



MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, December 5, 2024
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:

Council Member Tony Davit, Town of Windermere
Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Mayor Nicholas Fouraker, City of Belle Isle (virtual)
Mayor David Henson, City of Casselberry
Commissioner Scott Kennedy, City of Ocoee
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 Shelia DeCiccio, City of Winter Park
Mayor Angie Gardner, Town of Eatonville
Councilmember Vance Guthrie, City of Maitland
* Mayor Kevin McCann, City of Winter Springs
Vacant, City of Winter Garden

* *Excused Absence*

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT D5
Ms. Patricia Whitton, LYNX
David Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Dowless called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He called for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Scott Kennedy, City of Ocoee.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando, reviewed the meeting agenda. She noted that Mr. Sioasi Fine is not present for Florida's Turnpike Enterprises and Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, has been added the agenda in order to present an update on the EV Readiness Study. She stated that Mr. Vince Dyer will present the Best Foot Forward Annual Update on behalf of Bike Walk Central Florida. Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, provided the Safety Moment highlighting Older Driver Safety Awareness Week.

IV. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

Commissioner Sal Ramos moved to excuse the absences of committee members Mayor Kevin McCann, City of Winter Springs. Mayor David Henson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS / PARTNER UPDATES

- **Florida Department of Transportation**

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT District 5, called attention to the FDOT Construction Report and directed MAC members to the website to keep abreast of projects of interest: [Your source for information on FDOT projects in Central Florida \(cfroads.com\)](http://Your source for information on FDOT projects in Central Florida (cfroads.com).). Ms. Beckmann provided information on the FDOT Tentative 5-year work program. She stated that public comments are due on December 20. She provided a QR Code and website address www.fdot.gov/WPPH/District 5 to access the public site. She noted that the work on the Florida Transportation Plan is ongoing and provided the website address of www.fdot ftp.com to access information and provide feedback. Ms. Beckmann also highlighted some upcoming FDOT events and road closures.

- **LYNX**

Ms. Patricia Whitton, LYNX, reported that ridership remains around 60,000 average daily trips. She noted that the new fare payment app was rolled out in November which allows the rider to pre-pay for their fare in addition to tracking their bus.

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

No report provided.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of November 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Approval of November 7, 2024, meeting minutes was requested.

MOTION: Mayor David Henson moved approval of November 7, 2024, MAC meeting minutes. Mayor Megan Sladek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2025 – 2029 TIP

Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that MAC make a recommendation to the Board that the FY 2024/25 – FY 2028/29 TIP be amended to include the following item(s):

- FM #447104-1: Resurfacing Project
- FM #454928-1: Transit Emissions Grant for LYNX
- FM #456083-1: PROTECT Grant for Orange County
- FM #456094-1: PROTECT Grant for Osceola County
- FM #201210-8: I-4 from east of US 27 to west of SR 429. Add lanes/capacity
- FM #431456-6: I-4 from west of SR 429 to east of World Drive. Add lanes/capacity

Mr. Sartorio called attention to FM #447104-1, the resurfacing project. Staff recommended pulling the item from action today. He noted that the amendment will be brought back for action following a review of additional information provided by FDOT. He provided an overview of the remaining amendments and requested a recommendation of approval. A letter from FDOT staff explaining the amendment requests, along with a sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the December 11, 2024, Board meeting was provided.

MOTION: Mayor David Henson moved approval of the amendments to the FY 2025-2029 TIP except amendment FM #447104-1 – Resurfacing Project. Commissioner Brian Sackett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando, presented the amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to update the TIP projects in the existing-plus-committed network and other miscellaneous changes based on local agency feedback. She called attention to the amendments significant to MetroPlan Orlando Board and Committees:

- Tables 6, 9, 11, 12, and 13 updated for consistency with the TIP including the requested TIP amendments in October, November, and December 2024.
- Tables 15, 16, and 18 revised for consistency with local plans per partner agency requests.

