



**MetroPlan Orlando Board**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** MetroPlan Orlando – Hybrid Virtual  
Park Building  
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32801

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**Commissioner Viviana Janer, Board Chair, Presided**

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**Members in attendance were:**

Hon. Lee Constantine, CFX  
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County  
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County  
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando  
Hon. Jim Fisher, City of Kissimmee  
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission  
Hon. Dale McDonald, Municipal Advisory Committee  
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County  
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka  
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority  
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County  
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

**Members attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:**

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs  
Hon. Nicole Wilson for Emily Bonilla, Orange County  
Hon. Ricky Booth, Osceola County  
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County  
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA  
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando  
Hon. Art Woodruff, City of Sanford  
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County

**Advisors in Attendance:**

FDOT Secretary Jared Perdue, District 5  
Ms. Loreen Bobo, FDOT, District 5  
Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOT, District 5  
Mr. Siasoi Fine, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Community Advisory Committee  
Mr. Doug Jamison, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee  
Mr. Thomas Kapp, Kissimmee Gateway Airport  
Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, Technical Advisory Committee

**Members/Advisors not in Attendance:**

**Staff in Attendance :**

Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert  
Mr. Gary Huttman  
Mr. Jason Loschiavo  
Mr. Keith Caskey  
Mr. Nick Lepp  
Mr. Eric Hill  
Mr. Joe Davenport  
Ms. Lisa Smith  
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb  
Ms. Mary Ann Horne  
Ms. Sally Morris  
Mr. Alex Trauger  
Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Mr. Mighk Wilson  
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga  
Ms. Lara Bouck  
Mr. Mighk Wilson  
Ms. Sarah Larsen  
Ms. Jasmine Blais

## **I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Viviana Janer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Mayor Bryan Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **II. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairwoman Janer reviewed the virtual meeting procedures, including public comments. Chairwoman Janer called attention to the new AV equipment installed in the Board Room. Mr. Jason Loschiavo, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave the Board members a brief overview of the new equipment. Chairwoman Janer officially welcomed Council Member Keith Trace as the new Municipal Advisory Committee Chair. Commissioner Moore reported on the April 9<sup>th</sup> Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) meeting. Mayor Demings reported on the April 29<sup>th</sup> Commuter Rail Commission (CRC) meeting. Commissioner Mayra Uribe provided a report on the April 29<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) meeting. Commissioners Gomez-Cordero and Uribe reported on their experiences attending the virtual MPOAC Institute in March and April, respectively.

## **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Gary Huttman thanked board members for helping to ensure a quorum for the hybrid meeting. He reviewed the virtual procedures. Mr. Gary Huttman thanked board members for helping to ensure a quorum for the hybrid meeting. He reviewed the virtual procedures. He recognized Orange County alternate, Commissioner Nicole Wilson, in attendance for Cmsr Emily Bonilla. Mr. Huttman reported on the applications that have been completed for additional federal funding which included the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). He reported that staff prepared a list of 8 projects. Mr. Huttman informed Board members that staff prepared a list of 7 projects and letters of support for 9 others under the Federal Community Project Funding Appropriations request, and the Re-authorization of the Federal Transportation Bill. He stated that MetroPlan continues to coordinate with the FDOT on the President's Jobs Plan. He advised that monthly coordination with FDOT continues along with pedestrian safety and Best Foot Forward efforts in Orange and Seminole counties. He announced that the 2021 Regional Transportation Survey opened on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and will remain open until May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Huttman reported on local projects that MetroPlan Orlando staff is working on to including the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Complete Streets in St. Cloud, Sunrail Parking Feasibility Study at the Meadow Woods, Tupperware and Poinciana locations; Rock Springs Road/Welch Road and the West Orange Trail Extension in Apopka and Orange County. He reported on the Four Corners Transportation Summit that he attended on May 6. Mr. Huttman announced that Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, had been appointed to the statewide Freight Advisory Committee. He congratulated the members of the Communications staff for awards won at the Florida Public Relations Association annual event on April 13<sup>th</sup>. He congratulated Conroy Jacobs, Osceola County staffer and MetroPlan Orlando TAC committee member, for receiving the 2020 Planning Professional of the Year award during the FDOT Transplex program. During an update on MetroPlan Orlando office operations, Mr. Huttman noted that the doors to the office remain closed to walk-ins. He announced that effective July 1, the office will resume in-person Board and Committee meetings consistent with the expiration of Board Resolution #20-18.

#### **IV. FDOT REPORT**

Mr. Jared Perdue, FDOT District 5 Secretary, stated that District 5 continues to work on and build regional relationships with safety continuing to be a major focus. He told Board members that the FDOT work program, approved in the state budget was \$10.26 billion with approximately \$9.4 billion going to projects in the D5 work program. The State Legislators also directed \$2 billion of rescue plan funding to FDOT's work program which will offer more opportunities for regional collaboration. He mentioned that I4 Beyond the Ultimate continues to be a major focus for District 5.

Ms. Loreen Bobo, Director of Transportation Development, announced that District 5 is creating an Office of Safety with the goal being to bring all district-wide safety efforts under one umbrella. She reported on roadway lighting improvements in the 3-county region that are being made to intersections, corridors, mid-block crossings. She provided an overview of "Operation Stride" (Statewide Traffic Railroad Initiatives using Dynamic Envelopes). She explained that the purpose of Operation Stride was to bring more driver awareness of where not to stop on railroad tracks. Ms. Bobo noted that a total 172 Dynamic Envelopes were installed in District 5 over the past year. Ms. Bobo reported that the I4 Beyond the Ultimate project has been going through "a value engineering process" which the District is looking for innovative ways to bring key components of the project to completion earlier. She said that the District hopes to take advantage of funding directed into the work program to accomplish that effort.

