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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chair Nilisa Council presided.

Members in attendance were:

Ms. Christine Bancalari, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County
Mr. Mark Bolton, MetroPlan Appointee
Alternate
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Nilisa Council, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Sanford
Mr. Jae Fortune, MetroPlan Orlando Appointee
Ms. Janette Frevola, Orange County Appointee
Ms. Amy Garcia Paniagua, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Misty Heath, City of Orlando
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Jesse Phillips, Seminole County
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Patricia Rumph, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Torin Saltos, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. John Ashton, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte
Springs
Mr. Joseph Caesar, Orange County Appointee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Lucas Ferrar, Seminole County
Ms. Ashley Guss, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Adam Negron, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Clyde Wells, Osceola County
Ms. Sheeba West, MetroPlan Appointee
Alternate
Vacant, Osceola County

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT
Mr. James Brown, FTE (Virtual)
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
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, 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 9:31 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

Bryant Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Nilisa Council shared that at the June 11 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting, she informed the Board we welcomed two new members in May and also relayed members feelings on road widening and transit in the upcoming Transportation Improvement Plan. The Chair welcomed Mr. Jesse Phillips, a new member representing Seminole County and he briefly introduced himself to the committee.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne welcomed new member, Mr. Jesse Phillips and members of the public attending online. She shared that Osceola County is working on filling a vacancy created by a recent resignation from the CAC. Ms. Horne gave notice of an MTP Public Meeting on the evening of September 29th at the Orange County Multicultural Center and confirmed that MetroPlan Orlando offices will be closed on July 4th.

Ms. Adriana Rodriguez presented the Safety Moment, with June being Teen Drivers month. She shared that teen driver fatal crashes have increased by 10% from pre-covid, with contributing factors such as speeding & aggressive driving, and 15% not wearing a seatbelt. Ms. Rodriguez shared the new law in Florida which mandates all teen drivers between 15 and 17 years of age complete a state approved program, entitled Drivers Education Traffic Safety (DETS) to qualify for a learners permit. She highlighted other resources including [Teen Driver Challenge - Florida Sheriffs Association](#) and also <https://vimeo.com/433669804>

Member discussion ensued. A member advised that most insurance companies now offer similar programs to teen drivers, and also some do offer a discount on insurance when the programs are completed. It was mentioned that those teens who came of age during covid may have missed some usual education/experience others would normally receive.

V. AGENCY REPORTS - FDOT

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe – FDOT, shared details of a public meeting to be held on June 26th with details available on the following link. [437200-2 US 17-92 from Ivy Mist Lane to Avenue A](#)

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: May 28, 2025

Approval of the meeting minutes for May 28, 2025 was requested.

MOTION: Mr. Jeffrey Campbell moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 28, 2025. Ms. Judy Pizzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2025/26 - FY 2029/30

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented, reminding members of the background of the TIP. Mr. Sartorio recapped the funding summary over the next five years, and noted the allocation of the MPO – TMA funds (MetroPlan Orlando, Transportation Management Agency). He detailed the changes to the final TIP document from the draft version and shared a summary of public comments received to date.

Mr. Sartorio asked for the recommended approval of the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 of the Transportation Improvement Program, as requested.

Member discussion ensued, including the desire for more funding to be allocated to transit as opposed to roads.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon recommended approval of the amendment to the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 TIP as presented. Mr. Nadeem Battla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Discussion occurred after the motion was made and prior to it being seconded. The error was corrected, discussion continued and the vote was then taken.*

C. Approval of the updated Prioritized Project List (PPL)

Mr. Slade Downs presented, recapping the background to the PPL and explained there were minor revisions made since the last meeting. He stressed the minor changes had no impact on the project ranking, but there were changes to cost estimates and project limits based on local agency feedback.

Members appreciated the explanation of the links between the MTP, PPL and TIP. Frustration was expressed about the lack of focus and funding on public transit and in response, members were advised that local governments (Board of County Commissioners) hold the control to explore possibilities of additional funding. Also asked was how the success of a trail is measured and how the region can ensure trails are equitable across different communities.

Members expressed frustration with the committee's ability to influence the MetroPlan Orlando Board and local governments with their future transportation desires, which they feel are not represented in the plans they approve.

MOTION: Ms. Judy Pizzo recommended approval of the updated Prioritized Project List (PPL) as presented. Mr. Jeffrey Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Status Update: 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented the second set of draft funding scenarios, which were compiled after feedback from the Board and Advisory committees. She recapped funding amounts, sources, and projects the funds can be allocated to. Ms. Laurent explained that the focus of the discussion is on the \$34m of federal funds for MPO priorities, for projects off the state highway system.

Ms. Laurent continued, asking members a series of questions, regarding the endorsement or not of various funding policies. She gathered the responses of each member to each question, and as a result, the funding scenario the committee supports - (Safety Set Aside category). Ms.

Laurent shared the next steps with feedback from each advisory committee being presented at the next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting.

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** – May 2025 FDOT Monthly Construction Status Reports for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- B. Highlights from June 11, 2025, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting** – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting.
- C. Air Quality Report** – The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- D. ITE Meeting 2025** – A flyer is provided for the ITE meeting taking place in Orlando on August 10 -13, 2025

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. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC)** – June 26, 2025
- B. TSM&O Advisory Committee (TSMO)** – June 27, 2025
- C. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** – June 27, 2025
- D. MetroPlan Orlando Board – July 9, 2025**
- E. Vision Zero Speaker Series #8** – July 10, 2025
- F. Vision Zero Task Force** - July 15, 2025
- G. Lynx Board (at LYNX Central Station)** – July 24, 2025
- H. Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (at LYNX Central Station)** – July 24, 2025
- I. Quality Assurance Task Force (QATF)** – July 29, 2025
- J. Community Advisory Committee (CAC)** – August 27 , 2025
- K. 2050 MTP Public Meeting** – September 29, 2025

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon spoke of the future of public transportation with self-driving vehicles, which he states will be much cheaper and more frequent, with Robotaxis already in operation in Austin, TX. He also complimented FDOT on the good condition of Florida roads as commented to him by recent visitors.

Ms. Misty Heath, in her role as Executive Director – SoDo Main Street, complimented FDOT on the completion of a project in SoDo, stating they were very responsive to work with and finished the project quicker than planned.

Ms. Patricia Rumph commented on the interchange between I-Drive and Sandlake Road, which she and other drivers found dangerous and too easy to take the on-ramp in the wrong direction.

Mr. RJ Mueller shared the cities that are currently using or testing driverless cars and considered the impacts and changes that they will have on future communities.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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

Approved this 27th day of August 2025.



Ms. Rachel Frederick,
Board Services Coordinator


Ms. Nilisa Council, Chair

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 it is based.