



# metroplan orlando

A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

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

---

*Chair Judy Pizzo presided.*

---

**Members in attendance were:**

Mr. John Ashton, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Christine Bancalari, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Joseph Caesar, Orange County Appointee  
Ms. Nilisa Council, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Janette Frevola, Orange County Appointee  
Ms. Viviane Grillo, Osceola County  
Ms. Misty Heath, City of Orlando  
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka  
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Adam Negron, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County  
Mr. Jesse Phillips, Seminole County  
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee

**Members not in attendance were:**

Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County  
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee  
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud  
Mr. Lucas Ferrar, Seminole County  
Mr. Jae Fortune, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Patricia Rumph, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Torin Saltos, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Dan Stack, City of Altamonte Springs  
Mr. Clyde Wells, Osceola County  
Ms. Sheeba West, MetroPlan Appointee (Alternate)  
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee  
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee  
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee  
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee (Alternate)  
Vacant, City of Sanford

**Others in attendance were:**

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT D5  
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Natalia Barbour, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Sarah Larson, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Jamie McMillan, 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 Judy Pizzo called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chair Pizzo 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. John Ashton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chair Pizzo shared that at the February MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting, she informed the Board of the Committee's recommendation to approve amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program and federal performance standards. She also shared the committee's reactions to the presentations and progress on recruiting new Board appointees to the CAC. Chair Pizzo stated she chaired the CAC Selection Committee meeting the previous day, where new members were recommended. Those names will go before the MetroPlan Orlando Board in March for approval.

**IV. AGENDA REVIEW**

Ms. Mary Ann Horne announced the upcoming launch of the 2026 Regional Transportation Survey on March 9<sup>th</sup> and asked members to share with their networks. Ms. Horne confirmed four new members, once approved by the Board, will join the committee in April. She also advised you can now find MetroPlan Orlando on Instagram @MetroPlan\_Orlando.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the Safety Moment on Florida Bicycle Month, focusing on lane control. Mr. Wilson identified crash risks faced by cyclists and highlighted situations that lead to fatal or serious-injury crashes, illustrating the dangers of riding at the edge of the road. He described lane control as the practice of a bicyclist riding in the center of a lane, requiring vehicles to make a full lane change to pass safely. He then presented several scenarios highlighting the safety advantages of using lane control. Mr. Wilson stated that it is generally safer for bicyclists to behave more like motorcyclists than pedestrians when operating on the roadway. He noted that lane control is recommended by various cycling organizations.

Member discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe provided an overview of FDOT and MetroPlan Orlando's 2025 Joint Certification. He reported that MetroPlan Orlando was certified as "Low Risk," meaning the organization will continue to undergo certification on an annual basis. Mr. Scarfe shared details of the 'Central Florida Construction Career Days' event which took place in January, and noted the 'Road to Your Future' event that takes place on March 16 at Wildwood Community Center.

## **VI. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

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

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

No comments

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. January 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the meeting minutes for the January 28, 2026, CAC meeting was requested.

**MOTION:** Ms. Theresa Mott moved to approve the CAC January 28, 2026, meeting minutes. Ms. Nilisa Council seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Amendments to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30**

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented an amendment to the TIP.

- 457476-1 Railroad Signal Upgrade at Old Wetherbee Rd

This is a railroad signal upgrade with \$350,000 in railroad crossing funds with construction in FY 2026.

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to recommend approval of the **FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30** TIP amendment as presented. Mr. Joseph Ceaser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Amendment to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented an update to an existing project as detailed below:

- MTP ID# 136 | SR 60 from Prairie Lake Rd to Florida's Turnpike, to widen to 4 lanes.

Ms. Laurent stated that the near-term funding is expected to advance the project's design phase to be cost feasible within the next five years.

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as presented. Ms. Nilisa Council seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS**

**A. Presentation on "Tracking the Trends" Program**

Mr. Slade Downs presented the 2026 refresh of 'Tracking the Trends.' He explained the program and the metrics tracked, which exceed those federally required. This year the program has been updated to align with the 2050 MTP, and Mr. Downs advised members they can access all aspects of the program here: <https://MetroPlanOrlando.gov/maps-tools/>

Mr. Downs continued to highlight some of the tools, data and statistics that can be accessed. He concluded with the Accessibility Hub, which allows people to see what services and other points of interest are available locally or how far you need to travel to access them.

Member discussion ensued.

**B. Presentation on E-Bike Education Pilot Project for Teens**

Mr. Mighk Wilson began by highlighting statistics on crashes that involve e-bikes and e-scooters. He detailed the pilot online e-bike training for teens, which will focus on middle and high school students and shared the components of each section of the course.

Mr. Wilson shared the e-bike project timeline, working with all three county school boards, delivering the free pilot course in early Spring and a report back by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Member discussion ensued, with a request for the link to the regular bike training that is currently available to all for a fee.

### C. Preview of the FY27+FY28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Alex Trauger began with a refresher on the requirements and purpose of the UPWP. He explained that total revenues decline over the three-year budget horizon, primarily due to one-time federal discretionary grants tapering off, but noted that staff will continue to pursue additional federal discretionary grant opportunities. Mr. Trauger noted the document will be structured the same as previously and outlined the public participation and education section. He stated the core products – short and long-range transportation plans will be maintained and updated as living documents.

Mr. Trauger also noted regional activities that MetroPlan Orlando participates in outside the three-county region, highlighting the Central Florida MPO Alliance and the Lake-to-Lake Regional Trail Plan. Mr. Trauger concluded by noting that other programs will continue to be delivered, and shared the timeline of the path forward.

## X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **Highlights from February 11, 2026, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting** – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting was enclosed.
- B. **FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** – FDOT Monthly Construction Status Reports for the MetroPlan Orlando area were enclosed.
- C. **LYNX Press Release** – A recent press release from LYNX had been included.

## 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 – February 27, 2026
- B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – February 27, 2026
- C. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) – March 5, 2026
- D. MetroPlan Orlando Board – March 11, 2026
- E. Vision Zero Task Force Q1 – March 24, 2026
- F. LYNX Board (at LYNX Central Station) – March 26, 2026
- G. Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (at LYNX Central Station) – March 26, 2026

## XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**

None.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2026 .

  
Ms. Rachel Frederick,  
Board Services Coordinator

  
Ms. Judy Pizzo, 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.