

# MetroPlan Orlando Board MEETING MINUTES

DATE:

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

MetroPlan Orlando

Park Building

250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200

Orlando, FL 32801

# Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Board Chair, Presided

# Members in attendance were:

Hon. Lee Constantine, Central Florida Expressway Authority

Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County

Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County

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. Victoria Siplin, Orange County

Hon Keith Trace, Municipal Advisory Committee

Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County

Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

# Members attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County

Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka

Hon. Patty Sheehan for Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando

Hon. Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

### Advisors in Attendance

Mr. Jack Adkins for Secretary Jared Perdue, FDOT District 5

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Ramon Senorans, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee

Ms. Lee Pulham, Technical Advisory Committee

Mr. Thomas Kapp, Kissimmee Gateway Airport

#### Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon, Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs

Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando

Hon. Jim Fisher, City of Kissimmee

Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County

#### Others in Attendance:

Ms. Emily Hanna, Bike Walk Central Florida

Mr. Jim Martin, FHWA

Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT

Ms. Sarah McNamara, FDOT

Mr. Siaosi Fine, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA

Mr. Renzo Nastasi, Orange County

Ms. Tawny Olore, Osceola County

#### Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Gary Huttmann

Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert

Mr. Jason Loschiavo

Ms. Virginia Whittington

Mr. Nick Lepp

Ms. Cynthia Lambert

Ms. Mary Ann Horne

Ms. Lisa Smith

# I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Uribe welcomed the new Committee chairs. Commissioner Uribe reported on the January 27<sup>th</sup> MPOAC meeting. Chair Uribe announced that at that meeting, she was elected to the At-Large position on the MPOAC Executive Committee. Mayor Demings reported on the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Commuter Rail Commission meeting. Commissioner Zembower reported on the February 4<sup>th</sup> Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting.

# III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary Huttmann thanked Board members for their attendance and ensuring that a quorum was present. He acknowledged City of Orlando Commissioner Patty Sheehan attending today's meeting on behalf of Mayor Dyer, and Mr. Jack Adkins representing District Secretary Perdue. Mr. Huttmann introduced new Committee Chairs: Mr. Jeffrey Campbell (CAC), Mr. Ramon Senorans (TSMO), and Ms. Lee Pulham (TAC). Mr. Huttmann announced the dates for the MPOAC Institute and mentioned staff members involvement with the NARC and AMPO committees looking into various sections of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. He congratulated LYNX on receiving a \$300,000 grant for station design along the proposed S.R. 436 BRT line. Mr. Huttmann congratulated Chair Uribe on her election to the MPOAC Executive Committee. He briefed the Board members on his virtual participation in the January 6<sup>th</sup> Charlotte NC TPO Board member orientation. Mr. Huttmann alerted Board members that the next round of Committee meetings will be held in the hybrid format. Lastly, he called attention to information placed in the supplemental folders.

#### IV. FDOT REPORT

Mr. Adkins updated Board members on public engagement efforts regarding truck parking. He told Board members that District staff is currently in the process of identifying potential sites to hold public meetings in Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties. The first public meeting will be held at the Central Florida Zoo on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Adkins also provided a status update on the I-4 Managed Lanes. Mr. Adkins stated that construction on the managed lanes is largely complete, and that toll testing was completed at the end of the year. Currently, customer service staff is being trained and engagement is underway with their first responder partners, public outreach is ongoing, and maps and brochures are being distributed with billboards to follow. The website: I-4 Express - I4Express.com is now operational.

# 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 there were no changes to the agenda.

#### VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee reports from the January and February meetings were presented by the Municipal Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, TSMO, and Technical Advisory Committee chairpersons.

#### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes from December 8, 2021 Board meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for November & December 2021
- C. Approval of Board Committee Appointments for 2022
- D. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets
- E. Approval to transfer contract for State Legislative Consultant Contract with Peebles, Smith & Matthews to Gray Robinson. The transfer is due to the acquisition of PSM by Gray Robinson effective January 1, 2022

**MOTION:** Commissioner Zembower moved approval of the consent agenda, items A through E. Commissioner Janer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

# A. Approval of Support for Performance Measures & Targets Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando Staff

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the annual re-support of FDOT's targets for Safety, Travel Time Reliability, Bridge and Pavement Condition, as well as the targets established in the LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan. An attachment was provided. Mr. Lepp reviewed the performance measures and LYNX Transit Asset Management targets that staff was looking to re-support.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dallari moved to support the FDOT's Performance Measures and Targets. Commissioner Zembower seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

# B. Approval of Goals & Objectives & Use of MetroPlan TMA Funds Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando Staff

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a review of the progress made during 2021 in implementing the MetroPlan Orlando Board's Weighted Goals for Priorities. The goals include: safety, Trail Connectivity, Engage Younger Population, Complete Streets, and SunRail Connectivity. Mr. Lepp provided information on the 2045 MTP goals. Mr. Lepp also presented information on investments made in projects since 2017 that advance the Board's goals. Mr. Lepp asked for the Board's support of the goals. The Board members expressed support in staying with the goals presented.

