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MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Chair, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Roger Chapin for Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Ken Gilbert, City of St. Cloud
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Stephanie Kopelousis, GOAA
Mr. Christopher "C.J." Maier, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/CFCRC
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando
Hon. Kelly Semrad, Orange County
Hon. Jordan Smith, Municipal Advisory Committee
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County

Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

Members/Advisors attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Honorable Jackie Espinosa, City of Kissimmee

Advisors in Attendance

Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Mr. Myles O'Keefe, Technical Advisory Committee
Ms. Christina Colon Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Ms. Judy Pizzo, Community Advisory Committee
Mr. Joe Nunziata, Orlando Executive Airport
Ms. Kellie Smith for Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:
Hon. Nadia Anderson, City of Apopka
Hon. Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County
Hon. Michael Sott, Orange County
Vacant, Orange County

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5
Mr. Loren Hughes, Florida's Turnpike Enterprises

Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Gary Huttmann
Mr. Jay Small, Dinsmore & Shohl
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Alex Trauger
Mr. Eric Hill
Ms. Taylor Laurent
Ms. Lara Bouck
Mr. Mighk Wilson
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez
Mr. Slade Downs
Ms. Sarah Larsen
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga
Ms. Giselle Valadez Godinez
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Rachel Frederick

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chairwoman Nicole Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Wilson updated Board members on continuing micromobility safety efforts including a proposed micromobility safety initiative that will bring together representatives from around the region in early September with the goal of developing a regional policy framework and best practices for e-bikes and e-scooters. Chairwoman Wilson reported on the Floridians for Better Transportation event held June 18th and 19th. Commissioner Viviana Janer reported on the June 25th Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission meeting. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Lara Bouck provided the Safety Moment highlighting distracted driving.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Wilson updated Board members on continuing micromobility safety efforts including a proposed micromobility safety initiative that will bring together representatives from around the region in early September with the goal of developing a regional policy framework and best practices for e-bikes and e-scooters. Chairwoman Wilson reported on the Floridians for Better Transportation event held June 18th and 19th. Commissioner Viviana Janer reported on the June 25th Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission meeting. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Lara Bouck provided the Safety Moment highlighting distracted driving.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttmann provided Board members with an update on the site visit by FHWA staff on June 23rd which included a walking audit of one of MetroPlan Orlando's safety projects. He called attention to the 2026 Dangerous by Design report included in the agenda package. He announced the next MPOAC Institute is scheduled for August 12th at Alachua County Facilities Management in Gainesville. Mr. Huttmann noted the next Lake-to-Lake Trail Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for July 15th at Bike Walk Central Florida followed by a meeting in the afternoon with FDOT Leadership in DeLand. He provided a strategic plan update noting that staff interviews are underway and the employee workshop is scheduled for August 5th at LYNX. Mr. Huttmann announced the MetroPlan Orlando offices will close starting July 13th through the end of August for an office refresh. He noted that Ms. Kellie Smith was present representing FDOT Secretary John Tyler.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS:

Ms. Kellie Smith, Director of Development, reported on June 18th Seminole County Truck Parking Groundbreaking noting the Sanford location will have 132 parking spaces. She thanked those that participated in the Floridians for Better Transportation event held June 18th and 19th noting that District 5 had the best representation from MPO/TPOs in the state.

V. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith called the roll and confirmed there was no quorum.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of May 13 and June 10, 2026, Board Meetings
B. Approval of Financial Reports for April & May 2026
C. Approval of the Travel Reports for April & May 2026
D. Approval for the Board Chair to approve FY'26 Budget Amendment #4 (if necessary) with Board ratification of the amendment at the September 9, 2026, meeting
E. Approval of General Planning Consultant (GPC) Contracts
F. Approval to Extend the Sole Source Contract with the University of Florida to Update MetroPlan Orlando's Web-based Crash Database
G. Approval to Extend Existing Contract with StreetLight Data, Inc.
H. Certification of TDLCB Membership