#### **V. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the roll call and confirmed that a quorum of 11 voting members was physically present.

#### **VI. AGENDA REVIEW**

Mr. Huttman stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

#### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Chairs from the Municipal Advisory Committee, the Community Advisory Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee and TSMO Committee reported out on their respective February/March meetings.

#### **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS**

None.

#### **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2021 Board meeting**
- B. Approval of Financial Report for February & March 2021**
- C. Approval of the Annual Investment Report**
- D. Approval of Budget Amendment #6**

- E. Approval of the Audit Contract
- F. Approval of the Intergovernmental Coordination Agreement (ICAR)
- G. Approval of Board Committee Appointments

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dallari moved approval of the consent agenda, items A-G. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

- A. FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP  
Mr. Keith Caskey- MetroPlan Orlando Staff

FDOT TIP Amendment Request:

FM# 423446-1 – Central Florida Commuter Rail System Phase II North  
FM# 445415-1 – Neptune Road from Partin Settlement Rd. to US 192  
FM# 448901-1 – Hester Ave at RR Crossing #621184M (City of Sanford)

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented an overview of the TIP 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.

**MOTION:** Mayor Demings moved approval of the FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously with an 18-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Board Emphasis Areas  
Mr. Nick Lepp – MetroPlan Orlando Staff

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the MetroPlan Orlando Board's emphasis areas for 2021. Mr. Lepp reviewed the five emphasis areas and how staff accomplished hitting these targets from 2017-2021. He explained 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, goals in order of importance, and the shift in goals pre and post pandemic. He provided a survey link for Board members to rank the goal areas from 1 to 5.

Commissioner Dallari said that he feels that safety should be looked at in two different categories. One for vulnerable users (i.e.: pedestrians/cyclists), and one for vehicular. Board members agreed. Mr. Lepp stated that adding the subcategories would not delay the process.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dallari moved approval of the 2021 Board Emphasis Areas to include a subcategory for safety for vulnerable users and vehicular. Commissioner Zembower seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 18-0 vote.

**XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)**

- A. Executive Director's Report page**
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report**
- C. Vital Few Fact Sheet – FTE Connected Vehicle Pilot Project**
- D. MetroPlan Orlando Market Research Flyer**
- E. NARC Major Metros Reauthorization Letter**
- F. Letter of Support – UCF Department of Civil, Environmental & Construction Engineering to U.S. DOE Vehicle Technologies Office**
- G. Letter of Support – UCF to the National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center for Smart Streetscapes**
- H. Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Lynx Contactless Payment System**
- I. Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Osceola County Neovation Way Project**
- J. Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Osceola County Neptune Road Project**
- K. Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Seminole County E.E. Williamson Road Project**
- L. Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Seminole County Wekiva Springs Road Project**
- M. Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Orange County Pine Hills Trail Phase II Project**
- N. Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Orange County Powers Drive at North Lane Project**
- O. Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Orange County Tiny Road at Tilden Road Project**
- P. Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Orange County University Boulevard at Dean Road Project**
- Q. Letter of Support – Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill Funding Request for Orange County International Drive/SR482 Pedestrian Bridge Project**

- R. Letter of Support – Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill Funding Request for City of Orlando Corrine Drive Complete Streets Project
- S. Letter of Support – Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill Funding Request for City of Orlando Barack Obama Parkway Project
- T. Letter of Support – Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill Funding Request for City of Orlando Econlockhatchee Trail Multimodal Corridor Improvements Project
- U. Letter of Support – Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill Funding Request for City of Oviedo SR427/CR419 Pine Avenue to Lockwood Boulevard Project
- V. Letter from Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association to Senate Committee on Finance
- W. Letter from AMPO in support of the National VMT Implementation Program
- X. Letter from Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation to Representative Demings re: Funding for Wildlife & Trail Bridge on SR 528
- Y. Featured Research and Articles:
  - FHWA Award \$18.7 Million to Eight Projects to Explore New Highway Funding Methods
  - The Washington Post: The Washington commute could return by fall for many workers. It won't be the same as before
  - Spotlight on Highway Safety: Governors Highway Safety Association
  - National League of Cities: What Cities need to know as Congress ramps up Community Prioritized Investments

**MOTION:** Mayor Demings moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Presentation on Pedestrian Safety Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando Staff**

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. Mr. Wilson reviewed the Pedestrian Danger Index used to compute how dangerous an area is along with the impact that 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 trio of factors in crashes, plus an additional factor of type of vehicles, which was noted in the Dangerous by Design report. Mr. Wilson added that an additional mitigation option could be reducing nighttime speed limits. He responded to Board members questions and concerns.

**B. Presentation on the 2021 Legislative Session  
Mr. Ryan Matthews and Ms. Angela Drzewicki, Peebles, Smith & Matthews**

Mr. Matthews and Ms. Drzewicki provided Board members with an update on the 2021 legislative session. Mr. Matthews said that the biggest theme of the legislative session was Covid-19 and pandemic legislation appropriation. They discussed the Best Foot Forward appropriations request which was fully funded at \$100,000; the approved state budget and how it will impact transportation projects, proposed bicycle safety legislation, and they provided a brief run-down of the bills that were sponsored approved/disapproved in respect to their relevance to the MPO. Mr. Matthews noted that a written legislative report was provided to Ms. Whittington for distribution to the members of the Board.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**


None.

**XIV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

**XV. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021



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Commissioner Viviana Janer, Chair



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Ms. Lisa Smith,  
Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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