



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, August 25, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual Hybrid

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairwoman Sarah Elbadri, presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Jose Alvarez, Osceola County
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Maria Cortes, 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
Mr. Kyle Longville, Seminole County
Ms. Gigi Moorman, Orange 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. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Cheryl Stone, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Carlos Torrealba, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Susan BATTERY, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Cody Dyess MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Maria Fernanda Saavedra, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, City of Altamonte Springs
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Others in attendance were:

Ms. Jazlyn Heywood, Atkins
Mr. Nathan Silva, RS&H
Dr. Sarah Vega, Summit Survey Research
Mr. Mike Carman, SunRail
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, MetroPln 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 9:32 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Dan Stephens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairwoman Elbadri detailed the hybrid meeting guidelines and public comment procedures. Chairwoman Elbadri told CAC members that at the July 7th MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting, board members approved two TIP amendments and the Prioritized Project List. In addition, they received a presentation on the public opinion survey results. She noted that Ms. Mary Ann Horne gave the CAC report at the board meeting due to the absence of Chair Elbadri and Vice-Chair Campbell. Chairwoman Elbadri thanked CAC members for attending and called attention to the new AV equipment in the boardroom. Ms. Mary Ann Horne provided a brief tutorial on the new AV equipment.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne thanked everyone for their participation in the hybrid meeting. She noted that the intention was to return to in-person meetings, however due to the current pandemic situation, the decision was made to conduct hybrid meetings with a quorum in person. She thanked those who RSVP'ed, adding that there was not a quorum in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Horne reported that CAC's representatives on the Vulnerable Road Users Safety Working Group are Nilisa Council, R. J. Mueller and David Sibila. She called attention to a Brightline presentation slated for the September 8th MetroPlan Orlando board meeting and told CAC members they were welcome to attend the board meeting virtually through the public link to see the presentation. Ms. Horne added that CAC election of officers needs to take place by the end of the year. She reported that Chairwoman Elbadri had served for the two-year limit, and Vice Chairman Campbell was interested in serving as Chair. Volunteers for a nominating subcommittee will be requested at the next CAC meeting, and they will meet virtually sometime in November to recommend a slate of officers for 2022. Ms. Horne called attention to the Tracking the Trends flyer included in the agenda packet. She added that Mr. Russ Hauck had resigned from CAC.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the attendance roll call and confirmed that an in-person quorum was not in attendance.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

Due to the absence of a quorum, the following items were presented for review and discussion.

A. *Approval of CAC Virtual Workshop Meeting Minutes: December 2020 – June 2021*

Approval was requested of CAC virtual workshop meeting minutes from December 2020 through June 2021, listing of meetings was provided. Copies of minutes were provided in the respective meeting agendas.

B. *Ratification of Board Action Items: December 2020 – July 2021*

Approval was requested of the action items approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board from December 2020 through July 2021, provided.

C. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC to recommend that the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP be amended to include projects with funds that rolled forward from FY 2020/21 to FY 2021/22. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request was provided, along with the FDOT Roll Forward Report, a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the September 8th Board meeting. Mr. Caskey provided some background information on the amendment request. Mr. Jeff Piggrem asked about the SunRail efficiency funding that was not included in the roll forwards. Mr. Caskey deferred to FDOT/SunRail staff to respond. Mr. Mark Calvert responded that federal safety funds were used

on ongoing cleaning of machines and safety personnel through 2020. Mr. Piggrem added that the funds he was inquiring about were a specific grant in September 2020 of \$6 million for a second track in Osceola County. Mr. Calvert noted he will look into the status of that funding.

D. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC to recommend that the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP be amended to include SunRail projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2020/21 to FY 2021/22. A letter from FDOT SunRail staff 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 September 8th Board meeting. Mr. Caskey reviewed background information on the amendment request.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS/STATUS REPORTS

A. *Presentation on Public Opinion Survey Results*

Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the results of MetroPlan Orlando's 2021 Public Opinion Survey. Ms. Lambert reviewed details of the survey and introduced Dr. Sara Vega from Summit Survey Research, who conducted the survey. Ms. Lambert reported that they surveyed 3,055 people through the month of May both online and in person. She noted that the survey was conducted in English and Spanish and CAC members were very supportive with community outreach, along with staff members Ms. Mary Ann Horne and Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga. Ms. Lambert provided survey results on topics including transportation funding, travel challenges, unsafe driver behavior, public transportation, equity in transportation, and technology. She called attention to a link to view the full report and contact information for any additional questions. Discussion ensued regarding vehicle-miles-traveled fee funding, response numbers overall and among the three counties, future dissemination and uses of survey information, and strategies for reducing the number of drivers who engage in unsafe behavior. Additional discussion ensued regarding inadequacy of gas tax funding, the future of self-driving vehicles, transit riders' access to jobs, lack of dedicated funding for transit, lack of knowledge of transit options in more remote areas such as Poinciana, and media reporting on self-driving vehicles' crashes and safety factors.

B. *Presentation on Florida's Turnpike Widening PD&E Study*

Ms. Jazlyn Heywood, Atkins, gave a presentation on the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for the widening project on Florida's Turnpike from SR 408 to SR 50. Ms. Heywood reviewed the study objective, limits, scope, and coordination efforts. She noted that the project had been split into three segments and she detailed a typical section. Ms. Heywood called attention to the interchanges that will be addressed in the study at SR 408, Sr 429, SR 50, Avalon Road and SR 50 (Oakland/Clermont). She provided information on the public outreach efforts, primary questions and comments received, and the study schedule. Discussion ensued regarding adding capacity, need for improvements, potential bottlenecks, addressing growth and development, managing rush hour congestion in the area, the number of lanes proposed, and the need for communication with residents in the area. Ms. Heywood noted that the project is not funded past the PD&E study.

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 July 7, 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.

F. *Tracking the Trends Flyer*

A flyer on MetroPlan Orlando's latest *Tracking the Trends* report was provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. *Next MPO Board Meeting*

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was scheduled on September 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801. This was 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, and members of the public joining the meeting virtually on Zoom.

B. *Next CAC Meeting*

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801. This will be a hybrid meeting with a limited number of CAC members, staff, and members of the public attending the meeting in person. Other CAC members, staff, and members of the public will join the meeting virtually on Zoom.

Following the October 27 meeting, the final 2021 CAC meeting will be December 1, 2021 (hybrid meeting)

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Jeff Piggrem commented that he would like to offer kudos to staff and express his appreciation for the new AV equipment.

Ms. Theresa Mott commented that she appreciates the work that went into the public opinion survey. She requested the section in the complete survey with the responses from survey takers on why they did not use crosswalks. Ms. Lambert responded that the information was on page 9.

Ms. Theo Webster asked if Brightline was not able to present to CAC, how could CAC offer comment on the project. Ms. Horne responded that CAC members could attend the board meeting virtually on the public side and offer their personal comment, but there was no action by CAC scheduled on Brightline.

Mr. Brindley Pieters called attention to the move to get autonomous 18 wheelers on the road.

Mr. Brady Lessard commented that CAC members who RSVP that they will attend should attend. He called attention to the great job Chairwoman Elbadri has done over the last two years.

Mr. Jose Alvarez commended staff and commented that if there was action on Brightline, MetroPlan Orlando would look to CAC for their input.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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

Approved this 27th day October 2021.


Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Chairwoman


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