



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Viviana Janer, Board Chair, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Hon. Ricky Booth, Osceola County
Hon. Lee Constantine, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County
Hon. Jim Fisher, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon Keith Trace, MAC
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County

Members attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County
Hon. Art Woodruff, City of Sanford
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Advisors in Attendance

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:

Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Secretary Jared Perdue

Others in Attendance :

Mr. Jeremy Dilmore, FDOT
Mr. John Tyler, FDOT
Ms. Christine Kefauver, Brightline
Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOT
Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Siaosi Fine, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Staff in Attendance :

Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Nick Lepp
Mr. Keith Caskey
Ms. Cynthia Lambert
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Lisa Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Janer informed attendees that today's meeting is being held in the hybrid format with a minimum number of board members physically present and other board members participating on the Zoom platform. She summarized her August 12th meeting with Secretary Perdue. Commissioner Janer announced that the Osceola County State of the County is scheduled for October 6th. Commissioner Mayra Uribe reported on the July 29th Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) meeting and August 12th Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) meeting. Commissioner Uribe encouraged fellow Board members to have their respective jurisdictions pass a resolution in support of Blind American's Equality Day scheduled for October 15. Commissioner Uribe was a speaker at the Florida APA meeting and provided an overview of the event held in Miami from August 31st through September 3rd. Mayor Jerry Demings reported on the August 12th Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC) meeting. Chairwoman Janer announced that this meeting is Mr. Stephen Smith's final Board meeting representing the Orlando Sanford Airport. She thanked him for his service on the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary Huttman thanked Board members for helping to ensure a quorum for the hybrid meeting. He reported that last week was NARC Membership week which is a time that is set aside each year for them to check up on their membership and also serves as an evaluation of how they're doing. Mr. Huttman announced that the NARC Executive Director's Conference and Board Retreat is scheduled for September 26-28 and will be a live event. Mr. Huttman announced that the AMPO annual meeting is scheduled for October 5-8 and will also be a live event. Mr. Huttman reported that he continues to coordinate with FDOT Leadership and Work Program staff on stimulus funding. Mr. Huttman reminded Board members that the FAST Act expires at the end of the month and that the reauthorization bill is now embedded in the overall \$1.2T Senate Infrastructure Package. That bill has passed the Senate and is currently awaiting final action in the House. Mr. Huttman informed Board members that the Executive Committee meeting that was scheduled in August had to be cancelled due to a COVID scare. He alerted Executive Committee members that staff would be reaching out to schedule a meeting before the November Board meeting. He provided an overview of FDOT Mobility Week scheduled for October 29-November 5 and activities that are planned in conjunction with the event. Mr. Huttman informed that he has met with new board member Mr. Tom Green, the new Orlando Sanford Airport representative. Mr. Huttman recognized MetroPlan Orlando staff member, Virginia L. Whittington, for being appointed to the Orange County Redistricting Committee. He recognized the MetroPlan Orlando Communications Team for having won an Award of Distinction for the 2045 Plan Digital Public Participation Program won at the statewide Florida Public Relations Association's Golden Image Awards.

IV. FDOT REPORT

None.

V. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

VI. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman reported there were no changes to the agenda. Mr. Huttman supported Commissioner Uribe's encouragement of Board members to have their individual jurisdictions support the Blind American's Equality Day by passing a similar resolution as what's on 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 August and September meetings.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from July 7, 2021 Board meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for June (unaudited) & July 2021
- C. Approval of FY 2022 Budget Amendment #2 (Roll Forward)
- D. Ratification of FY 2021 Year End Budget Amendment #7
- E. Approval of Personnel Committee Recommendation for the Executive Director's Annual Review
- F. Approval of Personnel Committee Recommendation of changes to the MetroPlan Employee Handbook
- G. Approval of contribution to Bike Walk Central Florida for Best Foot Forward Pedestrian Safety Program
- H. Approval of Board Resolution in support of "Blind Americans Equality Day"
- I. Approval of Board Resolution in support of "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day"

J. Approval to Extend Sole Source Contract with the University of Florida for Maintenance of the Web-based Crash Database

K. Approval to Extend the State Legislative Consultant Contract with Peebles Smith & Matthews, Inc for one additional year

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

X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

**A. Approval of the Roll Forward Amendments to the 2021/22 - 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando Staff (Roll Call Vote)**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented an overview of the TIP amendment request. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request which included a roll forward report was provided along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution. Council Member Trace voiced his concern for a change to the FTE mainline widening project located in Osceola County that runs from Osceola Parkway to Kissimmee Park Road. He explained that the length of the project was reduced from 7.5 down to 5 miles which greatly affects the high growth area of Osceola County to the south of the project. Mr. Trace expressed concern that a gap will be created between the new and old interchange and that will create a bottleneck of truck traffic traveling into the high growth area of Osceola County. Mr. Caskey explained that a meeting was held approximately two months ago concerning the change and that another meeting will be scheduled to include staff from FTE, Osceola County and the City of St. Cloud in an attempt to resolve the issue. Mr. Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, explained that the project was shortened based on the adjusted revenues. Staff is working with FTE to figure out where the project fits now.

