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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 06, 2023

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

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Jeffrey Campbell, presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County
Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Benjamin Bossley, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Ashley Guss, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Gigi Moorman, Orange County
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Vincent Pereira, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. Mark Bolton, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Alejandro Cintron Medina,
MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Patricia Colloca Massot, Seminole County
Mr. Joseph Colon, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Sanford
Ms. Cynthia Henry, Orange County
Mr. Daniel J. López, Osceola County
Ms. TeNeika Neasman, City of Orlando
Ms. Patricia Rumph, Orange County
Dr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
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Others in attendance were:

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT
Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, Metroplan Orlando
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, 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

Chairman Jeffrey Campbell welcomed everyone and called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at **9:35 a.m.** He 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

Ms. Theo Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Campbell detailed public comment procedures. He stated that at the MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting in November, he confirmed the CAC fully supports the Vision Zero Central Florida Action Plan, particularly as it relates to our most vulnerable road users. He also confirmed that he relayed questions and comments raised at the CAC – to the Board - in reference to the FDOT and FTE tentative work program. In particular the desire for more safety measures for pedestrian and bicyclist facilities to be included.

Chairman Campbell expressed what an honor it had been to serve as Vice-Chair and Chair over the past four years.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne welcomed members, reiterated the need for a quorum of 16 members in the room and the importance of advising of your attendance prior to the meeting.

Ms. Horne expressed her gratitude and appreciation of the outgoing Chair - Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, and the committee joined in a round of applause.

Ms. Horne highlighted the times and locations of the Sunshine Corridor TCAR Public Meetings. She also shared the good news of team member Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga with her new baby.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented this month's Safety Moment which focused on Winter Holiday crash risks. Darkness is a significant factor in crashes in January and December while other common factors such as aggressive driving, speeding, alcohol & drugs are statistically lower during these times. Bicyclists are especially vulnerable and suffer a significant increase in fatal crashes during the winter months, compared to other times of year. Mr. Wilson concluded by stating that motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians can all adjust their behavior to reduce winter holiday crash risk.

Ms. Horne stated two agenda changes in personnel presenting. Ms. Lara Bouck would present the EV Readiness Study instead of Mr. Eric Hill, who was in Washington D.C., and Mr. Patrick Panza would present the Best Foot Forward update in place of Ms. Emily Hanna.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

No Public comments were made.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. October 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes for October 25, 2023, is requested.

MOTION: Dr. Dan Stephens moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 25, 2023. Ms. Nilisa Council seconded the motion. Inadvertently the vote was omitted and therefore this will be corrected in the next CAC meeting in January 2024.

B. Election of 2024 CAC officers

The CAC Officer Selection Subcommittee met and their representative, Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, presented their recommendation of Dr. Dan Stephens for the position of Chair. There being no other nominations from the committee, approval was requested.

MOTION: Ms. Nilisa Council moved to approve the nomination of Dr. Dan Stephens as Committee Chair and Ms. Theo Webster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger then shared the Subcommittees recommendation of Ms. Judy Pizzo as Vice-Chair. When asked if there were any other nominations, CAC member Ashley Guss nominated Ms. Nilisa Council who accepted the nomination. There followed a Roll Call vote. With twenty committee members present, the count concluded with Ms. Judy Pizzo securing 8 votes and Ms. Nilisa Council, 12 votes. Therefore Ms. Nilisa Council was confirmed as the Vice Chair for 2024.

C. Revisions to the 2045 MTP

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented the revisions pertaining to Transportation Improvement Program roll Forward Projects and local requests.

A question was raised from the committee regarding the modifications made to SR 417 widening project (MTP ID# 1013). It was confirmed by Mr. Siao Si Fine – FTE, that the project will match with the Wekiva Parkway Phase 8, with project ownership changing at Rinehart Road.

Ms. Laurent confirmed that a link to the full document could be found in the agenda packet and also on the MetroPlan Orlando website.

A further question was asked about how many duplicate needs were identified and the process used to find them. It was identified that there were approximately 22 duplicate needs, found through ongoing planning works. Also discussed was clarification on the SunTrail Funding Programs.

