



**MetroPlan Orlando Board**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 14, 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. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs  
Hon. Olga Castano, City of Kissimmee  
Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County  
Hon. John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee  
Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando  
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA  
Hon. Michael Scott for Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County  
Mr. Tom Green, Sanford Airport Authority  
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. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando  
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County  
Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County

Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford  
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

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

**Advisors in Attendance**

Ms. Loreen Bobo for Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5  
Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport  
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Community Advisory Committee  
Mr. Brian Sanders for Shad Smith, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee  
Mr. Joshua DeVries for Bill Wharton, Technical Advisory Committee

**Members/Advisors not in Attendance:**

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority  
Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County

**Others in Attendance:**

**Staff in Attendance:**

Mr. Gary Huttman  
Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert  
Mr. Jason Loschiavo (virtual)  
Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Mr. Alex Trauger  
Mr. Eric Hill (virtual)  
Ms. Cynthia Lambert (virtual)  
Ms. Taylor Laurent  
Mr. Mighk Wilson  
Mr. Jason Sartorio  
Mr. Slade Downs  
Ms. Mary Ann Horne  
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 Viviana Janer, Osceola County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Castano reported on the May 11<sup>th</sup> Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Meeting and commended LYNX on a successful paratransit provider transition to TransDev on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Janer added that TransDev reported a 90%

on-time rate in the first weeks of the transition. Commissioner Janer reported on the May 25th Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission meeting. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment focusing on Teen Distracted Driving.

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

Mr. Huttman welcomed alternates Commissioner Mike Scott, Orange County, Ms. Loreen Bobo representing FDOT Secretary Tyler, and Committee Vice-Chairs Brian Sanders (TSMO), and Josh DeVries (TAC). He called attention to the new MetroPlan Orlando branding. Mr. Huttman announced that MetroPlan Orlando has been recognized as a Silver Bicycle Friendly Business by the League of American Bicyclists. He highlighted the NARC annual meeting June 4-7 in Detroit and announced the AMPO annual meeting will be September 26-29 in Cleveland. He introduced Board Services Coordinator Rachel Frederick. Mr. Huttman reminded Board members of the 8 am start time for the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **IV. FDOT REPORT**

Ms. Loreen Bobo, FDOT District 5, provided updates on Moving Florida Forward, the Ford Teen Driving Experience held in April, and provided an FDOT Safety Moment focusing on the use of seat belts.

### **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.D., Preview of the Federal Roadway Functional Classification would not be presented at today's meeting. He noted that item will come at a future meeting to allow the FDOT more time to make some changes to the proposed functional classification.

### **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 May 10, 2023, Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report & Acknowledgement of staff travel for April 2023
- C. Approval of FY 2024 Budget Amendment #1 – page #14

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jay Zembower moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items A through C. Commissioner Michael Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

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

Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the request to amend the FY 2022/23 – FY 2026/27 TIP to include the following item(s):

- **FM #246572-2** – CFRTA / LYNX Section 5307 Land Acquisition, Engineering & Construction
- **FM #445694-1** – SR 50 / Colonial Dr Safety Project (from Pine Hills Rd to Tampa Ave)
- **FM #450531-1** – SR 424 / Edgewater Dr Traffic Signal Project (at Aloha St/Satel Dr)
- **FM #450583-1** – SR 436 Resurfacing Project (from Lake Howell Road to Orange/Seminole County Line)

A letter from FDOT staff explaining the amendment request along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution was provided.

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

**XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report - April 2023
- C. May Air Quality Report
- D. Letter of Support – Seminole County Office of Emergency management for the U.S. DOT Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program
- E. New Eastbound Auxiliary Lane Adds Capacity on I-4-FDOT
- F. Bicycle Friendly Business Recognition
- G. Keys to Achieve Safe Mobility for Life

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

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Preview of the FY 2023/2024 – FY 2027/2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided a preview of the FY 2023/24-FY 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) annual update. The FDOT highway, Turnpike, Traffic Operations and Safety, bicycle and pedestrian, transit and commuter rail sections of the new TIP can be reviewed at the following link:

<https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Transportation-Improvement-Program-TIP-FY2324-FY2728.pdf>. Mr. Sartorio noted that the CFX Five-Year Work program will be added to the TIP once it has been approved by the CFX Board at its June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. He called attention to the TIP public hearing scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom.

