



**CENTRAL FLORIDA  
MPO  
ALLIANCE**

**Central Florida MPO Alliance  
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, October 13, 2023  
MetroPlan Orlando

Chairwoman Christine Moore, MetroPlan Orlando, Presiding

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Honorable Craig Estep  
Honorable Doug Shields  
Honorable Roy Tyler  
Honorable Nancy Daly  
Honorable Brian Yates  
Honorable Christine Moore  
Honorable Olga Castano  
Honorable Jay Zembower  
Honorable Ire Bethea, Sr.  
Honorable Craig Curry  
Honorable Yvonne Minus  
Honorable Joe Robinson  
Honorable Andrea Young

**REPRESENTING:**

Lake-Sumter MPO  
Lake-Sumter MPO  
Polk TPO  
Polk TPO  
Polk TPO  
MetroPlan Orlando  
MetroPlan Orlando  
MetroPlan Orlando  
Ocala/Marion County TPO  
Ocala /Marion County TPO  
Space Coast TPO  
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**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Honorable Cal Rolfson  
Honorable Michelle Stone  
Honorable David Alfin  
Honorable Chris Cloudman  
Mayor Bill Partington

Lake-Sumter MPO  
Ocala/Marion County TPO  
River to Sea TPO  
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**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Mr. Gary Huttman  
Mr. Robert Balmes  
Mr. Parag Agrawal  
Ms. Georganna Gillette  
Ms. Colleen Nicoulin  
Mr. Mike Woods  
Ms. Victoria Williams (Virtual)  
Ms. Bessie Reina  
Mr. Jack Adkins  
Mr. Eric Hill  
Mr. Alex Trauger

MetroPlan Orlando  
MetroPlan Orlando  
Ocala/Marion County TPO  
Polk TPO  
Space Coast TPO  
River to Sea TPO  
Lake-Sumter MPO  
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
FDOT - District 1  
FDOT - District 5  
MetroPlan Orlando  
MetroPlan Orlando

A complete list of all others in attendance may be obtained upon request.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Christine Moore called the October 13, 2023, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Joe Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Chairman's Announcements**

Chairwoman Moore reviewed the public comment procedures for both in person and virtual comments.

**IV. Alliance Introductions**

CFMPOA Members introduced themselves and Ms. Rachel Frederick confirmed an in-person quorum was present.

**V. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None.

**VI. Reports**

Chairwoman Moore called attention to the Delegation Reports provided for informational purposes.

**a. Delegation Reports (Info only)**

- Lake-Sumter MPO Report
- MetroPlan Orlando Report
- Ocala/Marion TPO Report
- Polk TPO Report
- Space Coast TPO Report
- River to Sea TPO Report

**b. FDOT District Reports**

Ms. Bessie Reina, FDOT District 1, and Mr. Jack Adkins provided updates on Moving Florida Forward projects in their respective districts.

**VII. Action Items**

**a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Action is requested for approval of the April 14, 2023, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Council Member Ire Bethea Sr. moved approval of the April 14, 2023, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Yvonne Minus seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Adoption Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule**

Chairwoman Moore noted that the 2024 meeting schedule adds a joint meeting with the Sun Coast TPA for the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. In addition, she noted that Mr. Parag Agrawal, Polk TPO, agreed to host the joint meeting. Location is to be determined. Staff requested approval of the proposed 2024 meeting schedule: February 9<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, and October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Council Member Ire Bethea Sr. moved adoption of the 2024 Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Craig Estep seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Review of Draft Methodology for Ranking CFMPOA TSMO Projects**

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, provided information on draft methodology for ranking regional TSMO projects. He noted that the TSMO Consortium proposed adding regional TSMO projects to the CFMPOA Project Priority List. Mr. Hill noted that TSMO projects could mitigate 60% of congestion as well as pose challenges and opportunities. He provided a definition of the project network pointing out the caveats. Mr. Hill added that there was a value proposition involving a regional commitment. He reviewed the ranking criteria including efficiency and multimodal system, economic development, cost efficiency, livability, equity and safety. Mr. Hill provided examples of existing projects. He reported that the CFMPOA M/TPO directors were in receipt of the draft priority list for review. Ms. Whittington noted that the next adoption of the project priority list would include TSMO projects.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jay Zembower moved approval of the draft methodology for ranking CFMPOA TSMO projects. Commissioner Roy Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Approval of the CFMPOA FY 2023-24 List of Priority Projects**

Ms. Georganna Gillette, SpaceCoast TPO, provided an update on the CFMPOA Project Priority List. She reviewed how priorities are developed collectively through a unified regional approach, categories of projects and adoption dates for the M/TPOs. Ms. Gillette then highlighted the changes included in the latest revised list. She noted that the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) list is not prioritized, and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) list is ranked and prioritized.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nancy Daly moved approval of the CFMPOA FY2023-24 List of Priority Projects. Councilwoman Yvonne Minus seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Presentations/Discussion**

**a. Coast-to-Coast Project Update and Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Request For Funding**  
Presenter(s): Ms. Aishwarya “Aish” Sandineni and Mr. Paul Schoezel, FDOT District 5

Ms. Aishwarya “Aish” Sandineni provided Alliance members with an update on the Coast-to-Coast Project and the SUN Trail Request for Funding. She provided a recap of the history of the program. Ms. Sandineni showed maps detailing the network of Trails and projects in District 5 and the order of project priority. She summarized updates to Senate Bill 106. Ms. Sandineni announced that the application cycle is open for the FY 2029/2030. The application cycle opened September 27<sup>th</sup> and closes on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. She noted that applications must be submitted through the online GAP process in order to be eligible for consideration.

**b. Brightline Update**

Presenter: Ms. Christine Kefauver, Brightline

Ms. Christine Kefauver, Brightline, provided Alliance members with an update on Brightline Florida. She provided information on Brightline West, their all-electric sister project that will connect Los Angeles to Las Vegas, anticipated to be open before the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics. Ms. Kefauver provided insight into the history of bringing the Brightline project to fruition by way of a \$5 billion investment to connect South and Central Florida. She noted that service began in September 2023 and there are 16 round trips between Orlando and Miami daily with 240 passengers onboard each hourly train with travel time of approximately 3.5 hours. She discussed “Basecamp”, job creation, and their efforts to reduce emissions. She noted that to date, 250 jobs have been created. Ms. Kefauver discussed future endeavors for Brightline to include an Orlando to Tampa connection, and key partnerships.

**IX. Member Comments**

Mr. David Bottomley brought forward concerns regarding ADA compliant bus stop at Al Coith Park and cited State Statute 337.408 that addresses the regulation of bus stops, benches, etc

**X. Public Comments**

None.

**XI. Next meeting**

February 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
MetroPlan Orlando  
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32801

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

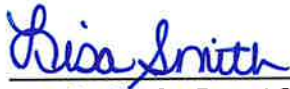
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Central Florida MPO Alliance



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Commissioner Christine Moore, Chairwoman

Attest:



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Lisa Smith, Sr. Board Services Coordinator

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