MOTION: Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger moved to approve the updates to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as presented. Ms. Theo Webster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar

Approval of the 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar was requested.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to approve the 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar as presented. Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Regional Vision Zero Action Plan Status Update

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, started by sharing the video – 'Vision Zero Central Florida – Counting Down to Zero Traffic Deaths' He noted that the High Injury Network of the region's most dangerous roads has been identified, and a document containing that information will be emailed out to all members in the coming weeks. Mr. Wilson also shared a variety of statistics gathered from all the data including: 41% of Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) occur on 2% of our roadways.

Mr. Wilson highlighted the various methods of public engagement in development and provided a demonstration of the Vision Zero Central Florida hub site and the data it holds. He also highlighted how a hub site user could input their own safety concerns to include photos and the location. Mr. Wilson stated that a countermeasure handbook is in the works and also a

benchmarking process has been undertaken at MetroPlan Orlando, to see if any current plans or policies now need amendments to support the Vision Zero goals. He continued to inform of the next steps including developing the Vision Zero Resolutions and the date of the next Vision Zero Task Force meeting being January 16th, 2024. (The meeting has subsequently been moved to February.)

Questions from the committee included if any of the statistics included injuries or deaths caused by pursuits. Also, what the incident criteria is, for example, to qualify for funding for a traffic signal and if the need is more car or pedestrian oriented. In addition, a committee member stressed the need to replace missing sidewalks to allow people to safely walk and to have safe bicycle paths which they believe would help reduce KSI incidents. It was asked and Mr. Wilson confirmed, that the data will be kept current, with processes established to extract data from various sources and input it into the hub site.

A committee member expressed the positive impact self-driving cars will have in the future, with the hope of eliminating most traffic crashes. Mr. Wilson stressed the need to look at all contributing factors in a crash, rather than look for fault. The video shown was highly praised by committee members, and it was stated that the media coverage and raising community awareness was vitally important in getting the message out.

Further questions were asked regarding identifying the High Injury Network (HIN) on the hub site and how transit impacts and/or contributes to the HIN statistics. A further comment was made regarding what consequences there are for those drivers responsible for crashes.

B. Urban Area Boundary Smoothing Process

Mr. Alex Trauger highlighted the changes MPOs must consider, following the Census every ten years. Mr. Trauger presented the Census Urban Area boundary smoothing process for the Orlando and Kissimmee area. He explained the approach taken in adjusting the boundary and the process to this point. Mr. Trauger clarified the relationship between the Urban Area Boundary and federal funding. He had also worked closely with many local agencies, meeting to discuss and listening to feedback. He shared the next steps in the process, to include a future meeting with FDOT before requesting Committee and Board approval of the Urban Area Boundary in January/February 2024.

Questions from the committee included, why Altamonte Springs and Longwood were omitted from discussions, the reason being they will always be within the urban boundary and only those on the fringes of the urban areas would be affected.

C. Electric Vehicle Readiness Study

Ms. Lara Bouck provided a brief overview of the upcoming Metroplan Orlando Electric Vehicles Readiness Study which began in recent weeks and will be continued over a twelve-month period. She expressed the main objectives for the study and the scope of work, to include topic

specific workshops, electric vehicle supply and equipment assessments, current charging infrastructure analysis, public outreach and future planning and monitoring.

Discussions ensued, including what is included in the term 'electric vehicles', for example, electric scooters, electric bikes, and electric transit. It was stated that likely one of the workshops will cover all micro mobility options to assess the charging and supply needs. A further question asked what the 'policy' is with regards to charging supply – is there a formula for example, in a large parking garage that a certain percentage should be a charging space. A suggestion came from the committee to include experiences from those who drive a rental electric vehicle, rather than own, for example Uber drivers, and members of the general public who on occasions rent a vehicle and the only choice left on the lot is an EV.

