

# MetroPlan Orlando Board MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 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 Chairperson, Presided

#### Members in attendance were:

Hon. Nicole Wilson for Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County

Hon. Lee Constantine, Central Florida Expressway Authority

Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County

Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando Hon. Jim Fisher, City of Kissimmee

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. Nabil Muhaisen, Technical Advisory Committee Secretary Jared Perdue, FDOT District 5

# Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs

Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County

Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando

Mr. Thomas Kapp, Kissimmee Gateway Airport

Mr. Doug Jamison, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee

# 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 Huttmann

Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert

Mr. Jason Loschiavo

Ms. Virginia Whittington

Mr. Nick Lepp

Mr. Eric Hill

Mr. Alex Trauger

Mr. Keith Caskey

Mr. Mighk Wilson

Ms. Cynthia Lambert

Ms. Mary Ann Horne

Ms. Lara Bouck

Ms. Sarah Larsen

Ms. Jasmine Blais

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Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga Mr. Joe Davenport

Ms. Lisa Smith

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb

Ms. Sally Morris

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairwoman Janer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Mayra Uribe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Janer welcomed Osceola County Commissioner Grieb back on to the MetroPlan Board. Commissioner Uribe reported on the November 18<sup>th</sup> TDLCB annual meeting. Chairwoman Janer highlighted several projects that have been completed and/or are underway.

#### III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary Huttmann thanked Board members for their attendance, and he acknowledged Orange County Commissioner Nicole Wilson as an alternate for Commissioner Bonilla. Mr. Huttmann included highlights of staff involvement with NARC and AMPO, an update on stimulus funding, reauthorization of the federal transportation bill, and the FDOT work program. Mr. Huttmann, reported on the Washington Fly-In hosted by the Orlando Economic Partnership on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, the opening of the City of Sanford Riverwalk project on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Florida AV Summit from November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Huttmann reported on his December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with FDOT Secretary Thibault Mr. Huttmann recognized MetroPlan Orlando staff member(s) Lara Bouck for completing the 2021 Operations Academy Senior Management Program, and Eric Hill for his participation in the Emerald Coast Transportation Symposium held in Miramar, FL. Lastly, he called attention to information placed in the supplemental folders.

# IV. FDOT REPORT

Secretary Perdue discussed the IIJA Infrastructure Bill. He noted that there is much speculation and conversation about the bill, but a lot is still unknown. Secretary Perdue told Board members that there is an increase in the amount of formula funding that the state receives across all modes, and not just for the FDOT work program. He added that something else notable is an increase in the amount of discretionary grant programs from 13 in the previous bill to currently over 20. He said that many of them are still undefined, but the addition of the grant programs presents an opportunity for local communities to come together and speak with one voice as to which projects potentially come to Central Florida. Secretary Perdue noted that the Governor's proposed gas tax holiday will have no effect on the approved work program.

#### 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. Huttmann reported that Eric Hill would be giving the TSMO Committee Report in place of Mr. Doug Jamison and that there were no other 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 TSMO committee report in the absence of its committee chairperson.

#### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

Joanne Counelis, commented on the need for bus shelters at certain sites in Seminole County.

#### IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from November 10, 2021 Board meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for October 2021
- C. Approval of Graphic Design Services Contract Award
- D. Approval of Video Production Services Contract Award
- E. Authorization of Board and Committee Member travel in 2022
- F. Authorization of NARC Travel in 2022 for Commissioner Dallari
- G. Authorization of NARC Travel in 2022 for Commissioner Constantine
- H. Approval of contribution to the University of Central Florida Foundation for the Urban & Regional Planning Program's Distinguished Lecture Series

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

#### X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Approval of the Amendments to the 2045 MTP (Roll Call Vote)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the request to amend the 2045 MTP to include the Hicks Avenue (formerly Terry Avenue) Extension located in the Griffin Park Historic District of the City of Orlando for an off system complete streets project. Mr. Trauger explained that the project was originally included in the I-4 Ultimate project but is now a stand-alone project and I-4 ramps have been relocated allowing access to the area. The project was developed by the City of Orlando in cooperation with FDOT and is

supported by the Parramore Community Engagement Council. Detailed information on this request was provided in the agenda package.

MOTION:

Mayor Dyer moved approval of the amendment to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Approval of the FDOT Amendments to the 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP (Roll Call Vote)

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 TIP be amended to include the following projects:

FM #432193-5 – Hicks Avenue Extension from Gore Street to Anderson Street

FM #445303-1 – SR 436 from north of Old Cheney Highway to south of University Park Drive

FM #447090-1 - Conway Road from Devonshire Lane to Lake Underhill Road

FM #448789-1 - SR 526/Robinson Street from US 441 to I-4

FM #448914-1 – I-4 from east of SR 535 to west of SR 535

FM #448915-1 - I-4 from east of SR 528 to west of SR 528

FM #242592-6 - I-4 from Rinehart Road south of CR 46A to Rinehart Road north of CR 46A

FM #242592-8 - US 17/92 from Central Florida Zoo to I-4 westbound ramps

FM #449771-1 - I-4 from west of SR 536 to west of Daryl Carter Pkwy.

