



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2022
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. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Benjamin Bossley, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Maria Cortes, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Gigi Moorman, Orange County
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Ms. TeNeika Neasman, City of Orlando
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee (Alternate)
Ms. Patricia Rumph, Orange County
Dr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Susan Buttery, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Mr. Joseph Colon, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Cynthia Henry, Orange County
Ms. Patricia Massot, Seminole County
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Daniel J. López, Osceola County
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Carlos Torrealba, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, City of Sanford
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, Osceola County
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Katherine Alexander-Corbin, FDOT
Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE
Ms. Amy Sirmans, VHB

Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, 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 9:33 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Dan Stephens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Campbell detailed the public comment procedures. He noted that the November Board meeting was canceled due to Hurricane Nicole, and said he would report out on the October and December CAC meetings at the December 14 Board meeting. Chairman Campbell gave the floor to Dr. Stephens. Dr. Stephens told CAC members that UCF was contacted regarding hosting the Congress for New Urbanism annual Summit at the downtown campus in 2023. He added that the Summit would be held February 16-17 and the keynote speaker would be Ms. Angie Schmidt. Additional information could be found on the Summit website. Chairman Campbell recognized Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando, who was retiring the end of December. A short video was played looking back at Mr. Caskey's 40+ years of service.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne thanked Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando, for putting together the video honoring Mr. Caskey. She reminded CAC members that meetings required an in-person quorum and emphasized the importance of RSVPs for the meeting, Ms. Horne called attention to recent CAC resignations which included Ms. Maria Cortes, Mr. Jonathan Beltran Torres, Ms. Maria Fernanda Saavedra, and Mr. Hector Lizasuain. She read a short excerpt from Mr. Lizasuain's resignation letter, in which he praised the work of the CAC. Ms. Horne reported that Osceola County is looking for a replacement for Mr. Lizasuain, and MetroPlan Orlando will start the advertising process for new

members shortly. She acknowledged CAC members who participated in FDOT's Mobility Week programming. Ms. Horne stated there were no changes to the printed agenda.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the attendance roll call and confirmed a quorum.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Charles Lee, Audubon Florida, commented that they have looked at the report on the Rock Springs Road and West Orange Trail Projects and have concerns over significant environmental impact two legs of the projects could have on Wekiva Springs State Park. He called attention to the impact on certain species of wildlife as well as the negative impact he says introduction of electric bikes has had on a formerly passive, quiet trail.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. *Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes: October 26, 2022*

Approval was requested of CAC meeting minutes from October 26, 2022, which were provided.

MOTION: Dr. Casmore Shaw moved for approval of meeting minutes from October 26, 2022. Mr. Joel Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2022/23 - 2026/27 TIP*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC to recommend that the FY 2022/23 - 2026/27 TIP be amended to include the following projects:

- FM #424255-1 – LYNX LYMMO Upgrade
- FM #451939-1 – LYNX Bus and Bus Facilities
- FM #451947-1 – LYNX Transit Oriented Development Planning for SR 436

A letter from FDOT staff explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the December 14th Board meeting. Mr. Caskey briefly reviewed the projects included in the amendment.

MOTION: Dr. Casmore Shaw moved for approval of the FDOT Amendment to FY 2022/23 - 2026/27 TIP. Mr. Brindley Pieters seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. *Amendment to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested a recommendation that the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan be modified and amended to include fully funded Transportation Improvement Program projects in the Existing-plus-Committed network, incorporating new federal revenues and discretionary funding grants within the region,

and other miscellaneous changes based on local agency feedback. Supporting materials were provided. Ms. Laurent gave a brief presentation on the amendment request. She reviewed the amendment and modification terminology along with the projects included in the request. Ms. Laurent noted that at TSMO and TAC a request was made to remove a duplicate Osceola County project. The project to be removed was a Poinciana Parkway complete streets project. Discussion ensued regarding roadway improvements and funding.

MOTION: Mr. Joel Davis moved for approval of the Amendment to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Election of CAC Officers

Action was requested to approve the Officer Selection Subcommittee's nominations for the CAC Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2023. Mr. Jeff Boebinger, Officer Selection Subcommittee member, provided a report on the subcommittee's November 17, 2022 meeting and the proposed slate of officers for 2023. He told CAC members that the subcommittee's recommendation was for Mr. Jeffrey Campbell to serve a second term as Chairman and Dr. Dan Stephens serve an additional term as Vice-Chair. Nominations were open from the floor.

