



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 14, 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. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Olga Castano, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County
Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
Mr. Tom Green, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Amy Lockhart, Seminole County
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County
Hon. Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Members attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

None

Advisors in Attendance

Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5
Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Community Advisory Committee
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Mr. Bill Wharton for Ms. Lee Pulham, Technical Advisory Committee

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando

Virtual attendees

Mr. Ryan Matthews, Gray Robinson
Ms. Angela Drzewiecki, Gray Robinson
Mr. Katherin Flury, Gray Robinson

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Chris Carmody, Gray Robinson
Ms. Katherine Alexander, FDOT, District 5
Ms. Jennifer Stults, FTE

Staff in Attendance :

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Uribe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Uribe welcomed Commissioner Amy Lockhart, Seminole County, and congratulated Board incumbents on successful (re)elections. Commissioner Christine Moore, Orange County, reported on the October 7th Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting. Mayor Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs, reported on the November 30th Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board meetings. Chair Uribe recognized outgoing Board members Commissioners Fisher and Siplin, and Council Member Keith Trace. She also recognized outgoing committee chairs Ms. Lee Pulham and Mr. Ramon Senorans. Chair Uribe recognized MetroPlan Orlando staff member Keith Caskey and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Huttmann welcomed Seminole County Commissioner Amy Lockhart, Orange County Commissioner Nicole Wilson, and Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood, representing the MAC, to the MetroPlan Board. He congratulated Mr. Jeffrey Campbell on being selected to serve a second term as the CAC Chair. He acknowledged Mr. Bill Wharton, attending for TAC Chair Lee Pulham. He acknowledged Mr. Ryan Matthews and Ms. Angela Drzewiecki with Gray Robinson who joined virtually to provide a legislative update. He also welcomed Mr. Chris Carmody from Gray Robinson who was in the audience. He announced the appointment of a new FHWA Administrator, Mr. Shailen Bhatt. He reported that, he and Commissioner Olga Castano, City of Kissimmee, toured the Skywater Facility at Neo City and the STEM Magnet school on December 12th. Mr. Huttmann announced WTS awards recipients: MetroPlan Orlando staff member Sarah Larsen who received the Innovative Transportation Solutions Award for her work on the Health Strategic Plan and Ms. Loreen Bobo, FDOT District 5, who was recognized as the WTS Woman of the Year at the annual WTS awards banquet in October. Mr. Huttmann also recognized MetroPlan Orlando staff members Ms. Virginia L. Whittington on 25 years of service and Mr. Keith Caskey on his retirement. Mr. Huttmann called attention to information contained in supplemental folders including an excerpt from the Board's Internal Operating Procedures pertaining to the election of officers, and a copy of the MetroPlan Orlando Annual Report.

IV. FDOT REPORT

Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5, provided an update on the following projects: the Wekiva Parkway, I-4 Express, and the Darryl Carter Parkway. He also noted that emergency shoulder usage was used on I-4 during the recent hurricanes to assist with evacuation efforts and highlighted the Move Over Law.

V. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was physically present.

VI. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman called attention to the 2023 meeting schedule and a time change to 8 a.m. for the July 12th meeting. He stated that the Rock Springs Road and West Orange Trail presentation was removed from the agenda due to time constraints.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from September 14, 2022, Board meeting**
- B. Approval of Financial Reports and Staff Travel for July through October 2022**
- C. Approval of the Annual Financial Report**
- D. Approval of the 2023 Board/Committee Schedule**
- E. Approval of Contribution to the UCF Distinguished Lecture Series**
- F. Approval of Board & Committee Member travel for MetroPlan Orlando Business 2023**
- G. Ratification of Amendment #2 (Text Changes) to the FY 2022/23 & 2023/24 UPWP**

MOTION: Commissioner Gomez Cordero moved approval of the Consent Agenda; items A through G. Commissioner Zembower seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of amendments to the FY 2022/23 – 2026/27 TIP - Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando Staff (Roll Call vote)**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the FY TIP 2022/23-2026/27 be amended to include the following projects:

- FM #424255-1 – LYNX LYMMO Upgrade
- FM #451939-1 – LYNX Bus and Bus Facilities
- FM #451947-1 – LYNX Transit Oriented Development Planning for SR 436

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 provided background information on the amendment and requested board action.

