

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, May 21, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Virtual

# Chairman Nabil Muhaisen, Presiding

## Members Present:

Mr. Brett Blackadar, City of Altamonte Springs

Mr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry

Mr. Christopher Cairns, City of Orlando

Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford

Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando

Ms. Krystal Clem, City of Lake Mary

Ms. Ashley Cornelius, City of Kissimmee

Mr. Joshua De Vries, Osceola County

Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Orange County

Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando

Mr. Will Hawthorne, CFX

Mr. Conroy Jacobs, Osceola County

Mr. Jean Jreij, Seminole County

Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee

Ms. Mary Moskowitz, Seminole County

Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, City of Kissimmee

Mr. Renzo Nastasi, Orange County

Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX

Ms. Tawny Olore, Osceola County

Ms. Lee Pulham, Reedy Creek Improvement District

Ms. Pam Richmond, City of Apopka

Ms. Rachel Gironella for Mr. Christopher Schmidt, City of Winter Springs

Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport

Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood

Ms. Erin Sterk, City of St. Cloud

Mr. Matt Suedemeyer, Orange County

Ms. Alyssa Eide for Ms. Kimberley Tracy, City of Maitland

Mr. Hongmyung Lim for Ms. Sarah Walter, City of Winter Park

Mr. Frank Consoli for Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County

## Non-Voting Members Present:

## Members Absent:

Mr. Charles Abbatantuono, ECFRPC

Mr. Glen Hammer, Osceola County Public Schools

Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA

Cmsr. Ed Gold, City of Belle Isle

Ms. Amy King, Sanford

Mr. Jay Marder, Town of Oakland (Non-Voting)

Mr. Michael Rigby, Seminole County Public Schools

Mr. Steven Thorp, OCPS

Mr. Jon Williams, City of Winter Garden

Mr. Bobby Wyatt, City of Oviedo

## Others in Attendance:

Ms. Rakinyah Hinson, FDOT

Mr. Siaosi Fine, FTE

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Olando

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Lara Bouk, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Nabil Muhaisen called the Technical Advisory Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Chair Muhaisen provided an overview of the virtual meeting guidelines, the raise hand feature to be recognized, and the public comment procedures. He pointed out that the virtual meetings are accessible to all. Mr. Muhaisen called attention to the new administration's initiative to rebuild infrastructure and promote employment growth. He noted that part of the initiative is to have 500,000 electric vehicle charging stations nationwide by 2030, to revitalize crumbling infrastructure, and reduce fossil fuel consumption. Mr. Muhaisen told TAC members that \$115 billion was slated to go to roadways/bridges, \$85 billion to public transportation, \$25 billion to airports, \$20 billion to roadway safety and \$17 billion to ports.

#### II. Confirmation of Quorum/Agenda Review/Staff Follow-Up

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb conducted the roll call. Mr. Caskey provided an overview of the workshop format for today's meeting. Mr. Caskey 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 December 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. Caskey reported that starting with the August TAC meeting, meetings will resume in person.

## III. Public Comments on Action Items

None

#### IV. Common Presentations/Status Reports

# A. Preview of FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of the new FY 2021/22 – 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The FDOT highway, TSMO, bicycle and pedestrian, transit and commuter rail sections of the new TIP can be reviewed at the following link: <a href="https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2226-TIP-Preview.pdf">https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2226-TIP-Preview.pdf</a>

The FY 2025/26 – 2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL) that was adopted last year and has been updated to highlight the latest project phases that have been funded based on the new TIP, can be reviewed at the following link: <a href="https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2526-PPL-Update-for-PPL-Review.pdf">https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2526-PPL-Update-for-PPL-Review.pdf</a>

The TIP will be presented for review and action at the June/July committee and Board meetings. Mr. Caskey provided an overview, purpose for the TIP and the process development. He identified the four project categories: highway, TSMO, Bicycle/Pedestrian, and transit and reviewed project changes. Mr. Caskey called attention to the TIP public hearing scheduled on June 21, 2021, 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. Discussion ensued regarding jurisdiction responsible for the Corrine Drive project, what projects were off the list addressing equity factored in and methodology used.

## B. Preview of 2026/27 - 2035/36 Prioritized Project List

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of the draft FY 2025/26 – 2034/35 PPL for informational purposes. This year the PPL must be submitted to FDOT in July and will be presented to Advisory Committees and the Board for approval during the June/July meeting cycle. A draft list of projects and the previous PPL can be viewed and downloaded using the links below:

Last Year's PPL: <a href="https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2526-PPL-Update-for-PPL-Review.pdf">https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2526-PPL-Update-for-PPL-Review.pdf</a>.

New Draft PPL – Ranked Project List: <a href="https://metroplanorlando.org/archives/draft-ranked-2021-ppl/">https://metroplanorlando.org/archives/draft-ranked-2021-ppl/</a>

Segment-level data and prioritization scoring findings can be accessed using MetroPlan Orlando's Online Data Viewer - <a href="https://metroplanorlando.org/maps-tools/dataviewer">https://metroplanorlando.org/maps-tools/dataviewer</a>. Upon entering the Data Viewer, you will notice a layer tab entitled "2021 Prioritization Scoring" (located

at the upper right of the screen). Click the tab and the data layer/network will appear visualizing the composite, normalized score. Users can obtain attribute informatioow projects are selectedn by simply clicking the desired roadway/network segment. Mr. Lepp told TAC members that the PPL was the bridge document between the MTP and the TIP and all projects must support the adopted performance measures. He noted there are two funding sources, MPO managed TMA funds and other arterial funds. Mr. Lepp reviewed project rankings according to their funding source and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding how projects are selected, a list of projects skipped, and trail project ranking.

