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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, April 25, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

Chair Lenny Barden, Presiding

Members Present:

Mr. Lenny Barden, City of Altamonte Springs
Dr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Humberto Castillero, Orange County
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Ms. Christina Colón, Osceola County
Ms. Ashley Cornelison, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Jacques Coulon, City of Orlando
Mr. Cameron Crandell, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Alyssa Eide, City of Maitland
Ms. Tonya Elliot Moore, Town of Windermere
Mr. David Falk, CFX
Mr. David Gomez, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Amer Hamza, City of Apopka
Mr. Marc Morgenstern for Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando
Mr. Medhat Hassan, Seminole County
Mr. Adam Mendenhall, City of Sanford
Mr. Arturo Perez for Mr. Anthony Nelson, Seminole County
Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Ms. Lee Pulham, Central Florida Tourism Oversight District
Mr. Charles Ramdatt, City of Winter Park
Ms. Regina Ramos, Orange County
Ms. Terrilyn Rolle, City of Winter Springs
Ms. Jean Sanchez, City of Apopka
Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport
Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood

Mr. Ken Storey, ECFRPC
Ms. Jennifer Stults, Osceola County
Mr. Aaron Torres, Osceola County
Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County
Ms. Amy Martello for Mr. Jon Williams, City of Winter Garden
Mr. Paul Yeargain, City of Oviedo

Members Absent:

Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford
Mr. Miguel Conde, City of Lake Mary
Mr. Chris DeLoatche, GOAA
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Mr. Phil Price, City of Belle Isle
Ms. Tammy Reque, City of St. Cloud
Vacant, Town of Eatonville
Vacant, City of Edgewood
Vacant, Sanford Airport Authority
Vacant, Town of Oakland
Vacant, Orange County Public Schools
Vacant, Osceola County Public Schools
Vacant, Seminole County Public Schools

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5
Mr. Siaso Fine, FTE
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lenny Barden called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Lenny Barden noted the importance of an in-person quorum and RSVPing for the meetings. He reviewed the public comment procedures.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Slade Downs welcomed members and thanked Chair Barden for stepping up from Vice-Chair. Mr. Downs thanked members who attended the 2050 MTP Summit. He brought attention to the FDOT Central Florida Safety Summit at Daytona International Speedway on May 9th, and reminded members of the FDOT Local government training for Advanced Air Mobility on June 3 – 6th at Orlando City Hall. Finally, he noted that MetroPlan Orlando offices are closed on Memorial Day.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the Safety Moment with April being Distracted Driving Month. He shared statistics that state four out of ten fatal and serious crashes involve a distracted driver.

Mr. Wilson detailed Florida's Wireless Use Law which was implemented in 2019. He shared there is a bill moving through Florida's senate (SB 1348) that would 'revise penalties for the use of a wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle' however the House companion is not advancing. Mr. Wilson also shared a video from the US Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration which can be seen here: [Phone Personalities 1:30](#)

IV. AGENCY REPORTS – FDOT

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe – FDOT, reminded members of the FDOT Central Florida Transportation Hiring Event which takes place on April 30th at Osceola Heritage Park, and also the Central Florida Safety Summit on May 9th at Daytona International Speedway. Mr. Scarfe shared with members, a new program called 'Coffee with Construction', where members of the public can meet with construction teams and discuss specific projects.

V. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Rachel Frederick conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

VI. COMMON PRESENTATIONS/STATUS REPORTS

A. Status Update on 2050 MTP

Ms. Taylor Laurent thanked members for attending the 2050 MTP Summit. She followed by sharing new tools coming soon, including an MTP Needs Dashboard and 2050 MTP Planning Consistency Lists. She then gave an overview of the 2050 MTP Summit that took place on April 9th and detailed the small group activity where groups could allocate their 'funding' tokens across different transportation categories.

Ms. Laurent shared the common threads that came from the groups and detailed how the groups also identified 'other/players choice' transportation categories they would like to see funded. She noted that 85% of the funding was an agreed consensus across Complete Streets, TSMO, Active Transportation, Transit Capital and Safety. The remaining 15% of the funding were allocated to the 'Player's Choice' ideas and included Technology, Innovation, New/Widening Roads, New Rail opportunities, Transportation Disadvantaged and also a 'leverage' fund for flexibility in the MPO planning process. She noted there was also the 2050 MTP Technical Workshop held on 4/10 where the Summit findings were recapped and noted the public feedback opportunities since January 2024.

Ms. Laurent proceeded to detail the existing funding policy scenario and the takeaways from both meetings indicate that the funding policy needs to evolve. She stated that the funding policy for the 2050 MTP will be different than previous years. She gave more information on the funding category 'Safety' and it's relation to Vision Zero Safety Action Plans. Ms. Laurent continued explaining the discussions from the meetings and proposed next steps of the topics below:

- Funding for Widening & New Roads
- Transit Capital Funding
- Active Transportation
- Education & Outreach Opportunities
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)
- Regional Plans and Studies
- “Short-Term” Flexibility in a “Long-Range” Plan

She continued to recap proposed next steps for the funding scenario iterations.

Member discussions ensued including how projects can cross over different categories and involve other agencies. MetroPlan Orlando was also thanked for holding the Summit and the toolkits they have developed. Also raised was the importance of schools being involved in the process and discussions around road widening and safety. Members continued discussions and Ms. Laurent responded to questions.

