



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, October 27, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual Hybrid

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairwoman Sarah Elbadri, presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte Springs
Ms. Susan Buttery, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Maria Cortes, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Henry, Orange 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
Ms. Maria Fernanda Saavedra, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. Jose Alvarez, Osceola County
Mr. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Cody Dyess MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Cheryl Stone, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Carlos Torrealba, MetroPlan Appointee
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Others in attendance were:

Ms. Catalina Chacon, FDOT
Mr. John Tyler, FDOT

Mr. Todd Helton, FDOT
Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPin 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 9:33 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairwoman Elbadri detailed the hybrid meeting guidelines and public comment procedures. She welcomed new CAC member Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger representing Altamonte Springs. Mr. Boebinger spoke briefly. Chairwoman Elbadri said that she had shared CAC members' concerns regarding a Turnpike widening project in West Orange County at the September MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting. She noted board members received a Brightline presentation, along with an I-4 Ultimate presentation. Chairwoman Elbadri called attention to the new board room AV equipment, because some members in attendance had not yet had the opportunity to use it. Some brief instruction was provided on using the equipment.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne noted that due to the current pandemic situation, the decision was made to conduct hybrid meetings with a quorum in person for the remainder of the year. Ms. Horne called attention to the legislative priorities document in the agenda packet She told CAC Members that Ms. Virginia Whittington was not able to give a presentation on the priorities at the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Ms. Horne reported that the Florida AV Summit was being held November 29th to December 1st at the Rosen Shingle Creek, not at CFX. She told CAC members that Mr. Douglas Henley had resigned from CAC due to new employment commitments. New CAC member recruitment

would be taking place at the end of the year, and she asked if any members were not able to continue serving to please let staff know. Ms. Horne noted there were some changes in the order of the agenda that Chairwoman Elbadri would help walk members through.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

Due to the absence of a quorum at this time, the following items were presented for review and discussion. Action was taken later in the meeting when a quorum was reached.

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

Approval was requested of CAC virtual workshop meeting minutes from December 2020 through August 2021, listing of meetings was provided. Copies of minutes were provided in the respective meeting agendas, except for August. Those minutes will be presented at the December committee meeting.

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

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

C. *Appointment of Officer Selection Subcommittee*

Action was requested to approve the establishment of a subcommittee to select candidates to serve as the CAC Chair and Vice-Chair from January through December 2022. Chairwoman Elbadri called for volunteers to serve on the Officer Selection Subcommittee. Representation was requested from all three counties. Mr. David Sibila, Ms. Gigi Moorman, Mr. R.J. Mueller, Ms. Maria Cortes and Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger volunteered and were subsequently appointed by Chairwoman Elbadri to the Officer Selection Subcommittee. *This item did not return for a vote after a quorum was established, since the committee members had reached consensus on Chairwoman Elbadri's appointments.*

D. *Approval of the Proposed 2022 Board/Committee Meeting Schedule*

Approval was requested of the 2022 MetroPlan Orlando Board/Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule, a copy of which was provided.

B. *Presentation on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project - taken out of order*

Ms. Catalina Chacon and Mr. Todd Helton, FDOT, gave a presentation on the status of the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project. Ms. Chacon provided background on the project noting that FDOT was looking at critical areas that needed to be advanced. She told CAC members that there were new tools available to evaluate opportunities to add capacity such as managed lane policy versus

the express lane policy, options with managed lane separation and size and cost of projects. Ms. Chacon added that projects were identified through the process, and some were already planned. She said a potential westbound bottleneck had been identified, and an interim solution was being called the "tube," a continuous westbound express lane that would bypass interchanges. Ms. Chacon provide a graphic illustration of a typical section of the interim single westbound express lane, along with information about other identified projects and the delivery plan. Mr. Todd Helton provided additional information on the individual projects and the design-build procurement process. Discussion ensued regarding whether construction would be temporary, possible use of the tube lane before project completion, why the tube is only westbound, effect of tube project on business access and transit stops, the reasons for expediting the amendment request, and whether the project would preclude a rail corridor.

C. Presentation on Federal Stimulus Projects - taken out of order

Mr. John Tyler, FDOT, gave a presentation on the projects being funded in the MetroPlan Orlando region as a result of the federal stimulus program under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Mr. Tyler told CAC members that FDOT was asked to compile a list of projects to which stimulus funds could be allocated. FDOT staff, he added, looked at projects that were ready and each district compiled its own list. Mr. Tyler noted that District 5 received \$300 million in stimulus funds, and the MetroPlan Orlando tri-county area received \$125 million of that funding. He reported that once the list is announced, FDOT will be working on procurement. Local projects include I-4 Beyond the Ultimate South projects and two interchange projects in I-4 Beyond the Ultimate North. Discussion ensued regarding the I-4/SR528 intersection, the need for improvements on local roads, need for funding for transit, and whether there was a study conducted for the bottleneck projection.

A quorum was present at this time.

