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## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025

**LOCATION:** MetroPlan Orlando  
David L. Grovdahl Board Room  
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200  
Orlando, Florida 32801

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

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*Chair Nilisa Council presided.*

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### Members in attendance were:

Mr. John Ashton, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Mark Bolton, MetroPlan Appointee  
Alternate  
Mr. Joseph Caesar, Orange County Appointee  
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Nilisa Council, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Jae Fortune, MetroPlan Orlando Appointee  
Ms. Janette Frevola, Orange County Appointee  
Ms. Amy Garcia Paniagua, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Ashley Guss, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka  
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County  
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Patricia Rumph, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Clyde Wells, Osceola County  
Ms. Sheeba West, MetroPlan Appointee  
Alternate  
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan  
Appointee

### Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Christine Bancalari, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County  
Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte  
Springs  
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee  
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud  
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Sanford  
Ms. Misty Heath, City of Orlando  
Mr. Daniel J. López, Osceola County  
Mr. Adam Negron, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Torin Saltos, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee  
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**Others in attendance were:**

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT  
Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE  
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, 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. Giselle Valadez, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando

A complete listing of other attendees may be obtained upon request.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nilisa Council called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Chair Council welcomed everyone and confirmed that this meeting is fully in-person, so all committee members are asked to be physically present in the Boardroom.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Theo Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chair Nilisa Council shared that at the May 14 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting, she informed the Board we welcomed the new members in April and also approved an additional member. The Chair welcomed Ms. Sheeba West and Mr. Jae Fortune who were attending the meeting for the first time today, and they briefly introduced themselves to the committee.

#### **IV. AGENDA REVIEW**

Ms. Mary Ann Horne welcomed Ms. Giselle Valadez, a new member of the MetroPlan Orlando Communications team, who will be working on community outreach and public engagement.

Ms. Horne noted that the MetroPlan Orlando offices will be closed on June 19th in observance of Juneteenth. She also shared that MetroPlan Orlando was honored to bring home the Randy Schrader Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Support and Commitment to Pedestrian Safety, awarded by Best Foot Forward at the recent FDOT Safety Summit in Daytona.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the Safety Moment, with May being national Motorcycle Safety Month. He noted that the Central Florida region experiences over 200 fatal or serious injury crashes per year. This is an 11% drop from pre-Covid, compared to a 31% drop for automobile crashes. He shared that while motorcycles are less than 3% of vehicles on the road, they account for 15% of KSIs, (killed or serious injury crashes). Mr. Wilson stated that riders with less than 2 years' experience have a 2 to 4 times higher crash rate than more experienced riders. Mr. Wilson advised of the S.M.A.R.T. Motorcycle course offered by the Osceola Sheriff's office and notified members of <https://ridesmartflorida.com/>

Member discussion ensued including the proliferation of electric bikes/scooters and any proposed legislation.

#### **V. AGENCY REPORTS - FDOT**

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe – FDOT, shared other winners at the recent FDOT Safety Summit which included:

- Brenda Urias – won the individual award for her work in fostering a culture of hospitality and inclusivity in the cycling community.
- The Children's Safety Village of Central Florida – won the Partner Award for its work in lifesaving education and first-hand experience.
- Orange County – won the Project Award for the UCF Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project.

He also confirmed that Mr. Jim Stroz is the new Director of Transportation & Development in FDOT District 5.

#### **VI. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Rachel Frederick conducted the attendance roll call, and confirmed we did have a quorum.

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS**

No comments

## VIII. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes: April 23, 2025

Approval of the meeting minutes for April 23, 2025 was requested.

**MOTION:** Mr. Theresa Mott moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 23, 2025. Ms. Judy Pizzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### B. TIP Amendment: Edgewater Drive

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented asking for approval of FDOT amendments to FY 2024/25 – 2028/30 TIP.

- FM# 441275-2: Complete Streets - Edgewater Drive - Segment A (Lakeview St to Lake Adair Blvd)

Mr. Sartorio explained this is an existing project in the TIP, being segmented for construction. He confirmed there are no new funds being added, simply a shifting of funds.

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom O'Hanlon recommended approval of the amendment to the FY 2024/25 – FY 2028/29 TIP as presented. Mr. Jeffrey Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## IX. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

### A. Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented a preview of the TIP. He confirmed the TIP identifies all federal and state funded transportation projects for the next five years and includes partner funded projects and Central Florida Expressway (CFX) projects for informational purposes. The TIP is updated annually, consistent with the adopted Prioritized Project List (PPL).

