



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, August 27, 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:

Mr. John Ashton, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Christine Bancalari, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County
Mr. Joseph Caesar, Orange County Appointee
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Nilisa Council, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Sanford
Ms. Janette Frevola, Orange County Appointee
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Jesse Phillips, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Patricia Rumph, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Appointee
Ms. Sheeba West, MetroPlan Appointee
Alternate
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Mark Bolton, MetroPlan Appointee Alternate
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Lucas Ferrar, Seminole County
Mr. Jae Fortune, MetroPlan Orlando Appointee
Ms. Amy Garcia Paniagua, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Ashley Guss, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Misty Heath, City of Orlando
Mr. Adam Negron, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Torin Saltos, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Clyde Wells, Osceola County
Vacant, Osceola County

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT
Ms. Victoria Williams, FTE
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, 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
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 9:35 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

Mr. Joseph Caesar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Nilisa Council shared that at the July 9 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting, she relayed the committee's concerns about the number of road projects in the new TIP being so much higher than the numbers of active transportation and transit projects.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne shared announcements including the following events:

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Public Meeting - Orange County Multicultural Center, September 29th
- Bike Walk Central Florida, 9th Annual BIKE 5 - October 25th
<https://bikewalkcentralflorida.org/bike5/>
- Florida Bike Association Summit - November 14th <https://floridabicycle.org/>

Ms. Horne noted the FHWA Prioritization Process Pilot Program award of \$2m has been unfrozen, so it can move forward and the Title VI/LEP and Public Participation Plans (PPP) have been updated.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented his Safety Moment for August, which is 'Stop on Red'. He displayed a photo showing the consequences of a driver running a red light. Statistics he shared included noting there are 176 KSI crashes per year, 12% of serious crashes happen at signals and those drivers between 15 and 29 years old are 2 to 3 times at a higher risk. Mr. Wilson stated going the speed limit reduces your risk of accidentally running the light.

Member discussion ensued including how to deal with drivers running through stop signs.

V. AGENCY REPORTS - FDOT

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT, shared the details of the upcoming public hearing for State Road 60 from Prairie Lake Road to Florida's Turnpike. He also highlighted the recently completed project of S.R. 436 from north of Old Cheney Highways to south of University Park Drive.

Member discussion included the following items:

- The painting over of crosswalks as per the memo issued by the Secretary of FDOT, and a request for data to support the new policy, which states that previous enhancements distracts drivers and puts pedestrians at greater risk.
- Complimented FDOT on the completed project on S.R. 436 and the great condition of Florida roads.
- Sunshine Corridor – a request for an update on the status of the PD&E study.
- Requested clarification of consistency on crosswalks and who has jurisdiction on which crosswalks (i.e. City v State)
- Appreciation of wrong way signage and detection by FDOT.
- The status of free flow rights, in particular the intersection of S.R. 436 & S.R. 424
- Mr. Scarfe informed members that good resources for answers to many of the questions are [Your source for information on FDOT projects in Central Florida](#) and [I-4 Beyond the Ultimate: Building a Better I-4 | I-4 Beyond](#)

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: June 25, 2025

Approval of the meeting minutes for June 25, 2025 was requested.

MOTION: Mr. Nadeem Battla moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 25, 2025. Mr. Joseph Caesar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**B. Approval of the Roll-Forward Amendments to Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30**

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented the annual Roll-Forward amendments to the TIP, of projects which have unspent funds in the previous fiscal year, and now roll-forward to the current year of the TIP. This does not affect the cost or schedule of existing projects.

Mr. Sartorio asked for the recommended approval of the Roll-Forward TIP Amendments of the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30, as requested.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon recommended approval of the Roll-Forward TIP Amendments FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 TIP as presented. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

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

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented focusing on the Cost Feasible Plan and shared an overview of the recommended 2050 MTP Funding Policy. Ms. Laurent described how each of the 'buckets' of estimated MPO federal and state funds would be spent. She continued to detail how the projects were organized in the Programming Structure.

Ms. Laurent shared what is coming next with the 2050 MTP cost feasible tables, to ensure consistency with other agency plans and documenting other local government needs and opportunities outside of MPO funding.

She concluded with next steps and reminded members of the 2050 MTP Public Meeting on September 29, 2025 at the Orange County Multicultural Center, with the final adoption of the 2050 MTP in December 2025.

