



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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
Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County
Mr. Tim Weisheyer for M. Carson Good, GOAA
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Members attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Mayor John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee
Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

Advisors in Attendance

Mr. Jack Adkins for Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Community Advisory Committee
Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
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. Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Amy Lockhart, Seminole County
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Jim Woods, Kimley Horn
Ms. Katherine Corbin Alexander, FDOT District 5
Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE

Others attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

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

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
Ms. Taylor Laurent
Mr. Mighk Wilson
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez
Mr. Jason Sartorio
Mr. Slade Downs
Ms. Mary Ann Horne

Ms. Lailani Vaiaoga
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Rachel Frederick

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Uribe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Bob Dallari, Seminole County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Mayra Uribe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero, Orange County, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Uribe reported on the AMPO Annual Meeting held in September and her involvement as a panelist for the October 4th virtual event sponsored by COMTO and the Latinos in Transit in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Commissioner Janer reported on the September 28th Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission meeting. Chair Uribe and Commissioner Castano shared their experiences of participating in the October 19th Blind American's Equality Day event. Chair Uribe reported on the October 26th MPOAC Governing Board meeting and the November 1st SWAN Autonomous Shuttle Demonstration. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment highlighting October as Pedestrian Safety Month.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gary Huttman welcomed back Mr. Stephen Smith, Orlando Sanford International Airport representative. He acknowledged Mr. Tim Weisheyer, GOAA alternate for Mr. Carson Good, and Mr. Jack Adkins, FDOT alternate, representing Secretary John Tyler. He acknowledged Commissioner Brandon Arrington, Mayor Art Woodruff and Mayor John Dowless who participated virtually, and introduced Ms. Amy Beckman, new FDOT D5 liaison. He announced the first Vision Zero Central Florida Safety Speaker Series scheduled to be virtual on November 15th from 9:30 to 10:30 which honors World Day of Remembrance. He announced a joint regional safety summit with the FDOT Safety Office on January 31st. Mr. Huttman briefed Board members on the Best Foot Forward efforts. He announced the UCF Lecture Series on November 9th at UCF Downtown Campus. He introduced new MetroPlan Orlando staff member, Fiscal Manager, Maria Padovani, congratulated MetroPlan Orlando staff members Mighk Wilson and Sally Morris on their work anniversaries and called attention to the information in the supplemental folders.

IV. FDOT REPORT

Mr. Jack Adkins, FDOT District 5, highlighted Mobility Week 2024 events. He called attention to October being Pedestrian Safety month and highlighted some FDOT efforts toward pedestrian safety. Mr. Adkins announced that November 14th is National Seatbelt Day, and he announced a series of public meetings for the Sunshine Corridor: Tuesday, December 5th at the Taft Community Center, 9450 South Orange Avenue; Wednesday, December 6th at the Holiday Inn, 10771 International Drive and Thursday, December 7th, location had not been

finalized at time of the meeting; and the virtual meeting via GoTo webinar link to be provided at a later date.

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 noted no changes to the printed agenda but called attention to Consent Agenda Item IX. F., a Resolution acknowledging the completion of the Wekiva Parkway and Information Item XI. F., a copy of the 2023 Apportionment Plan, approved by the Board in September that has been submitted to the State.

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 September 13, 2023, Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for August & September 2023
- C. Approval of Travel Report for August & September 2023
- D. Approval and Acceptance of the Annual Financial Report and Audit
- E. Approval and Acceptance of the Annual Financial Report and Audit
- F. Approval of the Resolution Celebrating the Wekiva Parkway

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items A through F. Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Functional Classification

Mr. Jim Wood, Kimley-Horn, presented the 2020 Functional Classification of Public Roadways on behalf of FDOT District 5. Mr. Woods provided a refresher of the functional classification and the processes used to determine funding eligibility. He noted that Functional Classification does not define roadway design. He noted that the MetroPlan Orlando Committees have been kept apprised throughout the process, the initial partner agency meetings have been held, and the partner agencies have provided input. Mr. Wood gave an

overview of the maps included in the agenda packet. He said that once approved there will be 3 maps for the 3 counties.