B. Status Update: Vision Zero Central Florida

Ms. Lara Bouck presented, firstly recapping on the Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) grant for \$3.8m awarded to MetroPlan Orlando in February 2023. She noted that this funding was used to build a Regional Vision Zero Action Plan, County and City/Town Vision Zero Action Plans and fund ongoing demonstration projects, with one in each county.

Ms. Bouck also reported on a SS4A Supplement Planning Grant which was awarded to MetroPlan Orlando in November 2024. This will be used to fund additional safety focused public outreach, advance crash data analytics & reporting, conduct roadway safety audits on the high injury network (HIN), and updates to the Regional Vision Zero Action Plan. Ms. Bouck stated the grant agreement is pending whilst awaiting further direction from FHWA as they review the grant application requirements to confirm all awarded funds are supportive of the current administrations priorities. In addition, there is a FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity open with a deadline of June 26, 2025.

Ms. Bouck shared three guides developed by MetroPlan Orlando which are available on the website for partners and agencies. These are an Engineering Toolkit, a Non-Engineering Toolkit and a Quick Build Guide. She continued explaining what a quick build project could be.

Other ongoing efforts were detailed by Ms. Bouck including the Vision Zero Safety Speaker Series and Vision Zero Task Force meetings. She concluded with details of the FDOT Safety Strategic Plan with the Central Florida Safety Summit which happens on May 9th.

C. Status Update: Prioritized Project List and Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Alex Trauger presented a preface of what members can expect in the coming meetings with regard to the Prioritized Project List (PPL) and the Transportation Improvement List (TIP). He stated that a project must be in the MTP to be eligible for state or federal transportation funding and plans are updated, amended and modified as needed throughout the process. In

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. February 28, 2025, TAC Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes for the February 28, 2025, TAC meeting is requested.

MOTION: Mr. Shad Smith moved to approve the TAC February 28, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Bill Wharton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. TAC Vice Chair Election

Mr. Slade Downs facilitated the election of a new Vice Chair. He thanked Chair Lenny Barden for stepping up from Vice-Chair, as is the process for filling vacancies that result when an officer resigns as per the bylaws, noting that the new Vice-Chair steps up as the Chair. He outlined the election process and also informed members that Mr. Myles O' Keefe – LYNX, had notified staff of his interest to be considered as Vice-Chair. Chair Barden asked for any other nominations for the 2025 Vice Chair.

MOTION: Mr. Arturo Perez nominated Dr. Kelly Brock for TAC Vice Chair 2025. Dr. Kelly Brock respectfully declined.

MOTION: Mr. Bill Wharton moved approval to cease nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Shad Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chair Barden called for a nomination to approve Mr. Myles O'Keefe as TAC Vice Chair 2025.

MOTION: Ms. Christina Colón moved approval of Mr. Myles O'Keefe as TAC Vice Chair 2025. Mr. Shad Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Myles O'Keefe was confirmed and congratulated as Vice Chair of the TAC for the remainder of 2025.

**the motion to cease nominations was taken out of order requiring a second motion.*

IX. TAC-ONLY PRESENTATIONS

None

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** – February 2025 FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- B. Highlights from March 12, 2025**, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting.
- C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Report** – A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region was enclosed for information purposes.
- D. PD&E Tracking Status Report** – A report providing the latest status of the PD&E studies currently underway in the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed for information purposes.
- E. Air Quality Report** – The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- F. LYNX Press Release** – A press release from LYNX was included.
- G. FDOT Advanced Air Mobility Workshop** – FDOT is hosting several Advanced Air Mobility Workshops June 3-6, 2025 at Orlando City Hall (400 S Orange Ave, Orlando, FL). These are geared towards technical and planning professionals as well as elected officials. More info: https://www.signupgenius.com/org/FDOT_AAM#/
- H. FDOT Safety Summit** – FDOT's 2nd Annual Safety Summit aims to bring Central Florida partners together to celebrate the implementation of the Central Florida Strategic Safety Plan. The Safety Summit will be May 9th, 2025, at the Daytona International Speedway. Registration and additional information have been included in the full agenda packet. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-central-florida-safety-summit-tickets-1258624913999?aff=oddtcreator>

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A list of selected upcoming meetings is below. For more information and a full list of upcoming meetings: [MetroPlan Orlando Meeting Calendar](#)

- A.** Quality Assurance Task Force (QATF) – April 29, 2025
- B.** FDOT Safety Summit (at Daytona International Speedway) – May 9, 2025
- C. MetroPlan Orlando Board – May 14, 2025**
- D.** Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) – May 15, 2025
- E.** LYNX Board (at LYNX Central Station) – May 22, 2025
- F.** Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (at LYNX Central Station) – May 22, 2025

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Lenny Barden reported on new technology that the City of Altamonte Springs are piloting, which enables evaluation of roadways much more quickly and cheaply than previous methods. He noted that he hopes to present more details at a future TSMO meeting.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Lenny Barden adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11:14 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Rachel Frederick.

Approved this 30th day of May, 2025



Mr. Lenny Barden, Chairman



Ms. Rachel Frederick, Board Services Coordinator

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.