FM #450274-1 - LYNX Capital Grant for Osceola County Opportunity Center

FM #449472-1 - Railroad Crossing Safety Project at Silver Meteor Road

FM #449763-1 – John Young Pkwy. from SR 408 to Shader Road

A letter from FDOT staff explaining the amendment requests was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution. Mr. Caskey provided background information on the amendment. He noted a correction on the SR526 project West of I-4 is Washington Street, not Robinson.

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

# C. Election of Board Officers for 2022Mr. Jay Small, MetroPlan Orlando Legal Counsel

Mr. Jay Small, General Counsel, reviewed the rules pertaining to Board Officers (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer), and conducted elections for the period January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022. A copy of the history of past Chairs was provided.

Office of Chairperson

**MOTION:** Commissioner Janer nominated Commissioner Uribe for the office of Chairperson. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Dallari moved nominations cease. Commissioner Fisher

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Uribe was declared Chairperson by acclamation.

Office of Vice-Chairperson

MOTION: Commissioner Uribe nominated Commissioner Dallari for the office of

Vice-Chairperson Commissioner Janer seconded the motion, which passed

unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Fisher moved nominations cease. Mayor Woodruff seconded

the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dallari was declared Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

Office of Secretary/Treasurer

MOTION: Commissioner Janer nominated Commissioner Grieb for the office of

Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Dallari seconded the motion, which

passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Fisher moved nominations cease. Mayor Woodruff seconded

the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Grieb was declared Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.

#### XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)

- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report
- C. Air Quality Report
- D. FY 2020/2021 Federally Funded Projects
- E. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Will Deliver for Florida. U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Public Affairs
- F. FDOT Letter to Chairwoman Janer re: Variance Between the Adopted and Tentative Work Program Fiscal Year 2022/23 to Fiscal Year 2025/26
- G. Letter from Mr. Huttmann to Secretary Perdue re: FDOT Variance Letter

MOTION:

Commissioner Uribe moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement. Commissioner Dallari seconded the motion, which passed

unanimously.

#### XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

#### FDOT District 5 Tentative Work Program – Katherine Alexander, FDOT A.

Ms. Katherine Alexander, FDOT, presented an overview of the new FY 2022/23 - 2026/27 Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Ms. Alexander reviewed background information on the Work Program. She detailed the proposed changes including deferrals, deletions, and projects that had been moved out. Ms. Alexander provided contact information if anyone had additional questions after the meeting.

#### В. FDOT FTE Tentative Work Program - Carol Scott, FTE

Ms. Carol Scott, FTE, provided information on the mission of the Five-Year Work program, revenues and expenditures and the prioritization process. She reviewed project changes for Osceola, Orange and Seminole Counties. Ms. Scott told members that additional information could be found on the Work Program website www.fdot.gov/wpph.

#### C. FDOT Truck Parking PD&E Status Update - Steven Buck, FDOT

Mr. Steven Buck, FDOT, provided a status update on the truck parking PD&E study for the I-4 Corridor. Mr. Buck noted that the P&DE study kicked-off in Spring 2021 with the purpose of identifying, evaluating and recommending viable sites along the I-4 corridor for either public and/or private sector development. He gave background information on how the study was initiated, the study scope, site selection methodology and criteria, and the truck parking needs along the I-4 corridor. He gave insight on the community outreach and engagement that is currently underway. Mr. Buck provided contact information if anyone had additional questions after the meeting.

#### XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Joanne Counelis commented on the need for 24-hour bus and SunRail service 7 days a week.

#### XIV. ACKNOWLEDGE OUTGOING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chairwoman Janer recognized outgoing Committee Chairpersons Ms. Sara Elbadri (CAC), Mr. Nabil Muhaisan (TAC), and Mr. Doug Jamison (TSMO) and thanked them for their excellent leadership over the past two years. She also recognized Council Member Keith Trace who assumed the role of MAC Chairperson. Council Member Trace will continue through 2022.

# XV. ACKNOWLEDGE OUTGOING BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Outgoing Vice-Chairperson Commissioner Mayra Uribe thanked Commissioner Uribe for her leadership through a very challenging year.

# XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

XVII. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

#### XVIII. 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 9th day of February 2022.

Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Chair

Ms. Lisa Smith,

**Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary** 

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