#### **B. Preview of the FY 2028/2029 - FY 2037/2038 Prioritized Project List (PPL)**

Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided a preview of the FY 2028/29-FY 2037/38 Prioritized Project List (PPL) annual update. This is an opportunity for members to provide comments prior to next month's adoption action on the PPL. A draft list of projects can be viewed and downloaded using the following link: <https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Prioritized-Project-List-PPL-2028-2038.pdf>. Mr. Downs reviewed the background information on the PPL, approach, considerations, funding programs, priority lists, and key priorities. He provided information on the project categories and funding sources, along with a look at what's next. He requested that feedback be provided to staff by June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Moore noted her interest in construction plans for certain trail segments to expand the West Orange Trail, specifically the segment that connects the West Orange Trail to the Wekiva Springs State Park in Seminole County. Ms. Taylor Laurent explained that the West Orange Trail segment for Welch Road to the entrance of the Wekiva Springs State Park was a part of the Complete Streets and Trail Studies completed at the end of 2022. She noted that currently the project is not eligible for the PPL and is not yet cost feasible for inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). If funding for the project does become available, the process will begin with an amendment to the TIP. Commissioner Zembower called attention to the SR 50/Colonial Drive (SR 408 to Chuluota Road) project listed as one of the key priorities for State Roads/State Highway System. Commissioner Zembower stated that the roadway is already 6 lanes and that that is an important connector between Seminole and Orange County. He stated that he feels that more consideration should be given to SR50/Colonial Drive due to some major upcoming redevelopment projects planned in the area and preexisting traffic congestion in the area.

#### **C. FDOT Focus on Distracted Driving**

Ms. Loreen Bobo, P.E., FDOT District 5, gave a presentation on the FDOT Distracted Driving program which further highlights FDOT and MetroPlan Orlando's focus on safety. Ms. Bobo reviewed why safety is a focus and provided some local tri-county statistics. She detailed the Safe Systems Approach developed by Federal Highway Administration including principles and elements and Safe Systems versus traditional approach. Ms. Bobo called attention to the FDOT Districted Driving Campaign conducted during the month of June. She explained that the aim of the campaign is to influence young male drivers in the age range of 22 to 27 including their families. She noted that District Five hosted various community outreach events and in coordination with local media, law enforcement, use of social media and targeted ads.

**D. Preview of the Federal Roadway Functional Classification**

This presentation was postponed.

**E. 2023 Legislative Session Update**

Mr. Ryan Matthews, and members of the Gray Robinson team provided Board members with an update on the 2023 Legislative Session. Mr. Matthews gave an overview of major figures in the Office of the Governor, Senate and House. He reviewed the major issues that Legislature undertook during the 2023 session which included affordable housing-Live Local Act, constitutional carry, school choice and tort reform. He provided an update on the Moving Florida Forward initiative. Mr. Matthews reviewed HB 425 and its impact on MPO/TPOs in the State and discussed what's next. He summarized other bills of interest. Ms. Angela Drzewiecki provided a synopsis of the \$11.7 billion budget which has not yet been signed by the Governor and called attention to transportation related initiatives including the Transportation Work Program and the Transportation Disadvantaged program. Ms. Katie Flury stated that the next legislative session is set to begin on January 9<sup>th</sup>. She noted that no special sessions have been announced and the first Committee week is scheduled to begin in September.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**

None.

**XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Demings requested that consideration be given to moving the roll call and confirmation of quorum to earlier on the agenda.

**XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

**XVI. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith. Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

  
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Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Chair

  
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Ms. Lisa Smith,  
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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