Ms. Laurent noted the link provided to review the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Plan: https://metroplanorlando.gov/wp-content/uploads/2045MTP_CostFeasiblePlan_Adopted-Dec2020_Revised-Dec2024_Draft-for-Public-Review.pdf

MOTION: Commissioner Brian Sackett moved to approve the amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Mayor Megan Sladek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Status Update on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando, presented a status update on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) sharing recent activities including outreach events and working with the Central Florida Regional Planning Model Team at FDOT. She stated that the assessment meetings with local jurisdictions and FDOT had been completed over the last six months and that the final needs list review is in the final comment process. Ms. Laurent stated the next steps are to finalize the prioritization process and gave insight into how that process was being completed. She called attention to the 2050 MTP timeline and previewed the first activity of 2025 which is Infrastructure Investment Scenario Planning.

B. EV Readiness Study Update

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, gave an update on the EV Readiness Study. He reminded MAC members that the study was undertaken in an effort to help build the infrastructure for electric vehicles in the region. He introduced members of the consultant team present at today's meeting and highlighted workshops held to date, infrastructure concerns, and possible funding opportunities. Mr. Hill and the members of MAC discussed infrastructure concerns, permitting regulations and potential changes to the transportation model.

C. Presentation on SR 417 Connection to Sanford Int'l Airport Study

Mr. Will Hawthorne, Director of Transportation Planning and Policy, CFX, gave an update on the SR 417 Connection to Sanford International Airport study. He highlighted studies undertaken for the existing system (SR 417 Capacity Improvements: SR 528 to SR 408, study completion May 2025 and SR 429 Capacity Improvements: Seidel to Tilden Road, study completion May 2025). Mr. Hawthorne reviewed the new alignments:

- SR 538 Southport Connector Expressway; 15-mile corridor, next public meeting to take place Q1, 2025
- SR 515 Northeast Connector Expressway; 20–23-mile corridor, first public meeting Q2, 2025
- SR 417 Sanford Airport Connector; 2–3-mile corridor, advisory group meetings and Alternatives Public Meeting to take place January 2025.

Mr. Hawthorne detailed the current options being considered and the impact on directing traffic away from Lake Mary Boulevard.

D. Presentation from Best Foot Forward (FY24 Annual Report)

Mr. Vince Dyer, Bike/Walk Central Florida, presented the Best Foot Forward Annual Report. He shared tracking progress of the program over the last ten years, to highlight enforcement efforts and public outreach. Mr. Dyer detailed the Annual Best Foot Forward Regional Summit and various stakeholder meetings. He noted that Bike Walk Central Florida engaged a public relations/marketing firm, and the result has been substantially greater exposure of the Best Foot Forward program. He provided information on various partnerships, i.e., the Apopka Active Transportation Network Study, Healthy West Orange Trails Connection and Bike 5 event.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report was provided.
- B. The latest Air Quality Report was provided.
- C. The latest LYNX Press Release was provided.
- D. The latest 2050 MTP status update was provided.
- E. The latest PD&E tracking status report was provided.
- F. The latest Bicycle and Pedestrian report was provided.
- G. The Best Foot Forward FY 2024 Annual was provided. The full report can be viewed at: [24.11.22-MetroPlan-FY-23-24-BFF-Annual-Report.pdf](#)
- H. The 2023/24 University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) annual population estimates 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. MetroPlan Orlando Board – December 11, 2024
- B. 2050 MTP Technical Workshop #6 – December 12, 2024
- C. LYNX Board (at LYNX Central Station) – December 12, 2024
- D. SunRail / CFCRC Board (at LYNX Central Station) – December 12, 2024
- E. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – January 22, 2025
- F. TSM&O Advisory Committee – January 24, 2025
- G. Technical Advisory Committee – January 24, 2025
- H. Municipal Advisory Committee – February 6, 2025
- I. MetroPlan Orlando Board – February 12, 2025
- J. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board – February 13, 2024

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Dowless announced that the Florida League is conducting virtual ethics training for anyone that needs to complete it before the end of the year and that on December 12th the League of Cities will have their Holiday event at WastePro Museum.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

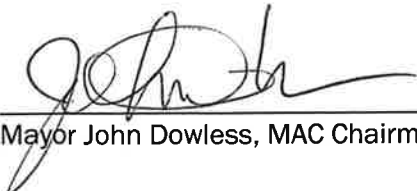
None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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

Approved this 6th day of February 2025.



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.