



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Bob Dallari, Board Vice-Chair, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Ken Gilbert for Nathan Blackwell, City of St. Cloud
Hon. Olga Castano, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County
Mayor John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County

Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County
Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

Members attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando

Advisors in Attendance

Mr. Jack Adkins for Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5
Mr. Joshua DeVries, Technical Advisory Committee
Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Mr. Brian Sanders, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Dr. Dan Stephens, Community Advisory Committee
Mr. Tim Weisheyer, Orlando Executive Airport

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Emily Hannah, Bike/Walk Central Florida

Staff in Attendance :

Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Alex Trauger
Mr. Eric Hill
Ms. Taylor Laurent
Mr. Mighk Wilson
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez
Mr. Jason Sartorio
Mr. Slade Downs
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Lailani Vaiaoga
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Rachel Frederick

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Bob Dallari called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Mayor Brian Nelson, City of Apopka, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. VICE-CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Mayra Uribe reported on the January 25th MPOAC Meeting. Commissioner Uribe called attention to proposed House Bill 7049 that is currently going through various House Subcommittees. Commissioner Christine Moore, Orange County, reported on the February 9th Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment highlighting the Move Over Law.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Huttman provided an update on the Board Apportionment Plan. He welcomed Council Member Ken Gilbert, City of St. Cloud and Mr. Tim Weisheyer, Orlando Executive Airport. He acknowledged alternates Commissioner Michael Scott, Orange County, Commissioner Jordan Smith, Municipal Advisory Committee, and Mr. Jack Adkins, FDOT. He noted that Commissioner Tony Ortiz (City of Orlando), was participating virtually; Mr. Huttman alerted Board members to the newly added performance measure on Greenhouse Gas Emissions; and provided an update on the FDOT Joint Certification. He congratulated Osceola County on the \$160 million award from the National Science Foundation; and City of Orlando award of \$606,000 to study several corridors identified on the High Injury Network. Mr. Huttman thanked the attendees of the Safety Summit held on January 31st. He congratulated MetroPlan Orlando staff member Taylor Laurent on her appointment to the national AMPO Technical Committee. Mr. Huttman called attention to information contained in supplemental folders.

IV. FDOT REPORT

Mr. Jack Adkins, FDOT District 5, highlighted the joint certification efforts with MetroPlan Orlando. He noted that the Moving Florida Forward Corridor Program Team will be providing an update on the I-4 portion on today's agenda. He noted that a \$180 million INFRA grant has been awarded for truck parking efforts. He reported on Strategic plan efforts and thanked those that participated in the January 31st safety summit at Orlando City Hall. He announced that the next workshops on the Departments Strategic Safety Plan will be held on February 26th for Lake, Sumter, and Marion counties and February 27th for Brevard, Volusia, and Flagler counties. He announced the Wekiva Parkway Community celebration on February 24th from 8 am to 12 noon at the Neighborhood Lakes Trail Head in Sorrento.

V. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was physically present.

VI. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman called attention to agenda item IX, B. Financial Report noting that there was no December report.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee reports from the meetings were presented by the Municipal Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, TSMO, and Technical Advisory Committee chairpersons.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of FY 24 Budget Amendment #4
- C. Approval of Financial Report for November & December 2023
- D. Approval of Board Committee Appointments 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through D. Commissioner Michael Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. FDOT Moving Florida Forward Initiative & Approval of Amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (**ROLL CALL VOTE**)

Ms. Catalina Chacon, FDOT, presented an update on the Moving Florida Forward (MFF) Initiative. She introduced the members of the new Corridors Program Team created by FDOT Central Office to deliver the following projects:

- Project number 12: I-4 from Champions Gate to Osceola Parkway
- Project number 13: Poinciana Parkway Extension Connector
- Project number 16: I-4 from U.S. 27 to Champions Gate.

Ms. Chacon shared a project map of the planned construction, detailed the road layout, and gave a status update of the I-4 project in Osceola and Polk County. Ms. Chacon provided an overview of public outreach efforts to date. She shared that the office is pivoting from Design-Build Contracts to Multiple-Phase Contracts with different procurement methods for MFF, with the benefit of a shorter time from advertising the contract to being awarded at approximately four months.

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan be modified and amended to include projects highlighted by Ms. Chacon relating to the Moving Florida Forward Initiative.