E. FDOT Amendment to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC to recommend that Table 6 in the 2045 MTP be amended to include the I-4/Sand Lake Road Interchange and express lane project from west of SR 528 to west of Kirkman Road and the I-4 express lane project from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of SR 528. A letter from FDOT stating this project is consistent with the SIS Cost Feasible Plan was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff. Mr. Lepp noted that this was a procedural amendment.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of amending the 2045 MTP to include the I-4/Sand Lake Road Interchange and express lane project from west of SR 528 to west of Kirkman Road and the I-4 express lane project from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of SR 528. Mr. Casmore Shaw seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

F. 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 the federal stimulus projects described in the FDOT presentation at the October 27 CAC meeting. The amendment included:

- FM #4411133 – I-4 at Daryl Carter Pkwy. Interchange

- FM #4443151 – I-4 at Sand Lake Road from west of SR 528 to west of Kirkman Road
- FM #4443153 – I-4 from west of Central Florida Pkwy. to west of SR 528

A letter from FDOT 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 November 10th Board meeting. Mr. Caskey noted that FDOT needs this amendment for the procurement process.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O’Hanlon moved for approval of amending the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP to include the federal stimulus projects described in the FDOT presentation at the October 27 CAC meeting. Mr. Casmore Shaw seconded the motion, which passed 20:1 (Cortes opposed).

A. *Approval of CAC Virtual Workshop Meeting Minutes: December 2020 – August 2021 - taken out of order*

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

MOTION: Mr. Casmore Shaw moved for approval of the CAC virtual workshop meeting minutes from December 2020 through August 2021 listing of meetings was provided. Copies of minutes were provided in the respective meeting agendas Ms. Theo Webster seconded the motion.

Ms. Theresa Mott called attention to the omission of the August 2021 meeting minutes. Those will be provided for approval at the December meeting.

AMENDED MOTION: Mr. Casmore Shaw moved for approval of the CAC virtual workshop meeting minutes from December 2020 through July 2021 listing of meetings was provided. Copies of minutes were provided in the respective meeting agendas Ms. Theo Webster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *Ratification of Board Action Items: December 2020 – September 2021 -taken out of order*

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

MOTION: Mr. Jeffrey Campbell moved for approval of the action items approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board from December 2020 through September 2021. Ms. Marissa Salas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. *Approval of the Proposed 2022 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule*

Approval was requested of the 2022 MetroPlan Orlando Board/Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule, a copy of which was provided.

MOTION: Ms. Theresa Mott moved for approval of the 2022 MetroPlan Orlando Board/Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule. Ms. Nilisa Council seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

VIII. PRESENTATIONS/STATUS REPORTS

A. *Presentation on I-4 Ultimate Project*

Mr. John Tyler, FDOT, gave a presentation on the status of the I-4 Ultimate project, which is currently under construction from west of Kirkman Road to east of SR 434. Mr. Tyler provided an overview of the I-4 Ultimate project, typical section, general use lane completion milestones and the remaining work, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. He reviewed the express lane progress and future integration testing of those lanes with Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. Mr. Tyler told CAC members that the express lanes provided an additional mobility choice for motorists. He noted toll amounts will be static to begin with and will be based on demand in the future. Mr. Tyler detailed express lane signage and tolling procedures, the outreach plan and response to incidents. Discussion ensued regarding all-electronic tolling, potential cost increases, entrance and exit points, travel time savings figures, toll lane cost controls, safety data, and project punch list.

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 September 8, 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. *Blind Experience Event Flyer*

A flyer for the Mobility Week Blind Experience event on November 3 was provided.

F. *2021 Florida Automated Vehicles Summit*

The 2021 Florida Automated Vehicles Summit was held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Orlando from November 29th through December 1st. More information on the summit was available at <https://favsummit.com/>.

G. 2022 MetroPlan Orlando Legislative Priorities

A draft of the proposed MetroPlan Orlando priorities for the 2022 session of the Florida Legislature was provided. This draft was considered by the MetroPlan Orlando Board at its Nov. 10 meeting.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. Next MPO Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was held in person on November 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801.

B. Next CAC Meeting

The final CAC meeting of 2021 was scheduled on December 1, 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.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Venise White called attention to Agenda Item IX. E. the link for Mobility Week events provides information on the Seminole County Health Department's Bike to Work Day.

Mr. Casmore Shaw asked Ms. Cortes what her objection was the TIP Amendment action item. Ms. Cortes responded that she wanted to see more creative, long-term solutions, not 5-to-10-year interim solutions.

Ms. Rakinya Hinson reported that the District 5 Five-Year Work Program Public Hearing was being held the week of October 25th with the open house scheduled October 28th at the District Office, 719 S. Woodland Blvd, DeLand. The Work Program Public Hearing was available online all week. Theo Webster requested that the Work Program information be sent to CAC members.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem commented that he would like to see funding reinvested in bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon commented on the ability to remotely send fixes to Teslas and said that technology saves lives. He added that he could not support transportation internal combustion engines.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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

Approved this 1st day December 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