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A through H. Commissioner Bob Dallari seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the FY 26-27/FY 30-31 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Roll Call vote)

Dr. Natalia Barbour, MetroPlan Orlando, requested approval of the FY2026/2027/FY 2030/2031 TIP. She noted that the TIP was previewed at the June Board meeting. Dr. Barbour gave an overview of minor changes in the draft TIP versus the Final TIP. She provided details of public engagement efforts. Link to Draft FY 26-27/FY 30-31 TIP: Due to the size of the document, a link is provided to access the draft TIP Preview online: Transportation Improvement Program FY 27-31 (Draft for Adoption). Additional information about the TIP is available at: https://MetroPlanOrlando.gov/TIP

MOTION: Commissioner Cheryl Grieb moved approval of the amendments to the FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of the 2026 Prioritized Project List (PPL)

Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando, requested that the MAC make a recommendation to the Board to adopt the Draft PPL for 2026. Mr. Downs noted that a preview of the PPL was presented at the June Board Meeting. Mr. Downs provided background on the PPL, and reviewed updates/feedback received. Due to the size of the document, a link was provided to view the Draft PPL online: Draft Prioritized Project List 2026

MOTION: Commisioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the 2026 Prioritized Project List (PPL). Commissioner Viviana Janer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A. Executive Directors Report for June & July
B. Smart Growth America – 2026 Dangerous by Design Report
C. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report - May and June 2026
D. Air Quality Report for May and June
E. Bicycle & Pedestrian Report for June
F. Submittal package to the Office of Greenways and Trails for the Lake-to-Lake Regional Trail
G. Letter of Support for the FDOT Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects (INFRA) Grant Application
H. Letter of Support for the City of Orlando's FY26 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application "Safety on Semoran (SOS)"
I. Letter of Support for the Orange County Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant
J. Letter of Support for the City of Altamonte Springs FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant Program, Planning and Demonstration Grant Application – MPO Coordination – page #170
K. Letter of Support for LYNX SFY28 Public Transit Service Development Grant Application
L. Letter of Support for Orange County APA Planning Excellence Award
M. AMPO Letter to House T&I Leadership re: BUILD America 250 Act
N. NARC Letter to House T&I Leadership re: BUILD America 250 Act
O. NACo Letter to House T&I Leadership re: BUILD America 250 Act
P. East Colonial Drive (S.R. 50) Widening Open House

MOTION: Commissioner Cheryl Grieb moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement: Items A through O. Commissioner Bob Dallari seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Update of the E-Mobility Education Pilot

Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando, presented an update on the E-mobility Education Pilot Program. She noted the significant increase in e-bike crashes, especially among teens and young adults, noting a 54% rise in 2025 data. Ms. Bouck explained that the pilot program targeted grades 7-10, with 268 students completing the course at Luminary Middle School via Canvas, adding that mandatory in-class participation led to higher engagement and completion rates. She highlighted lessons learned and plans to expand to more schools, virtual students, and possibly implement a sticker/permit system for device parking. Board members discussed the need for better crash data, requiring proof of safety training for parking e-devices on campus, sidewalk safety, helmet use, the need for broader education, best practices and a commitment to regional coordination and ongoing pilot evaluation.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Destin Correa, Orlando, FL addressed the Board members expressing the need for more direct LYNX routes from Waterford Lakes to various areas in Orlando for better connectivity. He also expressed support for advancing the "STAR Plan" in Orange County.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Semrad commented on the Lake-to-Lake Headwaters Trail Head between Bithlo and Wedgefield. She expressed concern that the materials used will have a detrimental effect on the wildlife corridor and wetland. Mr. Huttmann invited her to attend the Lake to Lake Trail Leadership Team meeting on July 15th.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

XV. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 9th day of September 2026.

Nicole Wilson

Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Chairwoman

Lisa Smith

Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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