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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, August 26, 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. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Nilisa Council, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Gina Dole, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jae Fortune, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Janette Frevola, Orange County 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. Patricia Rumph, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Clyde Wells, Osceola County
Ms. Sheeba West, MetroPlan Appointee (Alternate)
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:
Mr. Joseph Caesar, Orange County Appointee
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Karin Daniels Brown, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Jesse Phillips, Seminole County
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Dan Stack, City of Altamonte Springs
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, City of Sanford
Vacant, Osceola County

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT D5
Mr. Carl Weckenmann, LYNX
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Natalia Barbour, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Jady Chen, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, 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 – Virtual Workshop to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Pizzo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Pizzo noted that the meeting was conducted virtually due to the final phase of renovations at the MetroPlan Orlando offices, and that items presented today were for information and discussion only. Chair Pizzo stated she would report any member feedback to the MetroPlan Orlando Board at their next meeting.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Virginia Whittington - Director of Regional Partnerships at MetroPlan Orlando, welcomed everyone to the CAC Workshop and stated that the MetroPlan Orlando offices expect to the open the following week. She stated that MetroPlan Orlando would host the first Central Florida Regional e-Micromobility Safety Initiative roundtable on August 27, 2026 at LYNX and is also available to attend virtually.

Ms. Whittington announced the 2026 Blind Experience on October 15, at Winter Park Farmers Market and encouraged members to attend. She concluded by introducing Ms. Jady Chen, MetroPlan Orlando's new Senior Transportation Planner. Ms. Chen will support safety analysis, roadway safety audits, the bicycle and pedestrian count program, and various plans and studies.

Ms. Adriana Rodriguez presented the safety moment on school bus safety, highlighting the Cameron Mayhew case and subsequent changes to Florida law addressing illegal passing of stopped school buses.

Her presentation reviewed crash information, roadway conditions, and the requirements for motorists approaching stopped school buses.

She also highlighted Information and resources from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and invited all to the next Vision Zero Safety Speaker Series on September 3rd which will include this topic.

V. AGENCY REPORTS – FDOT

Mr. Jonathan Scarf, FDOT District 5 Planning Manager, provided updates on current projects.

- Construction began on a 1.7-mile segment of State Road 426 in Winter Park following several years of planning, coordination, and community engagement. The project combines resurfacing and safety improvements for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- FDOT held a project open house for State Road 434 in Longwood. He stated the project includes roadway rehabilitation, replacement of portions of the center turn lane with a raised median and directional openings, and signal improvements. The project was reported to be in the design phase.

FDOT participated in Stop on Red Week where the campaign theme was "Stop Today, Protect Tomorrow."

Member discussion ensued regarding sharing the Safety Moment and Stop on Red information with school boards and tourism bodies.

VI. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Ms. Rachel Frederick conducted the Attendance roll call.

VII. ITEMS FOR REVIEW/DISCUSSION

A. Roll-Forward Amendments to the FY 2026/27 - FY 2030/31 Transportation Improvement Program

Dr. Natalia Barbour presented the proposed roll-forward amendment which would move funds for projects that were not completed in the prior fiscal cycle into FY 2026/27. She noted the roll-forward amendment does not change project costs or schedules.

- Regional transit represented the largest amount of funding being rolled forward, at approximately $568 million.

The committee was invited to provide comments for consideration by the MetroPlan Orlando Board. No comments were offered.

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

Dr. Natalia Barbour presented three roll-forward amendments to the recently adopted TIP.

New Projects

- FM #458582-1 Ocoee-Apopka Road (CR 437A) Widening - more than $17 million in federal construction funds and more than $4 million in local funds were identified for FY 2027.
- FM #446493-5 Winter Park Dr. Complete St. Imp. Phase 1 - more than $442,000 in federal construction funds and approximately $700,000 in local funds were identified for FY 2027.

Change to Existing Project

- FM #451939-1 LYNX FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities - more than $9 million in federal funds and more than $2 million in local funds were identified for FY 2027.

