



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, June 25, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Virtual

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*Chairman Nabil Muhaisen, Presiding*

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**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  
Ms. Krystal Clem, City of Lake Mary  
Mr. Joshua De Vries, Osceola County  
Ms. Alyssa Eide, City of Maitland  
Cmsr. Ed Gold, City of Belle Isle  
Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando  
Mr. Will Hawthorne, CFX  
Mr. Conroy Jacobs, Osceola County  
Mr. Charley Wetzel for Mr. Jean Jreij, Seminole County  
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee  
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  
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport  
Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood  
Ms. Erin Sterk, City of St. Cloud  
Mr. Matt Suedemeyer, Orange County  
Ms. Sarah Walter, City of Winter Park  
Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County  
Mr. Tom Radzai for Mr. Bobby Wyatt, City of Oviedo

Non-Voting Members Present:

Members Absent:

Mr. Charles Abbatantuono, ECFRPC  
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando  
Ms. Ashley Cornelius, City of Kissimmee  
Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Orange County  
Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA  
Mr. Glen Hammer, Osceola County Public Schools  
Ms. Amy King, Sanford  
Mr. Jay Marder, Town of Oakland (Non-Voting)  
Ms. Mary Moskowitz, Seminole County  
Mr. Michael Rigby, Seminole County Public Schools  
Mr. Christopher Schmidt, City of Winter Springs  
Mr. Steven Thorp, OCPS  
Mr. Jon Williams, City of Winter Garden

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Catalina Chacon, FDOT  
Ms. Rakinyah Hinson, FDOT  
Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE  
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando  
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 told TAC members that the Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc committee had been formalized. He called attention to the transportation challenges post Covid with the supply chain and alternatives needed to mitigate them.

**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 there is no July TAC meeting and the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in-person and a quorum will be required.

### **III. Public Comments on Action Items**

None

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

#### **A. Status Report on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project – taken out of order**

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.

#### **B. 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 use signal retiming 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 the deadline for submitting corridors for retiming.

### **V. Action Items for Review/Discussion**

#### **A. May 21, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes**

The TAC reviewed and discussed the May 21, 2021 meeting minutes which were provided and made a consensus recommendation. The TAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to approve their 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 includes 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 27<sup>th</sup>. The TAC reviewed and discussed the amendment request which will be presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board for ratification on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

The TAC reviewed and discussed the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP, which includes 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 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were provided. A summary of the comments from the June 21<sup>st</sup> TIP public meeting were provided separately. Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, 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. Discussion ensued regarding the 434/Forest City Road project and I-4 auxiliary lanes. FDOT staff will follow up on the 434/Forest City Road project.

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

The TAC reviewed and discussed the FY 2026/27 - 2035/36 Prioritized Project List (PPL). This document included 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 can be reviewed at: [https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Project-Priority-List-FINAL\\_2026\\_27-2034\\_35.pdf](https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Project-Priority-List-FINAL_2026_27-2034_35.pdf)

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, reported that the PPL presented today is the finalized version and it is the ten-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.

**E. *Request for Volunteers for Pedestrian Safety Working Group***

At the May 21<sup>st</sup> TAC meeting, the TAC Pedestrian Safety Committee presented their recommendation to form 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 three volunteers from the TAC, one from each county, to participate in the Working Group. The formation of the Working Group will be presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board for approval at their July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County, and Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando, volunteered to serve on the Pedestrian Safety Working Group. Mr. Josh Devries volunteered Mr. Justin Eason, Osceola County, to serve as that county's representative. Commissioner Ed Gold and Ms. Erin Sterk also expressed their willingness to serve if needed. Ms. Sterk asked what the purview of the Working Group would be. Mr. Wilson responded that the emphasis of the Working Group would be corridor speeds.

## VI. TAC-Only Presentations

There are no TAC-only presentations.

## 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 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.

## VIII. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to TAC Members

### A. *Next MPO Board Meeting*

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was scheduled 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 also attend in person or may join the meeting virtually on Zoom.

### B. *Next TAC Meeting*

The next TAC meeting was scheduled in person on August 27, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801. TAC members are required to attend in person to be considered present for the meeting. During this meeting, the TAC 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.

Following the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the dates of the remaining TAC meetings during 2021 will be:  
10/22/21  
12/3/21

**IX. Other Business**

None.

**X. Public Comments (General)**

Ms. Joanne Counelis, 324 Clermont Avenue, Lake Mary, commented that there is a need for 24-hour bus and train service seven days a week. In addition, bus stops are needed on Country Club Road by Seminole State College and Oviedo Boulevard near the Big Kahuna Pool.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Nabil Muhaisen adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb

Approved this 27th day of August 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.