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MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 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 led by Mayor David Henson, City of Casselberry.

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, reminded MAC members that the MTP 2050 Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th at the Lake Mary Event Center, and the MTP Technical Workshop scheduled for Thursday, April 10th is virtual. Ms. Larsen announced that the Conference of Minority Transportation Planning Officials (CMTPO) is currently accepting applications for the 2025 Internship program. She announced a Bicycle Planning 101 webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th crafted for the members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, will cover factors that affect bicycle transportation crash data and risk factors. She advised that MAC members are invited to attend. Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the safety moment highlighting March as Florida Bicycle Safety Month and the importance of lights at night for cyclists' safety.

IV. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted roll call and confirmed a quorum was physically 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, provided updates on ribbon-cutting events, public meetings and safety improvements in Seminole County. He highlighted a 15% decrease in fatalities as compared to the previous year, attributing it to messaging and behavior changes. Mr. Scarf announced the inaugural transportation industry hiring event and the Central Florida Safety Summit. 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).

- **LYNX**

Ms. Patricia Whitton, LYNX, reported February 11th as the highest ridership day since the Covid pandemic with over 71,000 average daily trips. She reported on various community events that LYNX staff participated in.

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

Mr. Siaosi Fine, FTE, reported that public information meetings, in-person and virtual, were underway for the PD&E of the Turnpike Mainline widening from S.R. 60 to Clay Whaley Road. He noted that an in-person meeting is scheduled for March 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the Intergenerational Recreation Center in Vero Beach.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of February 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Approval of February 6, 2025, meeting minutes were requested.

MOTION: Mayor David Henson moved approval of the February 6, 2025, MAC meeting minutes. Commissioner Marty Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. MPO Planning Process for 2025.

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an overview of the MPO planning process for 2025, focusing on the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Prioritized Project List (PPL), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Trauger provided an overview of the timeline for updates, and the importance of aligning projects with the FDOT tentative work program.

B. 2050 MTP Status Update

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando, discussed the development of funding scenarios for the 2050 MTP, emphasizing the need for completed needs assessment, prioritization methodology, and budgetary control totals. Ms. Laurent outlined the public feedback received on the 2050 MTP, including the importance of multimodal travel and dedicated funding for safety and transit. Taylor Laurent explains the current funding policy, which divides MPO funds across four categories: complete streets, transit, capital, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and technology projects. The funding policy allows for a greater number of projects to be funded due to a maximum funding limit of \$4 million per project phase. Ms. Laurent discussed the need to revisit the funding policy to ensure it fits with the region's goals and objectives for the next 25 years. The MAC members discussed the importance of maintaining the policy against using MPO funds for widening projects and the need for a local agency match requirement.

C. Presentation on MetroPlan Orlando's "Tracking the Trends" Program

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an update on the Tracking the Trends program, which includes an area profile, data library, systems performance dashboard, and accessibility hub. The area profile and transportation highlights section provide an overview of the region's characteristics and key transportation metrics. The system's performance dashboard tracks federally mandated performance measures and includes interactive maps to visualize data across the region. She encouraged MAC members to visit the Tracking the Trends section on the MetroPlan Orlando website: [Tracking the Trends | MetroPlan Orlando](#)

D. Status Update on Electric Vehicle Readiness Study

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, presented the final findings of the EV Readiness Study. Mr. Hill reiterated that the study assessed electric vehicle supply and equipment, conducted topic-specific workshops, and analyzed charging infrastructure. He explained that the study identified gaps in charging infrastructure, particularly in disadvantaged communities, and highlighted the need for consistent permitting and data sharing. The study also discussed the importance of understanding the demand for electric vehicles and the need for resilient charging facilities. Mr. Hill noted that the report and fact sheets will be available on the Metro plan Orlando website to provide resources for jurisdictions and the traveling public.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for November and December 2024 was provided.
- B. Highlights from February 12, 2025, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting were provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

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

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

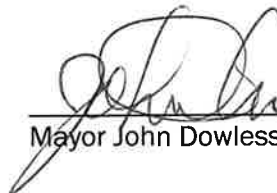
XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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

Approved this 8th day of May 2025.



Mayor John Dowless, MAC Chairman



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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