



**MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, November 4, 2021

LOCATION: Hybrid Format: MetroPlan Orlando Boardroom and Virtual Platform

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Council Member Keith Trace, Chairman, presided

Members in attendance:

Mayor Phil Anderson, City of Winter Park
Ms. Sharon Anselmo, City of Maitland
Mayor Eddie Cole, Town of Eatonville
Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Mayor David Henson, City of Casselberry
Mayor Kevin McCann, City of Winter Springs
Commissioner Sal Ramos, Town of Oakland
Mayor Megan Sladek, City of Oviedo
Commissioner Jordan Smith City of Lake Mary
Council Member Keith Trace, City of St. Cloud

Members not in attendance:

Commissioner Richard Firstner, City of Ocoee
Mayor Nicholas Fouraker, City of Belle Isle
Mayor Jim O'Brien, Town of Windermere
Vacant, City of Longwood
Vacant, City of Winter Garden

Others in attendance were:

Mr. John Tyler, FDOT
Ms. Catalina Chacon, FDOT
Mr. Todd Helton, FDOT
Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Ms. Carol Scott, FTE
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keith Trace called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Phil Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Trace reviewed the hybrid meeting procedures.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum in attendance.

V. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Alex Trauger welcomed MAC members. He discussed the meeting format and noted the importance of RSVPs and described how MetroPlan Orlando will be following CDC guidelines; adding if MAC members had any concerns, to please contact him. Mr. Trauger advised committee members that Ms. Anna Taylor was attending representing FDOT. Mr. Trauger also reported that the Florida AV Summit was being held November 29th at the Rosen Shingle Creek.

VI. Public Comments on Action Items

None.

VII. Agency Reports/Partner Updates

- **Florida Department of Transportation**

Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOT, told MAC members that the Work Program Public Hearing Open House was held October 28th. She noted that FDOT would be presenting the Work Program at the December board meeting. Ms. Taylor reported that the resurfacing project on SR 435(Kirkman Road) would wrap up the next week. In addition, community engagement has commenced for preconstruction on SR426 from Pine Avenue to Avenue D and an open house was planned for January 13th. Chairman Trace commented that Mayor Sladek must be happy the Oviedo project in moving forward and he congratulated her on her recent reelection.

- **LYNX**

Mr. Myles O'Keefe reported that LYNX received three awards at the Florida Public Transportation Conference, two for marketing and one for their Safety and Security Team. He told MAC members that LYNX will be the host agency for the American Public Transportation Association Expo at the Orange County Convention Center November 7th. Mr. O'Keefe called attention to a month-long LYNX demonstration project for a fully electric trip. He noted that LYNX was at 60% pre pandemic ridership, which was in line with the national percentage of 61%.

- **Florida Turnpike Enterprise**

Mr. Siasos Fine, FTE, reported that FTE will be presenting their tentative Five-year Work

Program to the MetroPlan Orlando board and committees during the December cycle of meetings. He noted that they are currently finishing up presenting to the south and west Florida areas.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of September 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the September 2, 2021 meeting minutes, provided.

MOTION: Mayor John Dowless moved for approval of the September 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Mayor David Henson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the Proposed 2022 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule

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

MOTION: Mayor John Dowless moved for approval of the 2022 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule. Mayor David Henson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. PRESENTATIONS

These presentations were for informational purposes although they would provide detailed descriptions of projects that would be included in requests to amend the 2045 MTP and FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP.

A. Presentation on Federal Stimulus Projects

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 MAC 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.

B. Presentation on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project

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 MAC 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, called the "tube," a continuous westbound express lane would bypass interchanges. Ms. Chacon provided a graphic illustration of the 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 the possibility of rail along the corridor and the use of stimulus funding for toll lanes/facilities.

X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. *FDOT Amendment to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the MAC 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 was consistent with the SIS Cost Feasible Plan was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff.

MOTION: Mayor Eddie Cole moved for approval of the FDOT Amendment to 2045 MTP. Mayor David Henson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2021/22 – FY 2025/26 Transportation Improvement Program*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the MAC to recommend that the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP be amended to include the federal stimulus projects described in the FDOT presentation being given at the November 4th MAC 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.

MOTION: Mayor Phil Anderson moved for approval of the FDOT Amendment to the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP. Mayor Eddie Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

XI. OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. *Preview of 2022 Legislative Priorities*

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a preview of MetroPlan Orlando's priorities for the 2022 session of the Florida Legislature. Ms. Whittington reviewed the priorities, items for support and those that will be monitored. She noted that there would be no funding request for Best Foot Forward this year after last year's request passed but was vetoed by the governor. Increasing funding for transportation was a priority with the caveat that it does not impact the Transportation Trust Fund negatively. Another top priority, she added, was adding bicyclists to the list of vulnerable road users. Ms. Whittington noted a new item to support was to add provisions to Florida's Sunshine law that allows public meetings to be conducted virtually during a declared state of emergency. She told MAC members that items to monitor that rolled over included distracted driving, red light cameras, mid-block crossings and an attempt to diminish the role of the Regional Planning Councils. Additional items to monitor included resolving concerns over state funding received from the federal government and integrating projects funded with federal stimulus funds.

B. 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 MAC 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 how express lane access gates work

XII. 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, 2021 was provided.

F. 2021 Florida Automated Vehicles Summit

The 2021 Florida Automated Vehicles Summit was scheduled to be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel from November 29 through December 1, 2021. More information 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 would be considered by the MetroPlan Orlando Board at its November 10th meeting.

XIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. Next Municipal Advisory Committee meeting

The next MAC meeting was scheduled on December 2, 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 MAC members, staff and members of the public attending the meeting in person and joining the meeting virtually on Zoom.

B. Next MPO Board Meeting

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

XIV. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Sladek reported that Avenue B in Oviedo had been renamed Adeline B. Tinsley Avenue in honor of Ms. Tinsley's civic contributions to the city. She asked that future documents reflect that change.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 2nd day of December 2021.



Council Member Keith Trace, Chairman


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 which the appeal is to be based.