mr. Danaher provided cost figures for the two scenarios along with potential benefits, potential applications, and potential funding sources. Lastly, he reviewed conclusions and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding first and last mile connectivity, accommodations for all riders, and employee displacement.

IX. 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 – To Be Sent After Meeting

A flyer providing information on MetroPlan Orlando's Market Research Survey was emailed to committee members.

E. Bicycle & Pedestrian Report

A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects was provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. Next Community Advisory Committee meeting

The next CAC meeting was scheduled on May 26, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. (**NOTE:** As approved by the Board at the September 9th meeting, the next CAC meeting will be held as a virtual workshop during which action items will be reviewed and discussed, but no formal action taken. A committee report will be presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board, and items approved by the board may be ratified at a future in-person CAC meeting.)

The remaining CAC meetings for **2021** are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on: June 23; August 25; October 27; and December 1.

B. Next MPO Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was held on May 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (**NOTE:** The next MetroPlan Orlando board meeting was held as a hybrid meeting with a physical quorum of board members. A limited number of staff and members of the public will be permitted in order to accommodate social distancing. Other board members, staff, all presenters, and members of the public may join the meeting virtually on Zoom.)

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Patricia Rumph expressed her concern regarding the intersection of Clarcona Ocoee Road and Powers Drive. She noted that development was planned in that area and asked if a traffic study would be conducted prior to development. Mr. Nick Lepp responded that a traffic study is routinely conducted before development and Orange County should be responsible for that study. He added that he would look into information on a traffic study.

Ms. Maria Fernanda Saavedra, who had arrived after the new member introductions, was recognized and she introduced herself and spoke briefly at this time.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem announced that he also had a new addition to his family, a baby girl. He commented that Brightline is working on the connection to the Orlando airport and the extension to Tampa. He noted that Brightline is collaborating with SunRail and promoting the line as an intercity and commuter rail corridor. Mr. Piggrem noted that MetroPlan Orlando did not appear to have a presence in these discussions which he felt would have an effect on the long-range transportation plan and MetroPlan Orlando should be championing.

Vice-Chairman Campbell offered his thanks to presenters and staff and his congratulations to those with new additions to the family.

Ms. Theo Webster commented that there has been some controversy regarding discussion over a Brightline connection to the Orange County Convention Center.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 26th day May 2021.


Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Chairwoman


for Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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