Discussions included funding around the SunRail expansion.

B. Status Update: Vision Zero Central Florida

Ms. Lara Bouck presented detailing how the 'Safe Streets & Roads for All' grant awarded in 2023 for \$3.79 million was used. She shared details of the Osceola County Demonstration which was an evaluation of pedestrian and bicycle crossings at intersections on the High Injury Network (HIN). The Orange County Demonstration created a Bike Safety Club for middle school students and Ms. Bouck shared a status update. In the Seminole County Demonstration there was deployment of near miss monitoring at 15 county intersections, and all findings on the three demonstrations have been evaluated and opportunities identified.

Ms. Bouck shared updates on the transition of the Vision Zero hub site, which is now hosted on the main MetroPlan Orlando website in the Safety section. She highlighted the regional dashboard update which is currently having crash data added from 2023 and 2024, and a Vision Zero Annual Report is being compiled to monitor progress and improve outcomes.

She continued to show progress of the items on the Regional Safety Action Plan and shared in November 2024, MetroPlan Orlando was awarded a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Supplemental Planning Grant and detailed the activities to be programmed. Ms. Bouck outlined how projects under the Supplemental Planning Grant will operate, and the project sponsor requirements. She concluded with information on the final two Vision Zero Safety Speaker Series of the year, and the next Vision Zero Task Force meeting date of September 23rd.

Member discussion included the significant increase of e-bikes and similar especially now schools are back, followed with a request for data on crashes and injuries on all e-mobility devices. Further discussion took place on how Vision Zero projects are funded, how the bike safety program will work across all three counties, and if there is any progress on legislation of e-bikes/e-mobility, along with the need for safe sidewalks. Mr. Mighk Wilson stressed the need for instructors of the bike program. Compliments were given on the quality and consistency of work delivered by MetroPlan Orlando and the appreciation of seeing a project complete and the safety provided to the community.

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** – June & July 2025 FDOT Monthly Construction Status Reports for the MetroPlan Orlando area were enclosed.
- B. Highlights from July 9, 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. Bicycle & Pedestrian Report** – A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region was enclosed.
- E. 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.

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) – September 4, 2025
- B. MetroPlan Orlando Board – September 10, 2025
- C. Vision Zero Task Force – September 23, 2025

- D. Lynx Board (at LYNX Central Station) – September 25, 2025
- E. Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (at LYNX Central Station) – September 25, 2025
- F. 2050 MTP Public Meeting – September 29, 2025
- G. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – October 22, 2025
- H. TDLCB & Annual Public Meeting – November 13, 2025

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. O’Hanlon shared information where autonomous and rideshare vehicles are not currently permitted at Austin, Texas airport, due to an ongoing discussion of charging a fee for airport access. He stated his concern of Central Florida not being ready for the arrival of autonomous vehicles.

Ms. West requested a presentation of the SCOUT program in Seminole county at a future meeting. She also emphasized her desire that this committee stay focused on making transportation accessible for all in future plans.

Mr. Piggrem shared updates on Brightline with a 50% capacity increase since this time last year and is optimizing train capacity relevant to peak times.

Ms. Rumph noted the Pine Hills Transfer Center ribbon cutting was taking place on August 28th.

Mr. Campbell echoed Ms. West’s comments on accessible transportation for all, and also recognized the increase in e-bikes and the need to accommodate them as a legitimate transportation option in future plans.

Ms. Bancalari spoke of the need to build transportation for all, to include access for tourists and residents to places other than the obvious theme parks which in turn will have positive economic impacts to more of Central Florida. She also acknowledged the growing non-driving population, through age or choice, people with disabilities being included and the desire to shorten the planning process so projects do not take so long to complete.

Ms. Webster enquired how the discussions from this committee are communicated to the MetroPlan Orlando Board. Mr. Piggrem shared how he had previously made a public comment at a Board meeting regarding an action item the CAC committee did not approve.

Chair Council thanked all members for their contributions and noted the positive impact their involvement brings to communities and safer transportation.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)


None


XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.20 a.m.

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

Approved this 3rd day of December, 2025.


Ms. Rachel Frederick,
Board Services Coordinator


Ms. Nilsa Couñell, Chair

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