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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, June 24, 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
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Gina Dole, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Viviane Grillo, Osceola County
Ms. Misty Heath, City of Orlando
Mr. Chad Jones, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jose Morales, Seminole County
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
Mr. Jarod Ruiz, MetroPlan Appointee (Alternate)
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sheeba West, MetroPlan Appointee (Alternate)

Members not in attendance were:
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Nilisa Council, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Karin Daniels Brown, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Jae Fortune, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Janette Frevola, Orange County Appointee
Mr. Adam Negron, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jesse Phillips, Seminole County
Ms. Patricia Rumph, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Dan Stack, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Clyde Wells, Osceola County
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, City of Sanford
Vacant, Osceola County

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT D5
Dr. Sara Strickhouser, Summit Survey Research
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
Ms. Natalia Barbour, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Giselle Valadez, 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.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jarod Ruiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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. Chair Pizzo reminded members of meeting etiquette and introduced Ms. Virginia Whittington - the interim staff liaison for the CAC.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Virginia Whittington - Director of Regional Partnerships at MetroPlan Orlando, welcomed everyone. She shared that Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga will be her back-up if she is not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Whittington noted that MetroPlan Orlando will be closed for the 4th of July holiday and also the offices will be going through a 'refresh' during July and August, so closed for public access. With regards to the August CAC meeting, Ms. Whittington advised members to expect more information to come, confirming the meeting location. She stated that MetroPlan Orlando is currently going through a strategic plan process.

Ms. Whittington brought attention to the 2026 Regional Transportation Survey results which will be presented today by Dr. Sara Strickhouser, and announced the retirement of Mr. Mighk Wilson – Senior Transportation Planner from MetroPlan Orlando and thanked him for his contributions and commitment to safety.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the Safety Moment on distracted driving, emphasizing that distraction extends beyond electronic devices to include mental and emotional factors such as stress and anxiety, which can affect attention and reaction time. Mr. Wilson highlighted how roadway design can influence driver attention and reinforced Vision Zero principles that human error is inevitable, and safety requires a proactive approach. Members were encouraged to practice defensive driving, walking, and cycling to help prevent crashes.

Chair Pizzo and members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Mighk Wilson for his shared knowledge and commitment to safety, especially Vision Zero.

V. AGENCY REPORTS - FDOT

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe presented on hurricane preparedness. He highlighted FDOT's year-round emergency planning, statewide coordination, and rapid post-storm response capabilities, supported by a video showcasing past hurricane recovery efforts.

Mr. Scarfe provided an update on the Interstate 4 Truck Parking Program, stating that groundbreaking had occurred for the Seminole County facility, and construction is scheduled to begin in 2026 for the Seminole and Volusia County sites, with Orange and Osceola County facilities to follow in 2027.

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. May 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes for the May 27, 2026, CAC meeting was requested.

MOTION: Ms. Teresa Mott moved to approve the CAC May 27, 2026, meeting minutes. Mr. Joseph Caeser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the FY 2026/27 - FY 2030/31 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Natalia Barbour presented the proposed Fiscal Years 2027–2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), providing a brief overview of the five-year plan for federally and state-funded transportation projects. Ms. Barbour advised that the draft TIP had been updated following partner review to incorporate minor revisions, including updates to partner-funded projects, mapping, Appendix C. and the addition of a Central Florida Expressway Authority workplan link.

Ms. Barbour reported on public outreach conducted through the TIP Tuesdays events held in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties, and noted the public comments primarily focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, signal timing improvements, and improving rail service to reduce automobile traffic.

Approval of the FY 2026/27 – FY 2030/31 TIP was requested.

MOTION: Mr. John Ashton moved to recommend approval of the FY 2026/27 - FY 2030/31 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented. Mr. Jeffrey Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Annual Updates to the Prioritized Project List (PPL)

Mr. Slade Downs presented the draft 2026 Prioritized Project List (PPL), which identifies unfunded transportation projects and project phases planned for the period 2032–2042. Members were advised that comments received since the previous meeting resulted in minor updates to project costs, scopes, and phasing, with no changes to project rankings.