MOTION: Commissioner Mayra Uribe moved to accept the update to the FDOT Moving Florida Forward Initiative and approval of the amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Commissioner Viviana Janer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of Amendments to the FY 2024-2028 TIP (**ROLL CALL VOTE**)

Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the MAC make a recommendation to the Board that the FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 TIP be amended to include the following projects:

- FM# 431456-1 – Moving Florida Forward (SR 400/I-4 W of CR 532 to E of CR 522/Osceola Pkwy)

- FM# 431456-2 – Moving Florida Forward (SR 400/I-4 W, Osceola Co. Line to E of SR 536/World Center Dr)

A letter from FDOT staff explaining the amendment request along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff, and the draft resolution to be presented at the February 14th Board meeting was provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Mayra Uribe moved to approve of the amendments to the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Commissioner Michael Scott seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the Urban Area Boundary Smoothing for approval. He requested a recommendation of approval for the new Urban Area Boundary following the Boundary Smoothing process. Mr. Trauger discussed the five-step approach used in adjusting the urban boundary. Mr. Trauger pointed out that the Census Urban Area Boundary does not supersede local government comprehensive plan policies or service provisions. He stated that staff has been working closely with the growth management staff of local government partners to obtain feedback in addition to coordinating with the Lake-Sumter MPO for the shared urban boundary. He said that moving forward, staff will continue to document local agency feedback, continue coordination with FDOT, and make any final adjustments to the Urban Area Boundary.

MOTION: Commissioner Mayra Uribe moved to approve the adjusted urban area boundaries. Commissioner Christine Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Federal Performance Safety Targets (PM 1)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, requested support of the FDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets. He noted that the support of the safety performance measure targets has been done annually since 2018 as a part of the performance-based planning process. Mr. Trauger gave a brief presentation on the six federal safety performance measures, and the current state of the system performance.

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved to approve the amendments to the Federal Performance Safety Targets. Commissioner Michael Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report- November & December 2023
- C. Air Quality 2023 Summary Report
- D. PD&E Tracking Report
- E. 2024 Legislative Positions
- F. Letter of Support–FDOT CRISI Grant for Railroad Crossing Safety

- G. Letter of Support – Orange County RAISE Grant for International Drive/Sand Lake Road Pedestrian Bridge
- H. Letter of Support – Orange County RAISE Grant for Woodbury Road Community Mobility, Safety, and Resilience
- I. Letter of Support – Orange County Edgewater Drive Communities to Corridor RAISE
- J. Letter of Support – Osceola County Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Grant

MOTION: Commissioner Mayra Uribe moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement; Items A through J. Commissioner Michael Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Vision Zero Safety Action Plan Update

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an update on recent Vision Zero activities. He provided details of the Engineering Countermeasures Toolkit and how they are categorized and detailed. Mr. Wilson explained the Task Force is currently working on Non-Infrastructure Countermeasures, which looks at what behavioral changes can be applied and how they be best communicated. He shared public engagement events that have occurred and planned future events; and highlighted the Media Briefing that took place on December 13th which included the members of the MetroPlan Orlando Board, FDOT personnel and MetroPlan Orlando staff and resulted in 25+ minutes of on-air coverage by both English and Spanish language outlets. Mr. Wilson noted that 174 contributions have been submitted to the hub site by members of the public detailing the problems they identify in the region, and 116 safety-related comments have been carried over from the Active Transportation Plan. He noted that the MetroPlan Orlando Communications team is also working on a Vision Zero Kids Book to help educate young people and should be available in the next few weeks. Mr. Wilson briefly discussed the Safety Summit organized by FDOT District 5 at Orlando City Hall on January 31st. He reminded Board members of the Vision Zero hub site: [MetroPlan Orlando Regional Vision Zero \(visionzeroofl.gov\)](https://www.metroplano.org/visionzero).

B. Preview of FY 24/25-25/26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, provided a preview of the upcoming Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. Mr. Trauger explained that the UPWP is a two-year document that represents the MetroPlan Orlando operating budget; and it's one of the required documents that all MPOs must prepare and receive Board approval. Mr. Trauger reviewed the timeline for transmittal to FDOT, the organization and core tasks detailed in the document, and proposed studies and planning activities. Mr. Trauger stated that the draft UPWP will be presented at the March MAC meeting for a recommendation to the Board.

C. Preview of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an overview of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). She detailed planned opportunities for engagement and feedback which includes the creation of the MTP Technical Working Group. Ms. Laurent discussed the intent and makeup of the working group, and the frequency of meetings. She announced the first workshop date of February 8th, at 2 p.m. and shared the remainder of the proposed meeting schedule. Ms. Laurent noted that the plan must be adopted by December 2025.

D. 2024 Legislative Session Update

Ms. Virginia L. Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an update on the current legislative session. She noted that the session is currently in week 6, with 23 days remaining. Ms. Whittington noted that there have been more than 50 transportation-related bills filed. She called attention to the bill report provided in the Board agenda packet. Ms. Whittington highlighted several bills that have a direct impact on the Region and the work of MetroPlan Orlando.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Joanne Counelis commented on the need for bus stops and shelters at several sites in Seminole County, and the need for 24/7 mass transit in the Region.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

XVI. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 13th day of March 2024.



Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Chair



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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