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MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2025

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
Commissioner Marty Sullivan for Mayor Shelia DeCiccio, City of Winter Park
Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Commissioner Stan Smith for Mayor Nicholas Fouraker, City of Belle Isle
Councilmember Vance Guthrie, City of Maitland
Mayor David Henson, City of Casselberry
Commissioner Scott Kennedy, City of Ocoee
Mayor Kevin McCann, City of Winter Springs
Commissioner Sal Ramos, Town of Oakland
Mayor Megan Sladek, City of Oviedo
Commissioner Jordan Smith, City of Lake Mary

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Angie Gardner, Town of Eatonville
Commissioner Brian Sackett, City of Longwood
Vacant, City of Winter Garden

** Excused Absence*

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT D5
Ms. Patricia Whitton, LYNX
Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Lisa Smith, 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.

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, noted that the MTP Status Update will be presented by Mr. Alex Trauger. Ms. Larsen presented the safety moment highlighting the Florida Move Over Law.

IV. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted roll call and confirmed a quorum was present, noting there were no requests for excused absences for today's meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS / PARTNER UPDATES

- **Florida Department of Transportation**

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5, announced that he is replacing Ms. Amy Beckmann as the FDOT Liaison. He 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 \(cflroads.com\)](https://www.cflroads.com). Mr. Scarfe announced an Open House for the South Orange Avenue Safety Project is scheduled for February 19th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Unity of Central Florida Church, 771 Holden Avenue. He provided an update on Moving Florida Forward, I-4 Beyond the Ultimate accelerated start projects.

- **LYNX**

Ms. Patricia Whitton, LYNX, reported that LYNX is working with other transportation agencies around the state on a new transit awareness campaign. Ms. Whitton explained that the campaign will highlight some of the economic benefits of transit in the state. She added that there will be a finding your ride feature that will assist riders in locating available transit services by county. She reported February 3rd as the highest ridership day since the Covid pandemic with over 70,000 average daily trips. Ms. Whitton noted that is an 18% increase since February 2024. She noted that in 2024 LYNX had almost 20 million trips for all of their services to include fixed route and paratransit.

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

Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE, noted no new updates to report on and that he will present the FTE Five Year Work Program later in today's meeting.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of December 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Approval of December 6, 2024, meeting minutes were requested.

MOTION: Mayor David Henson moved approval of the December 6, 2024, MAC meeting minutes. Mayor Kevin McCann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Amendments to FY 2024/25 – FY 2028/29 TIP

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

- FM# 447104-1: Resurfacing/Safety Project on SR 500 / US 441

Mr. Sartorio reminded MAC members that this item was pulled from the agenda during the December meeting cycle for further staff review. He called attention to the letter provided by FDOT staff explaining the amendment requests, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff, and the draft resolution to be presented at the February 12th Board meeting.

MOTION: Mayor Kevin McCann moved approval of the amendments to the FY 2025-2029 TIP. Mayor David Henson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Support for Federal Transportation Performance Targets

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, requested approval and support for the federal transportation performance measures and 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 five federal performance measures, and noted that today's requested action focuses on safety, bridge and pavement conditions and system performance/reliability. He provided an overview of each performance measure, and the current state of the system performance, and responded to questions and concerns raised by MAC members.

MOTION: Mayor Kevin McCann moved to approve the Federal Transportation Performance Targets. Council Member Vance Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

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

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, presented a status update on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Trauger reported on recent presentations and outreach events; ongoing efforts for the Central Florida Regional Planning Model; technical reports, recommendations and strategies; finalizing the needs assessment and applying the prioritization process. He noted that in working with the assistance of technical advisors, the existing prioritization process has been streamlined down from approximately 30 criteria. He explained that the same categories and goal areas remain, but the evaluation process has been condensed down to what makes sense and matters most, and in addition staff identified criteria to be able to do a comparative analysis on projects. Commissioner Kennedy questioned the impact of Florida's unique driving laws on safety statistics. Mr. Trauger acknowledged the need for further analysis and to provide more information. Councilman. Commissioner Guthrie emphasized the importance of finding rest stops for truck drivers on I-4. Both Mr. Trauger and Mr. Scarf confirmed that progress is happening on truck parking facilities and that funding and project development are ongoing.

B. LYNX Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Update

Ms. Trish Whitton, LYNX, presented the annual update to the LYNX Transit Development Plan highlighting goals, accomplishments, and upcoming projects. She noted recent achievements include schedule adjustments for better passenger connections, a new route from the airport to Disney Springs, and an ADA transition plan. Upcoming projects include a transit-oriented development planning project along State Road 436 and a new bus transfer facility at the airport. Ms. Whitton noted that the plan will be presented to the MetroPlan Orlando and LYNX Boards for authorization.

C. FDOT District 5: Tentative Five-Year Work Program

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5, presented the tentative five-year work program focusing on safety, preservation and capacity projects. He highlighted important dates and called attention to key projects including a resurfacing project along State Road 436, 437, and US 192, and capacity projects along State Road 50 and State Road 426. He noted that truck parking facilities are planned for sites on Sand Lake Road in Orange County and a site in Osceola County. He provided a funding breakdown along with information on key projects for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties, project deferrals and deletions.

D. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise: Tentative Five-Year Work Program

Mr. Siaso Fine, provided some background and historical information on Florida's Turnpike Enterprise emphasizing safety, resiliency and technology. He reviewed the growing transportation needs, revenues and expenditures and the prioritization process and provided a detailed breakdown of current construction projects, main table projects and final table projects. Mr. Fine stated that the program includes over \$381 million in major projects, funded through user tolls and concessions from service plazas. Mr. Fine next reviewed the major projects funded in the Work Program. Key projects include the Turnpike Widening Infrastructure Initiative, which aims to widen the turnpike mainline from Miami to Wildwood. He told MAC members that additional information could be found on the Work Program website www.fdot.gov/wpph. Mr. Fine also emphasized the importance of the Florida Move Over Law.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report was provided.
- B. Highlights from December 11, 2024, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting were provided.
- C. The latest Bicycle and Pedestrian Report was provided.
- D. The latest PD&E Tracking Status Report was provided.
- E. The 2024 Air Quality Summary was provided.
- F. 2025 MPO Legislative Position Statements were provided.
- G. A letter explaining modifications to the FY 2024/25-2028/29 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.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

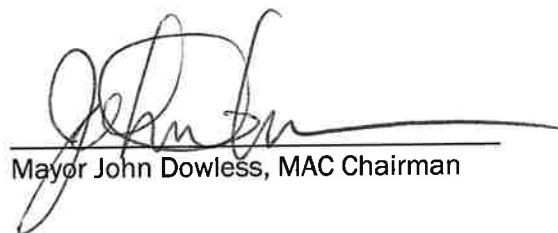
XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

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 March 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.