MOTION: Mayor Demings moved approval of the FY 2021/22-2025/26 TIP. Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously with an 18-0 vote.

**B. Approval of the SunRail Roll Forward Amendments to the 2021/22-2025-26 TIP
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando Staff (Roll Call Vote)**

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: Commissioner Dallari moved approval of the FY 2021/22-2025/26 TIP. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously with an 18-0 vote.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)

- A. Executive Director's Report**
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report**
- C. Air Quality Report – June & July 2021**
- D. FDOT Mobility Week 2021 Announcement**
- E. Memo from Mr. Huttman to MetroPlan Board – Best Foot Forward Results for July 27 & 28, 2021**
- F. FDOT FTE Fact Sheet – Turnpike Mainline Widening PD&E Study from SR 408 to SR 50**
- G. FDOT FTE Fact Sheet - Turnpike Mainline Widening Clermont/SR50 to Hancock Road/Minneola, Orange and Lake Counties**
- H. FDOT FTE Fact Sheet – Turnpike SR429 Widening PD&E Study from North of I-4 to Seidel Road**
- I. Copy of Maricopa Association of Governments Fact Sheet for high growth areas re: Federal Funding Allocations**
- J. Tracking the Trends**
- K. Featured Research and Articles:**
 - **This is 21st Century Infrastructure, Bill Lucia, Route Fifty Today, July 29, 2021**
 - **Looking Beyond COVID-19: Implications for Workplaces in the Transportation Industry, ITE Journal, August 2021**
 - **Accessibility-Oriented Planning: Why and How to Make the Switch, ITER Journal, August 2021**

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement. Commissioner Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Update on the ATTAIN Central Florida Project –Jeremy Dillmore, FDOT Staff

Mr. Jeremy Dillmore, presented an update on the ATTAIN Central Florida Project. He stated that the project is a partnership of 28 local governments and regional agencies. The grant amount was \$11.9 million to bring the latest roadside technology, to enhance pedestrian safety, and to reduce congestion. Mr. Dillmore reviewed the components of the grant that have been implemented. Implementation is complete for the transit signal priority and that has resulted in improved on-time performance for LYNX buses and routes that are connected to

SunRail stations. Autonomous shuttles are will soon be in operation on the UCF campus. The adaptative traffic signal interface with positive train control is complete and currently in operation at select Seminole County intersections. Regional Integrated Corridor Management Software is in use on I-4 to optimize crash management. Transit kiosks, which will allow users to look at multiple modes of transportation, are being placed on the UCF campus and software testing and hardware installation is underway. He noted that data storage initiatives are currently being tested and on-board unit presentation is on-going. He provided the website address: www.CFLSmartRoads.com so that those interested can obtain the most current information.

B. I-4 Ultimate: Status and Anticipated Completion– John Tyler, FDOT Staff

Mr. John Tyler, Director of Operations, District 5, explained that the I-4 Ultimate project is a complete reconstruct of 21 miles of existing lanes and 15 major interchanges in Orange and Seminole Counties from Kirkman Road to S.R. 434. The project also includes Safety enhancements and the addition of four express lanes (two in each direction). Mr. Tyler used enhanced renderings to provide Board members a more detailed overview of general use lane completion, remaining work, the express lanes progress, enhanced signage, electronic tolling, outreach efforts, and incident response. He provided the website address: www.I4Ultimate.com to obtain the most current information.

C. Brightline Update – Christine Kefauver, Brightline SVP, Corporate Development

Ms. Christine Kefauver, provided Board members with an update on the Brightline high-speed rail operations in the MetroPlan Orlando region. She provided an overview of Brightline stations in south Florida, those include Miami Central, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach. She said that due to Covid-19, customer operations have been on hold and are anticipated to begin again in late October/early November. Ms. Kefauver noted that new stations are currently underway at Aventura and Boca Raton and noted that the station at Orlando International Airport is under construction. The extension to Tampa with a station at Disney Springs is in the developmental phase. She used a video to provide an overview of the current construction efforts. She provided the website address of: www.gobrightline.com so that those interested can obtain weekly construction updates.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

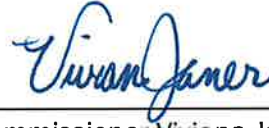
None.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 10, 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 10th day of November 2021



Commissioner Viviana Janer, Chair



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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