**MOTION**: Commissioner Janer moved approval of the Goals and Objectives and use of MetroPlan TMA Funds. Commissioner Dallari seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report, November & December 2021
- C. Best Foot Forward Annual Report, October 1, 2020-September 20, 2021

  a. 21.09 Annual Report FY21 MetroPlan Orlando.pdf
- D. PD&E Tracking Report
- E. Letter from Congressman Soto to President Biden & Secretary Buttigieg re: SunRail
- F. FDOT Project Fact Sheet-Truck & Freight Alternative Site Analysis PD&E
- G. FDOT Project Fact Sheet-Intersection Improvements US 441 @ Clarcona Ocoee Road
- H. FDOT Project Fact Sheet-I-4 & Daryl Carter Parkway Improvements
- I. FDOT Project Fact Sheet-I-4 & Sand Lake Road Improvements
- J. FTE Project Fact Sheet-SR417 Resurfacing & Roadside Improvements, North of SR434 to North of Lake Mary Boulevard
- K. FTE Project Fact Sheet-SR429 Resurfacing & Roadside Improvements from Sinclair Road to Seidel Road
- L. Memorandum to the Board with Highlights of the 2021 Population Estimates
- M. Letter of Support for Orange County Shingle Creek Trail Phase IV
- N. Letter of Support for Healthy West Orange Trails Connection
- O. FDOT Letter for FY 2021/22 2025/26 TIP Modification
  - FM #450409-1 LYNX Southern Operations Base in Osceola County
  - FM #450488-1 CARES Act Grant for LYNX
  - FM #450490-1 CARES Act Grant for Osceola County Opportunity Center
- P. Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities Fact Sheet
- O. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Will Deliver for Florida

MOTION:

Commissioner Zembower moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement. Commissioner Gomez Cordero seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

# A. 2022 Legislative Update-Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff

Ms. Whittington thanked the Board members for approving the Peebles, Smith and Matthews transfer to Grey Robinson on today's consent agenda. She told Board members that the Legislative Session began on January 11<sup>th</sup> and concludes on March 11<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the focus to date for Legislators has been re-districting and the budget. Ms. Whittington provided an overview of the transportation related bills that are currently trying to gain traction through both the Senate and House. She said that staff will continue to monitor other legislative advancements. Lastly, she noted that both she and Chair Uribe will be traveling to Tallahassee to participate in Transportation Disadvantaged Awareness Day on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

# B. 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program Presentation – Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando Staff, previewed the draft of the FY 2022/23 – FY 2023/24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Lepp explained that the UPWP is a two-year document that represents the MetroPlan Orlando working budget; and it's one of the required documents that all MPOs must prepare and receive Board approval. Mr. Lepp gave a presentation reviewing the timeline for transmittal to FDOT. He provided an overview of the consolidated planning grant, the new streamlined UPWP format and sections to be included. Mr. Lepp stated that the draft UPWP will be presented at the March 9th Board meeting for approval to submit for agency review and comments.

# C. Annual Report on Best Foot Forward – Ms. Emily Hanna, Executive Director Bike Walk Central Florida

Ms. Emily Hanna, Executive Director of Bike/Walk Central Florida, presented the annual report on the activities of the Best Foot Forward Pedestrian Safety program. Ms. Hanna reviewed the changes from the past year including new partners, data available on the website with a new interactive map. She called attention to the collaboration with Healthy West Orange, which is new and that has led to an expansion of Bike/Walk Central Florida staff. Ms. Hanna provided a region-wide summary of enforcement, events and education outreach efforts and progress to date. She also provided information on who is included in the Best Foot Forward Coalition.

# XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Mr. Naquiy McMullen, Orlando, Florida, represented Central Floridians for Public Transit. Mr. McMullen spoke concerning the need to prioritize multimodal transit, and increased efforts for pedestrian safety.

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

# XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings provided an update on the sales tax initiative and public engagement efforts.

XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 9, 2022

# XVI. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 9th day of March 2022

Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Chair

Ms. Lisa Smith.

**Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary** 

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