A committee member highlighted the free service offered in Kissimmee, called Freebee, which offers on demand 'first and last mile' transportation using Teslas, which is proving very popular and often is used by tourists. There was also a desire expressed to focus investment in electric vehicle public transit which would reduce the need for individual owner charging points.

D. Best Foot Forward Annual Report

Mr. Patrick Panza, Programs Director, Bike/Walk Central Florida, presented the Best Foot Forward Annual Report. He shared tracking progress of the program over the last ten years, to highlight numbers of citations, enforcements, crosswalks monitored, and presentations & events hosted. Mr. Panza detailed the Annual Best Foot Forward Regional Summit held in Spring of 2023 and various stakeholder meetings. He also confirmed that they had engaged a public relations and marketing firm this year, which has resulted in substantially greater exposure of the Best Foot Forward program.

Mr. Panza continued to share details of individual enforcement operations and the positive impact on driver yield rates. He also presented the effect of engineering changes on crosswalks, for example - adding center stripes, a stop bar, yield markings on the road etc. Mostly low-cost adjustments with significant improvements in yield rates. He concluded by sharing details of some of Bike/Walk partnerships such as the Apopka Active Transportation Network Study, Healthy West Orange Trails Connection and Bike 5 event.

A committee member asked how the crosswalks were selected for engineering changes, which was confirmed as not being a decision made by Bike/Walk Central Florida, but by local municipalities and partners. In addition, it was asked why certain crosswalks near schools were revisited when school was out, which would not give comparable data, in assessing changes or improvements to driver behavior. This was related to law enforcement availability and to coordinating the themes of different programs. Another committee member inquired how a private business can request for crosswalks to be installed outside their business.

Also raised was the question of whether Vision Zero and Bike/Walk Central Florida were collaborating to focus on the same roads which were identified as having the most fatalities and crashes. Another member expressed their gratitude to Best Foot Forward for attending many events in Poinciana and Kissimmee, raising awareness in the community.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Update – The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area was enclosed.
- B. Highlights from November 8, 2023, 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. LYNX Press Releases – Two press release from LYNX were included.
- E. 2024 Legislative Position Statements – A copy of the Legislative Position Statements approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board for 2024 was included.
- F. 2022/23 Federally Obligated Funds Report Letter – Letters to the FHWA, FTA, and FAA summarizing the 2022/23 Federally Obligated Funds were enclosed. The full report was enclosed as well.
- G. 2022/23 BEBR Population Comparison – The University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) has published annual population estimates for 2023. A comparison of estimates from 2022 to 2023 was enclosed.

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. Municipal Advisory Committee, December 7, 2023
- B. MetroPlan Orlando Board, December 13, 2023
- C. Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee (TSMO), January 24, 2024
- D. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) January 24, 2024
- E. MetroPlan Orlando /FDOT Safety Summit, January 31, 2024
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB), February 15, 2024
- G. **Community Advisory Committee (CAC), January 24, 2024**
After January, 2024 meetings are: February 28; April 24; May 29; June 26; August 28; October 23; December 4.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Theresa Mott expressed her gratitude to outgoing Chair Mr. Jeffrey Campbell for his leadership as Chair and Vice-Chair over the past four years.

Mr. Jeffrey Piggrem reminded members of the Sunshine Corridor Transit Concept & Alternative Review Study – Virtual Public Meeting, that was happening online at 5.30 pm. that day, and the in person meeting the following day.

Ms. Gigi Moorman shared that today was her last meeting as a committee member and thanked everyone for the knowledge shared.

Ms. Venise White thanked MetroPlan Orlando for providing the Legislative Positions Statement that helps guide the Florida Public Health Association and called for other members to share any Legislative Statements or guidance their organizations might have that impact public health.

Outgoing Chair Mr. Jeffrey Campbell thanked Ms. Mary Ann Horne for her work as CAC Staff Liaison and expressed gratitude to all of the MetroPlan Orlando staff. In addition, he thanked all CAC members for their service and wished everyone happy holidays.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.41 a.m.

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

Approved this 24th day of January 2024.



Dr. Dan Stephens, Chairman



Ms. Rachel Frederick,
Board Services Coordinator

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