



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, November 10, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

Commissioner Viviana Janer, Board Chairperson, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Lee Constantine, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Jim Fisher, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Nicole Wilson for Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
Mr. Tom Green, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County
Hon Keith Trace, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Mayra Uribe, 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
Secretary Jared Perdue, FDOT District 5

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Hon. Ricky Booth, Osceola County
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando

Others in Attendance :

Mr. John Tyler, FDOT
Ms. Catalina Chacon, FDOT
Mr. Todd Helton, FDOT
Ms. Anna Taylor, FDOT
Ms. Alison Stettner, FDOT
Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT
Mr. Jeff Cicerello, FDOT
Ms. Jessica Ottaviano, FDOT
Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Staff in Attendance :

Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Eric Hill
Mr. Alex Trauger
Mr. Keith Caskey
Ms. Cynthia Lambert
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairwoman Janer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Bob Dallari led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Janer welcomed Mr. Tom Green, newly appointed Orlando Sanford Airport representative. She recognized Orange County Commissioner Nicole Wilson who represented Commissioner Gomez-Cordero. Chairwoman Janer thanked members who attended The Blind Experience event. She called attention to Osceola County's new logo. Commissioner Mayra Uribe reported on the October 28th Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) meeting. Mayor Jerry Demings reported on the November 4th Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC) meeting. Commissioner Christine Moore reported on the October 8th Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) meeting.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Director's report included highlights from the WTS Annual Awards Banquet held September 30th, staff recognitions, his virtual attendance at the NARC Executive Director's conference and Board retreat held September 26- 28, and the AMPO Annual Meeting held October 5-8. He highlighted his virtual participation in the AMPO Policy Committee Meeting as well as his continued coordination efforts with FDOT leadership and work program staff on stimulus funding. Mr. Huttman also provided an overview of the recently passed bi-partisan infrastructure bill which, among other things, contains a full reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program (currently called the FAST Act). Information will be shared as more is learned. Mr. Huttman called attention to FDOT's on-line work program held during the week of October 25-29. He announced the upcoming automated vehicle summit, scheduled in Orlando from November 29-December 1. Lastly, he called attention to information placed in the supplemental folders, which included a corrected set of the September meeting minutes.

IV. FDOT REPORT

Secretary Jared Perdue thanked Board members for supporting Mobility Week and Pedestrian Safety Month, stating that District 5 continues to work towards the Vision Zero safety goal. He noted that FDOT staff will be presenting on projects funded under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on today's agenda. Secretary Perdue provided Board members with an overview of the guiding principles utilized in determining how the stimulus funding was to be distributed. He explained that consideration was given to the MPO's top priorities including projects that were already in the pipeline that could be easily advanced. Eligible projects needed to have funding committed in FY2022/2023 and have a high focus on safety. Lastly, he explained that there was legislative proviso language that required the stimulus funding to be spent on the State Highway System. He noted that District 5 received a total of \$320 million in funding, \$180 million of which went to the MetroPlan Orlando tri-county region.

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.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee reports from the August and September meetings were presented by the Municipal Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee chairpersons. Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided the committee report on behalf of the TSMO Committee in the absence of its committee chairperson.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from September 8, 2021 Board meeting
- B. Approval of the MetroPlan Orlando Board/Committee 2022 meetings schedule
- C. Approval of Financial Report for August & September 2021
- D. Approval of FY 2022 Budget Amendment #3
- E. Acceptance of Annual Financial Report
- F. Approval of General Planning Consultant (GPC) Contract Awards

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved approval of the consent agenda, including the corrected September 8th Board meeting minutes, items A through F. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

X. PRESENTATIONS

A. A presentation on the process and selection of Federal Stimulus Projects –John Tyler, FDOT

Mr. John Tyler, Director of Operations, 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 explained to Board members that FDOT was asked to compile a list of projects to which stimulus funds could be allocated. He added that FDOT staff looked at projects that were ready and noted that each district compiled its own list. Local projects include I-4 Beyond the Ultimate South projects and two interchange projects in I-4 Beyond the Ultimate North.

B. I-4 Beyond the Ultimate – Federal Stimulus as part of the BTU– Catalina Chacon, FDOT

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 could be advanced. She told Board members that there were new tools available to evaluate opportunities to add capacity such as the

Department's managed lane policy versus their express lane policy, options with managed lane separation and the size and cost of projects. Ms. Chacon added that projects were identified through the process, and that 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 several interchanges. Ms. Chacon provided 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. She also informed the board that the express lane project would not open until all segments are complete. Mr. Todd Helton provided additional information on the individual projects and the design-build procurement process. Discussion ensued regarding the need for effective wayfinding due to the number of tourists that visit the Central Florida region. Secretary Perdue noted that there will be an extensive educational campaign with an information packet for those that desire to use the "tube", adjusted completion dates and stakeholder engagement.

XI. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Amendment to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando Staff (Roll Call Vote)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the Board approve changes to Table 6 in 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. 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. Trauger noted that this was a procedural amendment.

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved approval of the amendment to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously with an 18-0 vote.

B. Approval of the FDOT Amendment to FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, (Roll Call Vote)

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

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the Board approve a request to amend the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP to include the federal stimulus projects described. 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. Mr. Caskey noted that FDOT needs this amendment for the procurement process.

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

**C. Approval of 2022 Legislative Priorities
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando Staff**

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, reported that staff had briefed the Board's Executive Committee members individually and received feedback on the proposed 2022 legislative priorities and positions. Additionally, MetroPlan Orlando's Committees were briefed during their October/November meetings. Ms. Whittington summarized the top priorities for 2022 which included: supporting increased funding for transportation that does not negatively impact the State Transportation Trust Fund; supporting legislation that increases Transportation Disadvantaged funding for paratransit service (ACCESS LYNX); and supporting existing laws that include adding bicyclists as vulnerable road users (cyclists) in current Move Over Law. She gave an overview of other legislation issues on which the board had previously taken a position of support and/or to monitor. She noted many of the items were consistent with the MPOAC's legislative priorities. She requested that the Board adopt the proposed 2022 legislative priorities and positions, and additionally, authorize the Board's Executive Committee to address legislative issues during the session that may arise in between board meetings.

MOTION: Commissioner Uribe moved approval of the 2022 legislative priorities. Commissioner Dallari seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)

- A. Executive Director's Report**
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report**
- C. Air Quality Report – August & September 2021**
- D. Letter of Support – FY 2021 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program – CFCRC/SunRail Universal Crossovers Project**
- E. Letter of Support – University of South Florida VECTOR System Project**
- F. Notice to Proceed – National Institute for Congestion Reduction for research into Sustainability of a Regional TSMO Program**
- G. Letter of Support – Programs considered in the Federal Reconciliation**
- H. Letter of Support – Federal Lands Access Program Black Bear Scenic Trail**

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

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

XV. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 8TH day of December 2021



Commissioner Viviana Janer, Chair



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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.