



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, June 23, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairwoman Sarah Elbadri, presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. Douglas Henley, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Cynthia Henry, Orange County
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Patricia Rumph, Orange County
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Carlos Torrealba, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. Jose Alvarez, Osceola County
Ms. Susan Buttery, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Maria Cortes, 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
Mr. Kyle Longville, Seminole County
Ms. Gigi Moorman, Orange County
Ms. Maria Fernanda Saavedra, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
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Others in attendance were:

Ms. Catalina Chacon, FDOT
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 reported that at the June 9th MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting they were informed that the \$100,000 allocation for Best Foot Forward, passed by the legislators, was vetoed by the Governor. In addition, they received additional information on FDOT D5's new Safety Office. She told CAC members that she filled the board in on CAC's Brightline discussion. Chairwoman Elbadri welcomed new CAC member Ms. Cheryl Stone who spoke briefly.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne thanked everyone for their participation in the virtual meetings. She reported that CAC's in-person meetings will resume August 25th with a Zoom option available for the public. Ms. Horne detailed what committee members can expect when in-person meetings resume. She noted the TIP public meeting was held June 21st and it was well attended.

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 May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The CAC reviewed the May 26, 2021 meeting minutes, which were provided and made a consensus recommendation. The CAC will take formal action at the August meeting to approve the recommendation.

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

On May 27, 2021, the MetroPlan Orlando Board Chairwoman signed a resolution approving an amendment to the FY 2020/21- 2024/25 TIP requested by FDOT on an emergency basis in order to meet the June 10, 2021 deadline for amending the State TIP (STIP) for FY 2020/21. The amendment included the following projects:

- FM #4379332 – Cross Seminole Trail Connector from Church Avenue and CR 427 to Cross Seminole Trail
- FM #4357121 – Capital Grant for LYNX Buses and Bus Facilities

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 resolution signed by the Board Chairwoman on May 27th. The CAC reviewed and discussed the amendment request which was presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board for ratification on July 7th.

C. FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program

Action was requested by Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP. This document included the transportation projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region that are programmed for funding over the next five years. The draft TIP can be reviewed at:

<https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/DRAFT-Transportation-Improvement-Program-TIP-2022-2026.pdf>

A fact sheet on the TIP and the draft TIP approval resolution for the July 7th Board meeting were provided. A summary of the comments from the June 21st TIP public meeting was provided separately. Mr. Caskey noted attendance numbers for the TIP public meeting were good and exceeded last year's meeting. He provided some of the questions and comments and poll results from the meeting. Mr. Caskey called attention to partner panelists who participated and thanked them. Chairwoman Elbadri thanked Mr. Caskey for the virtual meeting and advocated that the format be continued.

D. FY 2026/27 - 2035/36 Prioritized Project List

Action was requested by Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the FY 2026/27 - 2035/36 Prioritized Project List (PPL). This document includes a list of highway, Transportation Systems Management and Operations, bicycle and pedestrian, and transit projects that have been ranked in order of priority. FDOT will use the PPL in developing their FY 2022/23 - 2026/27 Five Year Work Program. A fact sheet was provided, and the draft PPL document could be reviewed at:

https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Project-Priority-List-FINAL_2026_27-2034_35.pdf

Mr. Lepp reported that the PPL presented is the finalized version, and it is the 10-year bridge between the MTP and the TIP. He noted that the PPL is a direct link to the MTP Cost Feasible Plan and must support the MTP goals and performance measures, along with being consistent with MetroPlan Orlando funding policies. Mr. Lepp reviewed the 2045 MTP evaluation criteria noting that weighting had been added. He detailed MetroPlan Orlando funding policies and reviewed updated project rankings and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding marketing and educating efforts, LYNX North and South Operations Centers progress, SR 434 movement down in the rankings, and the future of President Barack Obama Pkwy (Phase 2) from Metrowest Blvd. to Raleigh Street.

E. Request for Volunteers for Pedestrian Safety Working Group

At the May 21st TAC meeting, the TAC Pedestrian Safety Committee recommended forming a Pedestrian Safety Working Group to improve pedestrian safety throughout the region by primarily focusing on corridor speeds. This Working Group will include representatives from FDOT, the TAC, TSMO, CAC and Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board as well as LYNX, Best Foot Forward and local law enforcement. The group will work in coordination with the local Community Traffic Safety Teams. Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested at least three volunteers from the CAC, one from each county, to participate in the Working Group. The formation of the Working Group was presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board for approval at their July 7th meeting. Dr. Dan Stephens and Mr. David Sibila immediately volunteered to serve on the Pedestrian Safety Working Group. In addition, Vice-Chairman Jeffrey Campbell, Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Mr. R.J. Mueller, and Ms. Nilisa Council volunteered to serve, depending on the meeting schedule and whether they can participate.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. Presentation on FY 2019/20 Traffic Signal Retiming Program

Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on MetroPlan Orlando's FY 2019/20 Traffic Signal Retiming Program. Ms. Bouck reviewed why signal retiming is used and the number and category of retiming corridors for 2019 to 2020. She provided statistic results from the retiming and the benefit-cost ratio summary. In addition, she reported information on signal retiming in relation to safety. Discussion ensued regarding sensory devices at intersections, changes in speed, factoring in pandemic traffic patterns, regional equipment upgrades, accommodations for persons with disabilities and tracking safety improvements by jurisdiction.

B. Status Report on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project

Ms. Catalina Chacon, FDOT District 5, gave a status report on the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project. Ms. Chacon reviewed the agenda, goals of the project, and the north and south segments. She provided an update on the I-4/Sand Lake Road intersection. Ms. Chacon called attention to opportunities available, and the value engineering approach being used to relook at the corridor. She provided an example of an original typical section and a potential typical section after using the new approach. Ms. Chacon detailed the next steps and gave a programming update. Discussion ensued regarding current diverging diamond intersections, lessons learned from the I-4 Ultimate project, Beyond the Ultimate timeline, and incorporating transit.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

The latest Florida Dept. of Transportation Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area was provided.

B. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

A copy of the June 9, 2021 Board Meeting Highlights was provided.

C. Air Quality Report

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

D. LYNX Press Releases

A set of press releases from LYNX was provided.

E. Bicycle & Pedestrian Report

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

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. Next Community Advisory Committee meeting

The next CAC meeting is scheduled on August 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801. CAC members need to attend in person to be considered present for the meeting. During this meeting, the CAC will take action and will be requested to ratify the Board's actions from May 2020 through June 2021. Members of the public may also attend in person or may join the meeting virtually on Zoom.

The remaining CAC meetings for 2021 are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on: October 27 and December 1.

B. Next MPO Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was scheduled to be held in person on July 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200,

Orlando FL 32801. Members of the public may attend in person or may join the meeting virtually on Zoom.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Theresa Mott welcomed new CAC member Ms. Cheryl Stone.

Ms. Cynthia Henry requested MetroPlan Orlando's location and parking directions for the in-person meetings.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem inquired about the absence in any TIP amendments of \$5.6 million in Safety and Efficiency funding allocated to SunRail.

Ms. Cheryl Stone suggested CAC members who have not attended a meeting at MetroPlan Orlando do a "dry run" prior to the August meeting to become familiar with the parking and building entrance.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Hannah Gutner, 807 Shine Avenue Orlando, asked if there was an update and timeline for the SunRail Phase III connection to the airport. She commented that there was no rail envelope included in the right-of-way for I-4 Beyond the Ultimate and asked if a dedicated lane for Bus Rapid Transit was included on I-4.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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

Approved this 25th day August 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