He explained how the TIP is organized and confirmed there are 383 projects with approximately \$7.5 billion of funding. Mr. Sartorio continued by sharing various projects and funding breakdowns from the following sections:

- Interstate/National Highway System
- Regional Truck Parking
- State Highway System
- Complete Street Projects
- TSM&O
- Bicycle & Pedestrian
- FDOT Safe Routes to School

- Transit & Commuter Rail

Mr. Sartorio gave a funding summary of the 271 federal/state/turnpike funded projects which total \$5.5 billion. He also stated there are 39 MPO-TMA funded projects which total \$145 million over the next five years.

He concluded by sharing the multiple ways members and the public can participate in adding their comments on the TIP, and a final document will be prepared for the Board Approval in their July meeting.

Member discussion ensued about various projects and the current distribution of funds versus the outcomes of the recent 2050 MTP workshop. Other discussions included the use of roundabouts.

## **B. Draft Prioritized Project List (PPL)**

Mr. Slade Downs presented, explaining the PPL is an annually updated document and outlined how it fits into the MetroPlan Orlando core products, bridging the MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) and the TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan.) The PPL focuses on the first 10 years of the MTP, beyond the TIP and identifies projects for federal and state funding.

Mr. Downs shared the approach and considerations for the PPL. He shared how the projects and funding lists are detailed in the PPL and continued to share details of some of the key priorities within the PPL and how they are funded.

He concluded by recommending members read the full plan and requested any feedback by June 9<sup>th</sup> with the final PPL being presented and action requested by the Board on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Member questions included clarification on the Safe Routes to School programs.

## **C. Status Update: 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented first, sharing general updates including 2050 MTP Planning Consistency Lists and the 2050 MTP Dashboard which is coming soon.

Ms. Laurent displayed a slide detailing the estimated MetroPlan Orlando allocation of federal and state funds (2031 to 2050), She explained what each different 'bucket' of funding covers over the 20-year period and then an approximate annual breakdown of the funding 'buckets'.

With the feedback from the 2050 MTP summit, Ms. Laurent stated they were looking at how that impacts the annualized estimate and 2050 MTP funding scenarios. She noted at this stage, the safety category has been renamed 'High Injury Network Countermeasures' and continued to list the other funding categories and eligibility.

Ms. Laurent stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft funding scenarios will be presented at the next committee

meetings, with a preview of the 2050 MTP cost feasible plan based upon 'recommended funding scenario' to be shared at the August/September cycle of meetings. Ms. Laurent confirmed all is on target for the adoption of the 2050 MTP in December 2025.

Committee members requested consistency of demographic information on the public engagement reports. A member shared information on robotaxis, which are due to begin operation in Austin, Texas next month. Also added was the increase in construction costs and labor shortage, and what impact this may have on future plans.

## **X. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** – March and April 2025 FDOT Monthly Construction Status Reports for the MetroPlan Orlando area were enclosed.
- B. Highlights from May 14, 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.
- D. Air Quality Report** – The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- E. LYNX Press Release** – A press release from LYNX was included.
- F. 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#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/org/FDOT_AAM#/)

## **XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

A list of selected upcoming meetings to be held at MetroPlan Orlando's office. For more information and a full list of upcoming meetings, visit the [MetroPlan Orlando Calendar](#).

- A.** TSM&O Advisory Committee (TSM&O) – May 30, 2025
- B.** Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – May 30, 2025
- C.** Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) – June 5, 2025
- D.** MetroPlan Orlando Board – June 11, 2025
- E.** Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) – June 12, 2025
- F.** 2050 MTP Technical Workshop - June 12, 2025
- G.** Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – June 25, 2025
- H.** LYNX Board (at LYNX Central Station) – June 26, 2025
- J.** Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (at LYNX Central Station) – June 26, 2025

## XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. R.J. Mueller commended the pedestrian safety project at UCF as he uses that pathway frequently. He continued to highlight the disconnect between housing developers and the lack of transportation connectivity to places of work, grocery stores or health providers, along with the unaffordability of property to the average central Florida resident.

Ms. Janet Frevola voiced concern about the lack of public transit in comparison to her recent trip through Europe and the frustration she feels in the committee being reactive and not proactive.

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon shared updates on self-driving cars, semi-trucks and robotaxis.

Ms. Judy Pizzo commented on the widening of roads, questioning why this continues, and there being such a 'small slice of the funding pie' being spent on transit.

Chair Council shared her advocacy work on housing and noted an event she is involved with bringing together many providers to give advice to first time buyers. She shared her appreciation to all members and everything they bring to the committee.

## XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 25th day of June 2025.



Ms. Rachel Frederick,  
Board Services Coordinator

  
Ms. Nylisa Council, Chair

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