MOTION: Dr. Casmore Shaw moved to close nominations. Mr. Brindley Pieters seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Gigi Moorman moved for approval of the proposed slate of 2023 officers. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS/STATUS REPORTS

A. Presentation on Rock Springs Road & West Orange Trail Projects

Ms. Amy Sirmans, VHB, gave a presentation on the status of the Rock Springs Road and West Orange Trail projects that are underway in the Apopka area. Ms. Sirmans reviewed the presentation agenda, study overview and public engagement timeline. She provided information on the purpose and need for Rock Springs Road changes and detailed the recommendations for the project along with anticipated impacts. Ms. Sirmans next reviewed the same information for the West Orange Trail Extension project. In addition, she provided the study schedule. Discussion ensued regarding traffic and congestion, lane separation, striping improvements, congestion relief at the trailhead, signalization at the dedicated turn lanes, educating the population on mid-block crossings, and why members of the public wanted the trail to run on the north side of Ponkan Road. Additional discussion ensued regarding electric bicycles, raised traffic separators, input received from constituents, study data, possible wildlife disruptions, drivers' awareness of crosswalks, funding, and crossings near schools. A request was made to forward the presentation to CAC members.

B. Presentation on FY 2023/24 - 2027/28 Tentative Five-Year Work Program

Ms. Katherine Alexander-Corbin, FDOT District 5, and Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE, presented an overview of the FY 2023/24 - 2027/28 Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Ms. Alexander-Corbin provided background on the Work Program, including important dates. She noted that the Work Program is built in collaboration with local partners. Ms. Alexander-Corbin detailed 2022 in review including the effect of inflation. She provided a funding breakdown along with information on key projects for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties, project deferrals and deletions. Discussion ensued in regard to multimodal spending breakdown, bicycle and pedestrian projects allocation, Maintenance Rating Program (MRP) ratings, and miscellaneous funding. Additional discussion ensued regarding frequency of resurfacing, right-of-way severance damage, the percentage of right-of-way that is residential, bids received, and bike lane infrastructure.

Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE, provided some background and historical information on Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. He reviewed the growing transportation needs, revenues and expenditures and the prioritization process. Mr. Fine next reviewed the major projects funded in the Work Program. He told CAC members that additional information could be found on the Work Program website www.fdot.gov/wpph. Discussion ensued regarding truck parking information and why FTE was concentrating on road building and widening.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area was provided.

B. FY 2021/22 Federally Funded Projects

A list of the highway, TSMO, bicycle and pedestrian, transit, and aviation projects in the Orlando Urban Area for which Federal funding was obligated during FY 2021/22 has been prepared in order to meet the federal requirement for MPOs. This document could be accessed on the MetroPlan Orlando website at: <https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Fed.-Funds-2022.pdf>

C. Comparison of 2021 & 2022 BEBR Population Estimates

A spreadsheet and cover memo comparing the 2021 and 2022 population estimates provided by the University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) for the Central Florida region was provided.

D. LYNX Press Releases

A set of press releases from LYNX was provided.

E. Bicycle & Pedestrian Report

A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region was provided.

F. *Approved 2023 Board/Committee Meeting Schedule*

The approved 2023 MetroPlan Orlando Board and Committee Meeting Schedule was provided.

G. *Draft 2023 Legislative Priorities & Positions*

The draft list of MetroPlan Orlando's legislative priorities and positions for 2023 was provided.

H. *FDOT Five-Year Work Program Public Hearing Information*

A letter providing information on the upcoming FDOT Five-Year Work Program public hearing was provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. *Next MPO Board Meeting*

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was scheduled on December 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801.

B. *Next CAC Meeting*

The next CAC meeting was scheduled on January 25, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801. After January, the dates of the remaining CAC meetings for 2023 will be:

2/22/23

4/26/23

5/24/23

6/28/23

8/23/23

10/25/23

12/6/23

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Bryant Coleman commented that he did not have an opportunity to vote on the TIP amendment earlier in the agenda, but he is not in favor of LYNX making any amendments to their financial plan He added that LYNX needed to concentrate on efficiency, their application, and reliability. Mr. Coleman stated that he is anti-electric vehicles and an extra \$2 million in funding on top of \$10-\$12 million budgeted for LYNX. He commented that the buses are not in rotation, and as a bus rider, he found the service unreliable.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (General)

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Campbell thanked everyone and wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 25th day of January 2023.



Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Chairman



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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