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MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2023

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Mayor John Dowless, Chairman, presided.

Members in attendance:

Mayor Phil Anderson, City of Winter Park
Mayor Nathan Blackwell, City of St. Cloud
Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Commissioner Richard Firstner, City of Ocoee
Mayor Nicholas Fouraker, City of Belle Isle
Mayor David Henson, City of Casselberry
Mayor Kevin McCann, City of Winter Springs
Commissioner Sal Ramos, Town of Oakland
Commissioner Brian Sackett, City of Longwood Mayor Megan Sladek, City of Oviedo
Commissioner Jordan Smith, City of Lake Mary

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Angie Gardner, Town of Eatonville
Councilmember Vance Guthrie, City of Maitland*
Council Member Tony Davit, Town of Windermere
Vacant, City of Winter Garden

* *Excused Absence*

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Emily Hanna, Bike Walk Central Florida
Mr. David Cooke, FDOT D5
Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT D5
Mr. Saiosi Fine, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Ms. Patricia Whitton, LYNX
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Dowless called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Mayor Dowless led the pledge of allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman John Dowless stressed the importance of in-person quorums. He reviewed the meeting and public comment procedures.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Trauger welcomed back MetroPlan Orlando staff member Sarah Larsen from maternity leave and introduced Patricia Whitton as the new LYNX liaison. He announced the retirement of Cathy Goldfarb, Senior Board Services Coordinator, and congratulated Jason Sartorio, Transportation Planner, on the birth of his son Henry. Mr. Trauger congratulated the MetroPlan Orlando Communications Team for winning an Image Award at the FPRA for the most recent Annual Report. He introduced MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson, who presented the Safety Moment that will now be included at each meeting as a part of the Vision Zero Action Plan Strategy.

IV. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS / PARTNER UPDATES

- **Florida Department of Transportation**

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5, called attention to the FDOT construction report included in the agenda packet. Mr. Scarfe encouraged members to utilize www.cflroads.com to obtain major project updates. He noted that the kickoff meeting for the FY 2025/2027 3R process (resurface, refurbish, and restore) was held on April 4th with participants from multiple organizations. The next meeting is anticipated for mid-June.

- **LYNX**

Ms. Patricia Whitton, LYNX, reported that the last service change occurred on April 23rd with minimal public comments. She stated that LYNX worked with the City of Orlando staff in extending the LIME line/LYMMO Route 61, and the route now incorporates stops at several of the senior centers in the downtown area. She noted that ridership remains at around 55,000/day which is lower than pre-pandemic levels but approximately 9% higher than this time one year ago.

- **Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE)**

Mr. Siaoisi Fine, FTE, reported public information meetings are scheduled for the PD&E Study for the FTE Mainline Widening from SR 70 (Ft. Pierce) to SR 60 (Osceola County). The virtual public information meeting is scheduled for July 10th at 6 p.m. Two in-person meetings are scheduled: the first on June 22 at 6 p.m. at the Intergenerational Recreation Center in Vero Beach; and the second on June 23 in Ft. Pierce.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Dowless called attention to Councilmember Vance Guthrie had requested an excused absence.

MOTION: Mayor Sladek moved for approval of excusing the absence of Councilmember Vance Guthrie. Commissioner Sackett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A. Approval of March 2, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the March 2nd meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Sackett moved approval of the March 2, 2023, MAC meeting minutes. Mayor Sladek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Appointment of Bylaws Review and Nominating Subcommittee

The Chairman appointed a Bylaws Review and Nominating Subcommittee to recommend a slate of officers for the term July 2023 through June 2025 as well as to review the MAC bylaws and make updates as necessary. Approval of the subcommittee's recommendations will be brought before the MAC on June 8th for approval and the new officers will assume their roles at the July 6th meeting. Appointments to the Bylaws and Nominating Subcommittee included Mayors Dowless, Blackwell, Fouraker, Henson, McCann and Sladek, and Commissioner Ramos.

MOTION: Mayor Sladek moved for approval of the appointees to the Bylaws and Nominating Subcommittee. Commissioner Sackett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Update

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided an update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. MetroPlan Orlando was awarded federal funding in the amount of \$3.79 million to develop regional and local Vision Zero Safety Action Plans. She reviewed the anticipated components, what's next for MetroPlan Orlando, and what local partners can do. Ms. Laurent noted that the local partners are being asked to designate a "champion" who can serve as the point of contact for the project.

B. Bicycle/Pedestrian Count Program Status Update

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, gave a status update on the ongoing tracking and analyzing of bicycle and pedestrian counts around the region. He provided a brief history of how the counts are conducted. The current method of counting employs MioVision. Mr. Wilson provided an overview of how the MioVision cameras work, advantages over other systems and MetroPlan Orlando usage.

C. Annual Report on Best Foot Forward

Ms. Emily Hanna, Executive Director of Bike/Walk Central Florida, presented the annual report on the activities of the Best Foot Forward Pedestrian Safety program. Ms. Hanna reviewed the changes from the previous year including new partners, and available data. Ms. Hanna provided a region-wide summary of enforcement, events and education outreach efforts and progress to date. A copy of the Best Foot Forward Annual Progress Report for FY 2021/22 can be found at: https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/221123_MetroPlan-Orl-FY22-Annual-Report_FINAL.pdf

D. Sunshine Corridor Status Update

Mr. David Cooke, FDOT, District Rail Administration Manager, provided an update on the Sunshine Corridor rail program. Mr. Cooke explained that the Sunshine Corridor is an approximately 17-mile joint use corridor with inner city rail, passenger rail (Brightline), and commuter rail. He reviewed the proposed alignment. He stated that Sunshine Corridor meetings are held on a regular basis with the Sunshine Corridor Policy and Technical Working Group which includes local government partners, and representatives from Brightline, Universal, and Orlando's Right Rail. Mr. Cooke discussed grant opportunities and reviewed the components of the FTA Capital Investment Grants program. He added that a Memorandum of Understanding is currently being reviewed by the members of the Working Group, and a ridership study is underway and is being updated based on anticipated future conditions. He outlined the next steps which include completion of the ridership study and the Memorandum of Understanding, review of potential transit concept and alternatives, and submit the capital investment grant project to the FTA.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** – The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area was provided.
- B. Highlights from March 8, 2023 MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting** – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting was provided.
- C. Air Quality Report** – The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided.
- D. LYNX Press Releases** – Press release from LYNX was provided.
- E. Bicycle / Pedestrian Report** – A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region was provided.
- F. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification Letter** – A letter explaining modifications to the FY 2022/23 – 2026-27 TIP was provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A list of selected upcoming meetings to be held at MetroPlan Orlando's office. For more information and a full list of upcoming meetings, visit www.MetroPlanOrlando.org/calendar.

- A. Next Municipal Advisory Committee Meeting** | 06.08.2023 | 9:30 a.m.
- B. Upcoming MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting** | 05.10.2023 | 9:00 a.m.
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board** | 05.11.2023 | 10:00 a.m.
- D. Vulnerable Users Working Group (virtual meeting)** | 05.16.2023 | 3:00 p.m.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

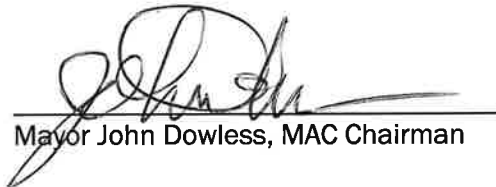
None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 8th day of June 2023.



Mayor John Dowless, MAC Chairman



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

As required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, MetroPlan Orlando hereby notifies all interested parties that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by MetroPlan Orlando with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.