The committee was invited to provide comments for consideration by the MetroPlan Orlando Board. No comments were offered.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Status Update: Vision Zero Central Florida

Ms. Lara Bouck provided an update on Vision Zero Central Florida Annual Report. Ms. Bouck stated that from 2018 through 2024, deadly and serious injury crashes decreased 30.3%, including a 20% reduction in fatal crashes and a 33.8% reduction in serious injury crashes, while the regional population increased approximately 10%. She noted that twelve jurisdictions reported zero traffic fatalities in 2024, and Belle Isle, Lake Buena Vista, and Oakland reported zero fatal or serious injury crashes.

Ms. Bouck continued to highlight decreases in distracted driving, hit-and-run, and alcohol- and drug-involved crashes, while aggressive driving and speeding citations increased. She guided members to review the Vision Zero annual report and interactive story map which highlights regional safety projects and initiatives, and brought attention to emerging hotspots that warrant new attention.

Moving on to Road Safety Audits, Ms. Bouck reported that the first group of seven road safety audits was nearing completion and a second group of six corridors — three in Seminole County, one in Osceola County, and two in Orange County — is expected to begin in September.

Ms. Bouck provided an update on the e-bike education pilot targeting students ages 12–15 via Canvas, stating approximately 260 students at Luminary Middle School have completed the course, with scores exceeding 96%. She noted that the pilot has been extended through 2026 for all three school districts, with additional outreach planned and distribution expected to conclude by the end of October, ready for analysis to share to MetroPlan Orlando Boards and Committees.

Reporting other ongoing safety actions, Ms. Bouck noted that three before-and-after safety evaluations were being piloted, along with development of safety policy and design guidance covering approximately 20 elements. She stated they also began work to incorporate safety considerations into maintenance of traffic guidelines and the second Safe Streets for All grant will

support additional crash analysis near high-use transit locations and areas with significant unhoused populations. Ms. Bouck shared the next Vision Zero white paper will address speed and speed management.

In conclusion, Ms. Bouck reminded members of the resources available on the MetroPlan Orlando website and also the upcoming Vision Zero Speaker Series on September 3rd, featuring Automated Enforcement.

Discussion ensued regarding PSA's regarding all aspects of Safety. Members offered contacts and recommendations of schools and locations to focus on with regards to e-micromobility safety.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. **Highlights from July 8, 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. **PD&E Tracking Status Report (2026 Q2)** - A report providing the latest status of the PD&E studies currently underway in the MetroPlan Orlando region was enclosed.
D. **FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report –** FDOT Monthly Construction Status Reports for the MetroPlan Orlando area are enclosed.
E. **Micromobility Safety Resources** – Please see the links below, for a variety of Safety Information & Resources.
   - e-Bike Safety
   - Start the School Year Safely: Know Before You Roll | MetroPlan Orlando

X. 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. Central Florida Micromobility Safety Initiative Regional Roundtable – August 27, 2026
B. TSM&O Advisory Committee – August 28, 2026
C. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – August 28, 2026
D. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) – September 3, 2026
E. Vision Zero Speaker Series – September 3, 2026
F. MetroPlan Orlando Board – September 9, 2026
G. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Disadvantaged Board (TDLCB) – September 17, 2026
H. Vision Zero Task Force Meeting – September 22, 2026
I. LYNX Board (at LYNX Central Station) – September 24, 2026
J. Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (at LYNX Central Station) – October 22, 2026

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell enquired further about The Blind Experience. Ms. Gina Dole continued her comments regarding the need for additional public service announcements (PSAs) to educate road users, particularly non-motorists, about their responsibilities.

Mr. Jeffrey Piggrem provided Brightline updates including federal funding for a proposed Cocoa station and improvements to a shared Brightline/Florida East Coast Railway bridge.

Mr. R.J. Meuller shared his thoughts on e-micromobility and how we should regard this as a transportation option for all communities, with the necessary training.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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

Approved this 28th day of October 2026 .

Ms. Judy Pizzo, Chair

Ms. Rachel Frederick,
Board Services Coordinator

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