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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, June 27, 2025  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando  
David L. Grovdahl Board Room  
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200  
Orlando, Florida 32801

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*Chair Lenny Barden, Presiding*

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### Members Present:

Mr. Lenny Barden, City of Altamonte Springs  
Dr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry  
Mr. Hazem El-Assar for Mr. Humberto Castillero, Orange County  
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando  
Mr. Gary Yeager for Ms. Christina Colón, Osceola County  
Ms. Ashley Cornelison, City of Kissimmee  
Mr. Jacques Coulon, City of Orlando  
Mr. Cameron Crandell, City of St. Cloud  
Mr. Chris DeLoatche, GOAA  
Ms. Alyssa Eide, City of Maitland  
Ms. Tonya Elliot Moore, Town of Windermere (virtual)  
Mr. David Falk, CFX  
Mr. David Gomez, City of Kissimmee  
Mr. Amer Hamza, City of Apopka  
Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando  
Mr. Charlie Wetzel for Mr. Medhat Hassan, Seminole County  
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee  
Mr. Adam Mendenhall, City of Sanford  
Mr. Arturo Perez for Mr. Anthony Nelson, Seminole County  
Mr. Trish Whitton for Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX  
Mr. Phil Price, City of Belle Isle  
Ms. Lee Pulham, Central Florida Tourism Oversight District  
Mr. Charles Ramdatt, City of Winter Park  
Mr. Cedric Moffett for Ms. Regina Ramos, Orange County  
Ms. Tammy Reque, City of St. Cloud  
Ms. Terrilyn Rolle, City of Winter Springs

Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County  
Ms. Jean Sanchez, City of Apopka  
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  
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. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Jason Sartorio, 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. Chair Barden welcomed a group of students in the audience who are currently interning with the City of Altamonte Springs.

**III. AGENDA REVIEW**

Mr. Slade Downs gave notice of an MTP Public Meeting on the evening of September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Orange County Multicultural Center and confirmed that MetroPlan Orlando offices will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Downs shared with members that the SS4A (Safe Streets for All) grant funds are now available, and he will have more information to share at the Vision Zero Task Force meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Finally, he noted the Vision Zero Safety Speaker Series will take place via Zoom on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the Safety Moment, with June being Teen Drivers month. He shared that teen driver fatal crashes have increased by 10% from pre-covid, with contributing factors including speeding & aggressive driving, and 15% not wearing a seatbelt. Mr. Wilson 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. He also highlighted other resources including the [Teen Driver Challenge](#) and <https://vimeo.com/433669804>

#### IV. AGENCY REPORTS – FDOT

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe – FDOT, noted the public hearing was held the previous evening for the PD&E study for U.S. 17-92 [437200-2 US 17-92 from Ivy Mist Lane to Avenue A](#). He also shared details of Operation Southern Slowdown, an annual public education and speed enforcement campaign which runs from July 14<sup>th</sup> thru July 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### V. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

#### VI. COMMON PRESENTATIONS/STATUS REPORTS

None

#### VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

#### VIII. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. May 30, 2025, TAC Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes for the May 30, 2025, TAC meeting is requested.

**MOTION:** Mr. Shad Smith moved to approve the TAC May 30, 2025, meeting minutes.  
Mr. Bill Wharton seconded the motion. Motion 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.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hazem El-Assar recommended approval of the amendment to the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 TIP as presented. Mr. Shad Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**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. Mr. Downs shared feedback from earlier committee meetings and detailed a project segmentation request from the City of Winter Park for US 17/92.

**MOTION:** Mr. Charles Ramdatt recommended approval of the updated Prioritized Project List (PPL) with the project segmentation request as presented. Mr. Shad Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**IX. TAC-ONLY PRESENTATIONS**

**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 - (High Injury Network Set Aside category). She confirmed this was also the consensus of previous MetroPlan Orlando committees and after discussion at the earlier TSMO meeting, this category had been renamed from 'Safety Set Aside' to High Injury Network Set Aside'.

A member comment included whether the percentage of funding allocated to Active Transportation could be increased.

Ms. Laurent shared the next steps with feedback from each advisory committee being presented at the next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting, details of the public meeting in September and final approval of the 2050 MTP on track for December 2025.

**B. Group Discussion: Following Up from Recent FDOT Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Workshops**

Mr. Downs gave a brief overview of the AAM workshops that were held at Orlando City Hall in early June. A short FDOT video was shown of Advanced Air Mobility to the members.

[fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/aviation/aam/fdot-aam-video-1.mp4?sfvrsn=a0973b0a\\_1](https://www.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/aviation/aam/fdot-aam-video-1.mp4?sfvrsn=a0973b0a_1)

Discussion then ensued amongst members with topics including safety, security, FAA involvement, working with current helipad locations, the conflict of timelines in processes required and communication between drones.

It was stated that on June 17<sup>th</sup>, Governor DeSantis signed Senate Bill 1662 which provides framework for advanced air mobility and as a result FDOT have designated SunTrax to have the first vertiport to support research & testing. Discussion ensued regarding knowledge of any current applications, the process involving GOAA, what authority state and local municipalities have, and concluded with a 'watch this space, things are rapidly happening!'

Additional resources are available online at: [Advanced Air Mobility](#)

**X. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report – May 2025** FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the MetroPlan Orlando area were 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 Annual Meeting in Orlando** – The Institute of Transportation Engineers will have their Annual ITE International Meeting in Orlando August 10-13, 2025.

**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. MetroPlan Orlando Board – July 9, 2025**
- B. LYNX Board (at LYNX Central Station) – July 24, 2025**
- C. Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (at LYNX Central Station) – July 24, 2025**
- D. Quality Assurance Task Force (QATF) – July 29, 2025**
- E. 2050 MTP Technical Workshop – August 14, 2025**
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) – August 14, 2025**
- G. TSM&O Advisory Committee – August 22, 2025**
- H. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – August 22, 2025**

- J. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – August 27, 2025
- K. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) – September 4, 2025
- L. MetroPlan Orlando Board – September 10, 2025
- M. 2050 MTP Public Meeting – September 29, 2025
- N. Central Florida MPO Alliance – October 10, 2025

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Lenny Barden thanked MetroPlan Orlando and Seminole County for their assistance applying for a Safe Streets for All grant. He reminded members that the FTA Low or No Emission Program applications close in the next month.

Mr. Arturo Perez acknowledged Mr. Bill Wharton, attending his last meeting representing Seminole County and thanked him for all his contributions to the committee.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Lenny Barden adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11:25 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Rachel Frederick

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2025



Mr. Lenny Barden, Chairman



Ms. Rachel Frederick, Board Services Coordinator

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