Approval of the PPL as presented was requested.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to recommend disapproval of the annual updates to the Prioritized Project List (PPL) as presented. Ms. Gina Dole seconded the motion. Member Ms. Theresa Mott requested clarification on the motion, after which Ms. Dole withdrew her second. The motion died.

MOTION: Ms. Gina Dole moved to recommend approval of the annual updates to the Prioritized Project List (PPL) as presented. Mr. Joseph Caeser seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

During discussion, a member expressed concern that the plan did not sufficiently account for future advancements in automated vehicle technology and it was noted that the PPL is updated annually and may also be amended between update cycles if necessary.

IX. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Presentation on Public Opinion Research

Dr. Sara Strickhouser presented the key findings from MetroPlan Orlando's 2026 Regional Transportation Survey, with more than 2,500 participants from Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.

Dr. Strickhouser highlighted the variety of travel modes residents use to move around the region with driving being the most common, however many use more than one mode. She noted that microtransit was introduced as a new category to the survey and that electric scooters and e-bikes were now separated. Dr. Strickhouser identified unsafe driver behavior as the leading concern across all modes of travel with 60% of drivers stating they engage in at least one risky driving behavior. Awareness of pedestrian safety treatments continued to increase, though many respondents remained uncertain that drivers would consistently yield at marked crossings.

Dr. Strickhouser continued to highlight the growing use of e-micromobility options with 1 in 10 using an e-bike, nearly 1 in 10 using a scooter , and increasing public interest in integrating these services with transit. Respondents also indicated they would use public transit more frequently if service was expanded through increased frequency, additional stops, and improved evening and weekend operations.

She stated 1 in 5 respondents say they had missed a doctor's appointment in the past year because they did not have reliable transportation with a variety of reasons given, and that new questions on advanced air mobility and cargo drones measured public awareness with mixed public opinion, while acceptance of driverless transportation continued to increase gradually.

On the question of funding, Dr. Strickhouser noted the majority of respondents supported additional transportation funding through taxes, fares or fees if it resulted in system improvements, with visitor-based taxes receiving the strongest support. If additional funding became available, respondents identified expanded bus service, roadway improvements, enhanced SunRail service, and pedestrian and bicycle projects as the highest priorities.

Dr. Strickhouser noted that the full survey report is available online. Public Opinion Research | MetroPlan Orlando

Member discussion ensued.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Highlights from June 10, 2026, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting.
B. Air Quality Report – A report on Air Quality in the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
C. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report – FDOT Monthly Construction Status Reports for the MetroPlan Orlando area were enclosed.
D. Bicycle and Pedestrian Report – A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region was enclosed.
E. LYNX Press Release – A recent press release from LYNX had been included.

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 – June 26, 2026
B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – June 26, 2026
C. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) – July 2, 2026
D. MetroPlan Orlando Board – July 8, 2026
E. Vision Zero Task Force Meeting – July 14, 2026
F. LYNX Board *(at LYNX Central Station)* – July 23, 2026
G. Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission *(at LYNX Central Station)* – July 23, 2026
H. Quality Assurance Task Force (QATF) – July 28, 2026
I. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Disadvantaged Board (TDLCB) – August 20, 2026

J. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – August 26, 2026 (Location to be announced)

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Christine Bancalari - Down Syndrome Foundation of Florida, shared the success of the organization's 16-week *I Can Go* program, which taught 18 individuals with unique abilities to use LYNX, ACCESS LYNX, SunRail, and Ride DTO services. Ms. Bancalari praised the quality and reliability of the downtown transit system, noting that the service and rerouting assistance exceeded expectations. She encouraged others to experience public transportation firsthand to better understand community mobility needs.

Mr. Jeffrey Piggrem shared that Orlando International Airport's new multi-use gates in Terminal C are scheduled to open on June 30 and also noted that Brightline achieved its second-highest monthly ridership in May, with passenger volumes increasing 19 percent compared to the previous year. Discussion continued regarding Brightline's extension to Tampa.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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

Approved this 28th day of October 2026 .

Ms. Judy Pizzo, Chair

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Ms. Rachel Frederick,
Board Services Coordinator

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