MOTION: Commissioner Zembower moved to approve the amendments to the FY 2022/23-2026/27 TIP. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando Staff (Roll Call vote)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented proposed revisions to the 2045 MTP. He explained that the proposed Plan Revisions include fully funded Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects in the Existing-plus-Committed network, incorporate new federal revenues and discretionary funding grants awarded within the region, and other miscellaneous changes based on local agency feedback. He explained that requested amendments/modifications will be made to the *Cost Feasible Plan: Strategies, Programs* documentation of the adopted 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Mr. Trauger highlighted the following items of particular significance:

- Tables 6, 9, 11, 12, and 13, updated for consistency with the TIP.
- Tables 11, 12, and 13 revised to include new federal revenues (IJA TMA and Carbon Reduction funds).
- Table 13 and 15 updated to include new three new federal discretionary grants awarded to partners within the region.
- Table 7 and 8 revised to segment the Poinciana Parkway Connector project into multiple project segments per Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and Central Florida Expressway Authority requests.
- Table 7, 9, 13, and 16 revised for consistency with local plans per partner agency requests.

MOTION: Commissioner Zembower moved approval of the amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Commissioner Gomez Cordero seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of the 2023 Legislative Priorities - Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando Staff

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the proposed 2023 legislative priorities. She explained that Board approval of the priorities provides direction to staff and MPO legislative consultants, Gray Robinson, on our top priorities, items that are to be supported, and items to be monitored during the 2023 legislative session. Board approval also allows MPO to work with members of our legislative delegation, affiliated organizations, and business partners on topics of mutual interest. She reported that staff had briefed the Board's Executive Committee members individually and received feedback on the proposed priorities and positions. Ms. Whittington summarized the top priorities for 2023 which included:

- Funding to implement programs and initiatives which seek to ensure the safety of the traveling public

- Increased funding for transportation that does not negatively impact the State Transportation Trust Fund
- Increased Transportation Disadvantaged funding for paratransit service (ACCESS LYNX)

She requested that the Board adopt the proposed 2023 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. Ms. Whittington noted that Board officers are planning to travel to Tallahassee April 4-5, 2023. She added that the 2022 virtual legislative drop-ins were extremely successful and would be held again ahead of the start of the 2023 legislative session.

MOTION: Commissioner Janer moved approval of the 2023 Legislative Priorities and Positions. Commissioner Zembower seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan Matthews, Gray Robinson, provided a brief update on legislative happenings. He introduced new Gray Robinson team members Mr. Chris Carmody and Ms. Katherin Flury. He reported on the three-day special session that was convened to address the property insurance crisis and the FTE Toll Relief Bill. He said that both bills passed the Legislature. He noted that the effective dates for the for the Toll Relief bill are from January 1-December 31, 2023. He reviewed Central Florida representation on transportation committees. Mr. Matthews commented that the 2023 session begins in March, and there is the potential to convene other special sessions to address multiple social issues.

D. Election of Board Officers for 2023 - Mr. 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 of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023. A copy of the history of past Chairs was provided.

Office of Chairperson

Mr. Small called for a motion nominating Commissioner Mayra Uribe to the office of Chairperson.

MOTION: Commissioner Gomez Cordero nominated Commissioner Uribe for the office of Chairperson. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

Mr. Small asked if there were any other nominations. No more nominations were made. Mr. Small called for a motion to cease the nominations.

MOTION: Commissioner Wilson moved that nominations cease. Commissioner Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The motion to elect Commissioner Mayra Uribe to the office of Chairperson carried unanimously.

Commissioner Uribe was declared Chairperson and is considered installed and shall assume the duties of the office at the conclusion of today's meeting, consistent with Section IV (3) of the MetroPlan Orlando Internal Operating Procedures.

Office of Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Small called for a motion nominating Commissioner Cheryl Grieb to the office of Vice-Chairperson.

