

# Central Florida MPO Alliance **Meeting Minutes**

Friday, February 9, 2024 MetroPlan Orlando

Chairwoman Christine Moore, MetroPlan Orlando, Presiding

REPRESENTING: MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lake-Sumter MPO Honorable Doug Shields Polk TPO Honorable Roy Tyler

Polk TPO Honorable Nancy Daly Polk TPO Honorable Brian Yates

MetroPlan Orlando Honorable Christine Moore MetroPlan Orlando Honorable Lee Constantine

Ocala/Marion County TPO Honorable Ire Bethea, Sr.

River to Sea TPO Honorable Chris Cloudman Honorable Joe Robinson Space Coast TPO Space Coast TPO Honorable Andrea Young

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** 

Honorable Sandy Gamble Lake-Sumter MPO Lake-Sumter MPO Honorable Cal Rolfson MetroPlan Orlando Honorable Olga Castano

Ocala/Marion County TPO Honorable Craig Curry Ocala/Marion County TPO Honorable Michelle Stone

River to Sea TPO Honorable David Alfin River to Sea TPO Mayor Bill Partington Honorable Yvonne Minus Space Coast TPO

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 

MetroPlan Orlando Ms. Virginia Whittington MetroPlan Orlando Mr. Gary Huttmann

Ocala/Marion County TPO Mr. Robert Balmes

Polk TPO Mr. Ryan Kordek

Space Coast TPO Ms. Georganna Gillette Ms. Colleen Nicoulin River to Sea TPO Lake-Sumter MPO Mr. Mike Woods

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Mr. Siaosi Fine

FDOT - District 1 Ms. Edith Perez FDOT - District 5 Ms. Loreen Bobo MetroPlan Orlando Mr. Eric Hill MetroPlan Orlando Mr. Alex Trauger

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

#### Call to Order

Chairwoman Christine Moore called the February 9, 2024, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

# II. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Mayor Joe Robinson, Space Coast TPO, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# III. Introduction of CFMPOA Members and Staff

CFMPOA Members introduced themselves and Ms. Lisa Smith confirmed an in-person quorum was present.

#### IV. Public Comments on Action Items

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

There were no requests for public comment.

# V. Reports

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

# a. Delegation Reports (Info only)

Lake-Sumter MPO Report
Polk TPO Report

MetroPlan Orlando Report
Space Coast TPO Report

- Ocala/Marion TPO Report - River to Sea TPO Report

# b. FDOT District Reports

- District I

Ms. Edith Perez represented FDOT District 1. Ms. Perez shared information with Alliance members of a new district-wide Rumble Strip initiative. Ms. Perez explained that the \$60 million Rumble Strips project was recently implemented with approximately \$8 million dedicated to Polk County. Ms. Perez explained that the intent of the project is to deter distracted driving and lane departures. She also touched on the I-4 Master Plan and noted that the project boundaries are west of Polk Parkway (SR 570) to West US 27 in Polk County. She added that District 1 is hosting a public meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the public comment period will be open through February 23rd.

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#### District 5

Ms. Loreen Bobo represented FDOT District 5. Ms. Bobo announced that District 5 has commenced the Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan as a part of its Vision Zero Initiative. She provided insight into the outreach efforts. She stated that the District is currently soliciting feedback.

- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Mr. Siaosi Fine, Florida's Turnpike Enterprises, reported that FTE partnered with Safe Mobility for Life and co-hosted a car fit event with the City of St. Cloud Police Department at the St. Cloud Community Center on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### VI. Action Items

#### a. Election of 2024 Officers

Ms. Virginia Whittington facilitated the 2024 CFMPOA officers. She explained that each year, the Central Florida MPO Alliance selects one of its members as Chairperson, another as Vice-Chairperson, and a third as Secretary. She noted that three officers will serve a term of one year until their successors are selected. The newly elected officers will assume their roles at the conclusion of the February meeting and will serve through February 2025. A list of the Alliance officers (2015-2023) was provided for information purposes. The slate of proposed officers was presented as follows:

Chair Lake-Sumter MPO - Commissioner Doug Shields

Vice Chair River to Sea TPO - Mayor Chris Cloudman

Secretary Space Coast TPO – Council Member Yvonne Minus

MOTION: Councilman Ire Bethea, Sr. moved approval of the slate of 2024 CFMPOA

officers as presented. Mayor Roy Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried

unanimously.

## b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action is requested for approval of the October 13, 2023, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilwoman Andrea Young moved approval of the October 13, 2023, meeting

minutes. Commissioner Lee Constantine seconded the motion. Motion carried

unanimously.

### VII. Presentations/Discussion

# a. Status Update on FDOT Truck Parking Project

Mr. Steven Buck, PE, Project Development Manager, District 5 – PLEMO, provided an update on the FDOT Truck Parking Project. Mr. Buck provided background on the need, economics, and growing demand. He stated that the I-4 corridor is one of the most critical in the state. Mr. Buck reviewed selected site locations and capacity; features and amenities; project schedule and funding availability and construction timeline. Mr. Buck stated that the project was awarded an INFRA grant that will help to advance the construction timeline for the sites. When asked about the lack of Brevard County sites, Mr. Buck noted that they are currently working to identify sites along the I-75 corridor and the I-95 corridor evaluation will commence in late summer of 2024.

### b. Regional Project Prioritization Process Kick Off

Ms. Georganna Gillette, Space Coast TPO, provided an overview of the process for developing regional priorities. She explained that each year the CFMPOA works collectively to develop and approve a list of projects that are regional in nature. Ms. Gillette reviewed the list of categories that support the priorities. She said that once the priorities are adopted, they are forwarded to FDOT to program for federal and state funding. Ms. Gillette noted that as projects are reviewed there are certain criteria to be mindful of i.e., long range transportation plans, SIS cost feasible plans, MPO priorities, and the receiving of new funding. She discussed the process timeline and noted that the final list will be adopted at the October meeting and transmitted to FDOT for programming.

# c. Update on Federal GHG Performance Measure and Target

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, provided a status update on the new national performance measure on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. He presented background information on the FHWA Final Rule which went into effect January 8, 2024. He explained that this is a new addition to the performance reliability category and creates a new performance measure specific to carbon reduction. Mr. Trauger provided insight into the GHG metric and measure and provided an example of a simple approach for the calculating metric; and reporting requirements for MPOs. He noted that MPOs with shared urbanized areas must develop joint targets. The federal rule also provides a date specific of 1/28/26 as relates to inclusion of GHG targets in core products. Mr. Trauger discussed the documents provided as backup in the agenda package to include target dates and pending litigation.

# d. Roundtable Discussion: Vision Zero Action Planning/Safe Streets and Roads for All

Alliance Members and Directors discussed Vision Zero efforts happening in their respective communities.

### VIII. Information Items

## a. 2024 Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Schedule

# IX. Member Comments

Mayor Roy Tyler, Polk TPO, provided insight regarding traffic safety from a former law enforcement officer's perspective.

Mayor Nancy Daley announced that Mr. Ryan Kordek was appointed as the Executive Director of the Polk TPO and congratulated him on his appointment.

# X. Public Comments

None.

## XI. Next meeting

April 12, 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 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed by Lisa Smith, Senior Board Services Coordinator, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

Commissioner Doug Shields, Chairman

Attest:

Lisa Smith, Sr. Board Services Coordinator

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.