



**MetroPlan Orlando Board**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** MetroPlan Orlando  
Park Building  
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32801

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**Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Board Chair, Presided**

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**Members in attendance were:**

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority  
Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs  
Hon. Olga Castano, City of Kissimmee  
Hon. Michael Scott for Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County  
Hon. John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee  
Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando  
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA  
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County  
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission  
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County  
Hon. Amy Lockhart, Seminole County  
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka  
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County  
Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County  
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

**Members attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:**

Mr. Tom Green, Sanford Airport Authority  
Hon. Patty Sheehan for Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando  
Hon. Sheena Britton for Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

**Advisors in Attendance**

Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5  
Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport  
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Community Advisory Committee  
Mr. Shad Smith, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee  
Mr. Bill Wharton, Technical Advisory Committee

**Members/Advisors not in Attendance:**

Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County  
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County

**Others in Attendance:**

Ms. Nicola Liquori, Executive Director, Florida's Turnpike Enterprises

**Staff in Attendance:**

Mr. Gary Huttman  
Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert  
Mr. Jason Loschiavo  
Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Mr. Alex Trauger  
Mr. Eric Hill  
Ms. Cynthia Lambert  
Mr. Mighk Wilson  
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. Commissioner Jay Zembower, Seminole County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Uribe welcomed Commissioner Arrington back to the MetroPlan Orlando Board as the representative for the Central Florida Expressway Authority. Chair Uribe reported on the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Best Foot Forward Summit. Commissioner Janer reported on the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission meeting and the Osceola County Transportation Summit

held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners Castano and Moore shared their insights on the MPOAC Institute, both attended the April 14-15 session in Orlando. Commissioner Moore reported on the April 14<sup>th</sup> Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting. Chair Uribe reported on the Orlando Economic Partnership's (OEP) Washington Fly-in April 25-27. She thanked Mayor Dyer and Commissioner Arrington for attending the OEP Fly-in. She allowed them the opportunity to share their insights on the event. Chair Uribe reported on the March 29<sup>th</sup> MPOAC Executive Committee meeting, and the April 27<sup>th</sup> MPOAC Governing Board meeting. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson introduced a new segment known as the Safety Moment that will be incorporated into MPO Board and Committee meetings in connection with the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan. This month's safety moment focused on the Vision Zero Safe System Approach.

### **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Huttman acknowledged Board member Tom Green and alternates Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando, and Commissioner Sheena Britton, City of Sanford who participated virtually. He welcomed Ms. Nicola Liquori, Executive Director and CEO of Florida's Turnpike Enterprises (FTE). Mr. Huttman called attention to the email included in the supplemental folders addressing permissive left turns on flashing yellow, as discussed briefly at the March meeting. He thanked Commissioners Castano and Moore for participating in the MPOAC Institute in Orlando April 14-15. Mr. Huttman reported that MetroPlan Orlando's mandatory Federal Certification with Federal Highway and Federal Transit administrations on March 15<sup>th</sup> was successful. He thanked MetroPlan Orlando staff members Alex Trauger and Cynthia Lambert for their additional efforts to ensure that the certification process was successful. Mr. Huttman highlighted the Brightline Station Unveiling on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the OEP Washington DC Fly-in on April 25-27, and the Osceola County Transportation Summit on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Huttman announced that TEAMFL will meet in Tampa, May 11-12, Floridians for Better Transportation summer meeting in St. Petersburg, July 19-21, and the NARC Annual Meeting June 4-7. He welcomed MetroPlan Orlando staff member Sarah Larsen back from maternity leave, congratulated Jason Sartorio on the new addition to his family, and recognized Ms. Cathy Goldfarb on her retirement. Mr. Huttman also congratulated the MetroPlan Orlando Communications Team for winning an Image Award at the FPRA for the most recent Annual Report. Mr. Huttman called attention to information contained in the supplemental folders.

### **IV. FDOT REPORT**

Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5, provided updates on the I-4 Express lanes, legislative activities, and outlined a new public awareness campaign for the month of June that targets distracted driving.

Ms. Nicola Liquori, Executive Director and CEO of Florida's Turnpike Enterprises, provided updates on safety initiatives, transportation and technology projects, and the toll relief program which launched on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **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 announced that Item XII.B., 2023 Legislative Update would not be presented at today's meeting.

**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 of the March 8, 2023, Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for February & March 2023
- C. Approval of FY 2023 budget amendment #4
- D. Approval of the Annual Investment Report

**MOTION:** Commissioner Zembower moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items A, B and D. Commissioner Janer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Amy Lockhart requested that consent item C be removed for further discussion. She requested more details on the contribution to Bike Walk Central Florida (BWCF). Commissioner Lockhart inquired as to what the contribution consists of, and the additional \$25,000 in funding. She asked what metrics are used to measure success. A brief discussion ensued as to how BWCF measures if their enforcement efforts are working. Mr. Huttman provided historical insight into the history of MetroPlan Orlando's contribution to BWCF for the Best Foot Forward Program. He explained that initially funding was intended to be seed money. The goal of BWCF is to improve the yield rates at the locations targeted for enforcement. He noted that at the March Board meeting, Emily Hanna provided the BWCF annual report which highlighted the success of yield rates. Mr. Huttman added that MetroPlan Orlando staff will be meeting with Ms. Hanna in the upcoming weeks to discuss the agreement, programs, and budget and will report back to the Board.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lockhart moved approval of the Consent Agenda Item C. Commissioner Zembower seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

No other action items.