MOTION: Mr. Good nominated Commissioner Grieb for the office of Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion.

Mr. Small asked if there were any other nominations. No more nominations were made. Mr. Small called for a motion to cease the nominations.

MOTION: Commissioner Moore moved that nominations cease. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The motion to elect Commissioner Cheryl Grieb to the office of Vice-Chairperson carried unanimously.

Commissioner Grieb was declared Vice-Chairperson and is considered installed and shall assume the duties of the office at the conclusion of today's meeting, consistent with Section IV (3) of the MetroPlan Orlando Internal Operating Procedures.

Office of Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Small called for a motion nominating Commissioner Jay Zembower to the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

MOTION: Commissioner Moore nominated Commissioner Zembower for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Uribe seconded the motion.

Mr. Small asked if there were any other nominations. No more nominations were made. Mr. Small called for a motion to cease the nominations.

MOTION: Commissioner Wilson moved that nominations cease. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The motion to elect Commissioner Jay Zembower to the office of Secretary-Treasurer carried unanimously.

Commissioner Zembower was declared Secretary/Treasurer and is considered installed and shall assume the duties of the office at the conclusion of today's meeting, consistent with Section IV (3) of the MetroPlan Orlando Internal Operating Procedures.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)

- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report, August, September & October 2022
- C. Air Quality Report
- D. Bicycle Pedestrian Report
- E. Letter from Mr. Huttman to Secretary Tyler re: TIP Modification
- F. Letter of Support- *FORWARD Orlando* Safe Streets & Roads for All Implementation Grant
- G. Letter of Support-Florida Greenways & Trails grant application to the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation
- H. District 5 Office of Safety Newsletter
- I. Western Beltway Widening Project Newsletter
- J. S.R. 429/Binion Road PD&E Study Fact Sheet
- K. FTE S.R. 91 PD&E Study Fact Sheet
- L. FDOT District 5 Integrated Corridor Management Quarterly Newsletter
- M. 2022 Population Estimates
- N. Federal Funds Distribution Letters (Christian, Taylor, and Vernace)
- O. FY 2021/22 Federally Funded Priorities
- P. CFX S.R. 408 PD&E Study Infographic

MOTION: Commissioner Zembower moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement (Items A through P). Commissioner Gomez Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of the FDOT D5 & FTE Draft Work Programs-D5 & FTE Staff

Ms. Katherine Alexander, FDOT, presented an overview of the new FY 2023/24 - 2027/28 Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Ms. Alexander reviewed background information on the Work Program along with the flow or progression. She detailed the proposed changes including deferrals, deletions, and projects that had been moved out. Ms. Alexander provided the website: www.fdot.gov/wpph/district5 for additional information.

Ms. Jennifer Stults, FTE, presented an overview of the FY 2024 through FY 2028 tentative work program. She 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. Stults told members that additional information could be found on the Work Program website www.fdot.gov/wpph.

B. Presentation of the Active Transportation Plan - Ms. Taylor Laurent, P.E., AICP, MetroPlan Orlando Staff

Ms. Taylor Laurent provided an overview of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). She explained that the ATP provides an opportunity to reassess pedestrian and bicycling needs for the Orange, Osceola and Seminole County region through the year 2050. Ms. Laurent stated that the ATP

typically identifies infrastructure, policies and processes based on public and stakeholder input to achieve the desired goals. She identified the five tasks that will be undertaken during this process: engagement, data collection, bicycle system planning, pedestrian system planning, and plan preparation. She noted that the first task of engagement is underway with the forming of a steering committee, and by conducting interactive workshops with MetroPlan Orlando CAC and TAC committees. Ms. Laurent reviewed the schedule for project completion, highlighted feedback received, the public engagement process, and how the information will be used.

C. Presentation of the Rock Springs Road & West Orange Trail Projects – Ms. Amy Sirmans, P.E, VHB (Postponed due to time constraints)

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Demings summarized takeaways from the Orange County Sales Tax Initiative.

XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 8, 2023

XVI. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith. Approved this 8th day of February 2023.



Commissioner Mayra Uribe, 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.