#### C. Presentation on CFX 2045 Master Plan

Mr. Will Hawthorne, CFX, gave a presentation on the Central Florida Expressway Authority's 2045 Master Plan that is currently under development. Mr. Hawthorne told committee members that CFX was created as an agency of the State of Florida by the legislature in 2014. As part of that action, the scope of the agency was expanded to include not only Orange County but Lake, Osceola and Seminole counties as well and would look at multimodal partnerships. CFX, he reported, has a 10-member board and oversees 125 miles of limited access expressway. Mr. Hawthorne noted the CFX Master Plan sets the course for the future and is a needs-based five-year plan that is approved by the board. The 2040 Master Plan identified \$11 billion in needs and by 2025, \$2.5 billion will be invested in the system. Mr. Hawthorne reviewed major initiatives, signature projects the SR 408/SR 417 and SR 528/SR 436 interchanges, and study areas that have been identified. He provided a survey link and requested input from TAC. Discussion ensued in regard to SR 429.

## V. Action Items for Review/Discussion

## A. April 23, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes

The TAC reviewed and discussed the April 23, 2021 meeting minutes which were provided and make a consensus recommendation. The TAC 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 requested that the FY 2020/21- 2024/25 TIP be amended to include the addition of the following projects:

- FM #4390752 Sunset Drive Livable Streets from Oxford Road to Button Road
- FM #4471031 SR 46 Resurfacing from East of Upsala Road to French Avenue

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 June 9th Board meeting. The TAC reviewed and discussed the amendment request and provided a consensus recommendation to the Board. The TAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item. Mr. Caskey reviewed projects in the amendment request. Ms. Mary Moskowitz asked if the scope for the resurfacing project included the bridge. FDOT staff will research that information and provide a response.

## C. Plan Revisions to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested recommendation that the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan be modified and amended to include fully-funded Transportation Improvement Program projects in the Existing-plus-Committed network, expand the Off-State Highway System program to incorporate additional multimodal needs and project types, revise the Congestion Management Process to include updated data from FDOT pertaining to Emergency Response and Roadway Clearance times, and other miscellaneous changes based on local agency feedback. Supporting materials were provided. Mr. Trauger provided background information on the MTP and noted that FHWA provided clarity to MPOs and FDOT pertaining to consistency between planning documents. He explained the difference between a revision modification and an amendment. Mr. Trauger reviewed the revisions being proposed and requested feedback from TAC members.

## VI. TAC-Only Presentations

## A. Report on TAC Pedestrian Safety Committee Recommendations

At the April 23rd TAC meeting, an ad hoc Pedestrian Safety Committee was formed to develop recommendations to improve pedestrian safety in the MetroPlan Orlando region in response to the Dangerous By Design report. The Pedestrian Safety Committee met on May 4th to develop recommendations on improving pedestrian safety. Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando, the committee chairperson, presented the committee's recommendations to the TAC. Ms. Hardwicke reported that the ad hoc safety committee recommended that MetroPlan Orlando create a working group consisting of representatives from TAC, TSMO, FDOT, CAC, TDLCB, LYNX, Best Foot Forward and local law enforcement. She noted that the working group would focus on corridor speed. The recommendation will be taken to the MetroPlan Orlando Board at their June meeting during the TAC committee report. Discussion ensued regarding the mission of the working group and not duplicating efforts of the counties' CTSTs Mr. Mighk Wilson noted that the group would be focusing more on planning level work and would be complementary to the CTSTs.

#### 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 May 12, 2021 Board Meeting Highlights were provided.

#### C. 2021 Legislative Session Summary

A summary of the transportation-related activities from the Florida Legislature's 2021 session was provided.

## D. Air Quality Report

The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided.

## VIII. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to TAC Members

## A. Next MPO Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was scheduled on June 9, 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. TIP Public Meeting

The FY 2021/22 – 2025/26 TIP was scheduled to be presented at a virtual public meeting on Zoom on Monday, June 21, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

## C. Next TAC Meeting

The next TAC meeting was scheduled on June 25, 2021 at 10 a.m. This will be a virtual workshop as described in the paragraph under Action Items for Review/Discussion on page 2. Following the June  $25^{th}$  meeting, the dates of the remaining TAC meetings during 2021 will be:

8/27/21

10/22/21

12/3/21

#### IX. Other Business

Ms. Rakinya Hinson told TAC members that there is grant funding available for the High Visibility Enforcement Program. The funding is available for Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties and funds overtime hours for law enforcement officers participating in enforcement operations. She noted that almost \$300,000 was left unused last year.

## X. Public Comments (General)

None

## XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Nabil Muhaisen adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11:49 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb

## Approved this 25th day of June 2021

Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, Chairman

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 which the appeal is to be based.