## **XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report February and March 2023
- C. Bicycle/Pedestrian Report April 2023
- D. April 2023 Air Quality Report
- E. Gray Robinson Week 5 Bill Tracking Report
- F. Public Transit Infographic
- G. Letter of Support – Osceola County Community Funding Request for the Marigold Intersection Roundabouts Project
- H. Letter of Support – Seminole County Government Community Project Funding Request for Phase III of the SR 426/CR 419 Road Widening and Complete Streets Improvement Project
- I. Letter of Support – Lynx Submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY 2023 Low or No Emission Grant Program for the procurement of eighteen (18) Battery Electric Buses for replacement along with charging infrastructure and workforce training
- J. Letter of Support – Lynx Community Project Funding Request for the Lynx Central Station Bus Terminal Retrofit (Bus Bay Reconstruction)
- K. Letter of Support – Lynx Community Project Funding Request for the Lynx Solar Technology for Bus Shelters and Shelter Refacing
- L. Letter of Support – Lynx Community Project Funding Request for the Lynx Bus Pull Outs and Safety Enhancements in St. Cloud and Osceola County
- M. Letter of Support – City of Sanford Service Development Grant for Downtown Trolley Service
- N. Letter of Support – East Central Florida Regional Planning Council EPA Grant – page #60
- O. Letter of Support-Livable Orlando: An Age Friendly Initiative Action Plan; APA Florida Project Awards for Innovation in Planning for All Ages
- P. Dear Colleague Letter waiving the non-Federal share for certain Complete Streets
- Q. Copy of Letter to Secretary Tyler-TIP Modification for Cross Seminole Trail & Neptune Road in Osceola County

**MOTION:** Commissioner Zembower moved approval of the information items for acknowledgement (Items A through Q). Commissioner Janer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS**

- A. **2020 Census Impacts on Urban Areas and MPO Board Apportionment – Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando**

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, provided a status update of the 2020 census impacts on urban areas and MPO Board Apportionment. Mr. Trauger explained that the apportionment process follows the census, and that the plan has a 10-year shelf life. The MetroPlan Board was last reapportioned in 2013 based on federal guidance and the 2010 census findings. Mr. Trauger discussed the 2020 census results and how they impact the MetroPlan Orlando region, and federal rulemaking (i.e.: updating urban area definition,

and MPO coordination and planning reform). Mr. Trauger noted that based on the results, changes could be considered for the urban area boundaries; the metropolitan planning area; and update agreements with surrounding MPOs. He provided insight into what guides the process, discussed federal and state deadlines for approval, and the proposed approach which includes presenting to the MetroPlan Orlando Board at upcoming meetings and convening the Executive Committee to assist in the process. Mr. Trauger reviewed the current apportionment plan. Mr. Trauger reviewed the next steps. He explained that in anticipation of convening the Executive Committee, MPO staff will continue to research the rulemaking, and prepare the tools necessary to have meaningful and productive discussions. He said that staff will continue discussions with staff from surrounding MPOs.

**B. 2023 Legislative Report – Mr. Ryan Matthews, Gray Robinson**

This presentation was postponed.

**C. Update on the Sunshine Corridor – Secretary John Tyler**

Secretary John Tyler, FDOT, provided an update on the Sunshine Corridor. Secretary Tyler explained that the Sunshine Corridor is a multi-modal passenger rail improvement program that will connect Central Florida along a new east/west alignment between Orlando International Airport (OIA) that is proposed to connect to the existing SunRail line and ultimately to Tampa. Secretary Tyler stated that the project proposes to leverage existing and planned modal investments that have already been made (i.e.: the OIA Terminal C Intermodal Facility, SunRail's existing mainline service, Brightline, and the I-4 Ultimate BTU Expansion program). He told Board members that stations are proposed for the following locations: OIA, the Orange County Convention Center, South International Drive, and potentially an inner-city rail connection over to Tampa. He stated that Sunshine Corridor meetings began approximately one year ago and are held on a regular basis with the local government partners, representatives from Brightline, Universal, and Orlando's Right Rail. He noted that the group has been expanded to include OIA, LYNX, and Walt Disney World. He detailed the mission of the group which included development of a ridership study which is currently underway; capitalizing on FDOT's relationship and experience working with the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Railroad Administration; developing an independent cost estimate; and creating a potential path forward. Secretary Tyler added that the findings of the group are reported to the CFCRC regularly which allows for continued public engagement. Secretary Tyler touched upon questions that have arisen from the community over the past year which included ridership, cost, timeline, and phasing. He told Board members that the answers to those questions have yet to be determined. He completed his presentation by summarizing the goals of the project which are to maximize the federal funding and leveraging private funding opportunities. Mayor Dyer thanked Secretary Tyler for the efforts of FDOT District 5 in this undertaking. Mayor Dyer noted that the completion of the Sunshine Corridor would accomplish getting SunRail to OIA and International Drive and help alleviate parking issues at OIA. Discussion ensued regarding ridership numbers for the Sand Lake station, LYNX connectivity, shared costs, and public engagement.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**

Ms. Joanne Counelis commented on the need for bus stops and shelters at several sites in Seminole County.

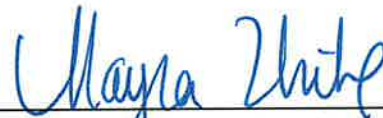
**XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

**XVI. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith. Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.



Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Chair



Ms. Lisa Smith,  
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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