MOTION: Commissioner Jay Zembower moved approval of the 2020 Functional Classification of Public Roadways. Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report- August & September 2023
- C. Bicycle & Pedestrian Report
- D. Air Quality Report
- E. Letter of Support for the Orange County SMART grant application
- F. 2023 Apportionment Plan Submitted to State of Florida
- G. Toll Relief Program Press Release

MOTION: Commissioner Jay Zembower moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement; Items A through G. Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Vision Zero Central Florida Update and Looking Ahead -Mr. Mighk Wilson and Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando**

Mr. Mighk Wilson and Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando, presented an update on the Vision Zero Regional Plan. He stated that the regional graphic standards package has been completed and is ready for use. Mr. Wilson noted that the details of the high injury network identifying the top roads and intersections in the region have been distributed to the local partners. He discussed key findings, data collection sources used, and key takeaways. Mr. Wilson gave an overview of the new hub site. Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando, discussed the key tasks and upcoming activities related to Vision Zero Action Plan, current steps in progress and next steps. She reviewed the project schedule timeline which is anticipated for completion in the Spring of 2024. She noted that local partner agencies are in the process of completing their own Vision Zero Action Plans with anticipated completion dates of May-June 2024.

- B. **2024 Legislative Positions Update – Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando**

Ms. Virginia L. Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, presented an overview of the 2024 legislative priorities. She announced that Mr. Ryan Matthews, Gray Robinson, and members of the legislative team were participating in the meeting over the Zoom platform. Ms. Whittington noted that with the 2024 legislative positions, there was a move more toward position statements as there are no major specific issues that the team needs to be out in front of. She noted that the positions are broken into two categories; one being what MetroPlan Orlando will support; and those that will continue to be monitored. Ms. Whittington noted that there has

been a minor update to the legislative position relating to the advancement of innovative mobility solutions. She stated that the legislative team proposes that MetroPlan Orlando supports the use of artificial intelligence to further enhance safety for the travelling public. Ms. Whittington stated that staff supports legislation that increases funding for transportation investments through dedicated and sustainable funding options. In addition, the dollar amount for the “ask” has been removed. Staff requested to have the ability to convene the Executive Committee for issues that may arise that need to be addressed while the legislature is in session. Mr. Huttman provided historical insight on the TRIP funding and the removal of the dollar amount ask from an MPOAC perspective.

Mr. Ryan Matthews, Gray Robinson, noted that a special session is currently underway in Tallahassee. He provided an overview of the issues, and bills that have been submitted for this session. Mr. Matthews stated that the next session begins January 9th and runs through March 8th. Discussion ensued regarding the need for continuous education and advocacy as relates to the roles of MPOs, more collaboration with the Florida League of Cities, and Florida Association of Counties. After a considerable amount of discussion, the Board members agreed that when it comes to requesting TRIP funding, the best approach is to leave off the dollar amount in the ask, continue advocacy and education, and to convene the Executive Committee as needed when issues arise that requires Board attention and discussion.

C. FDOT Draft Work Program – Ms. Katherine Alexander, FDOT and Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE

Ms. Katherine Alexander Corbin, FDOT District 5, and Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE, presented an overview of their respective agency's FY 24/25-FY 28/29 Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Ms. Alexander Corbin provided background on the Work Program, including important dates. She noted that the Work Program is built in collaboration with local partners. Ms. Alexander Corbin detailed 2023 in review including the effect of inflation. She provided a funding breakdown along with information on key projects for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties, project deferrals and deletions.

Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE, provided some background and historical information on Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. He reviewed the growing transportation needs, revenues and expenditures and the prioritization process. Mr. Fine next reviewed the major projects funded in the FY 24/25-FY 28/29 Work Program. He told MAC members that additional information could be found on the Work Program website www.fdot.gov/wpph.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Joanne Counelis commented on the need for bus stops and shelters at several sites in Seminole County, and the need for 24/7 bus and train service in the Region.

Mr. David Bottomley brought forward concerns regarding ADA compliant bus stop at Al Coith Park and cited State Statute 337.408 that addresses the regulation of bus stops, benches, etc.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 9 a.m.

XVI. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith. Approved this 13th day of December 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.