



MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2026

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

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Jordan Smith, Chairman, presided.

Members in attendance:

Mr. Phil Price for Mayor Jason Carson, City of Belle Isle
Council Member Tony Davit, Town of Windermere
Commissioner Marty Sullivan for Mayor Shelia DeCiccio, City of Winter Park
Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood
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 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
Vacant, City of Winter Garden

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT D5	
Ms. Trish Whitton, LYNX	Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Loren Hughes, FTE	Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando	Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando	Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando	Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jordan Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Jordan Smith stressed the importance of in-person quorums. He reviewed the meeting and public comment procedures in addition to accessibility guidelines. Chairman Smith gave remarks regarding the February 11th MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando, called attention to March being Women's History Month and March 5th being Bring Your Daughter to Work Day. Ms. Larsen announced the launch of the 2026 Regional Transportation Survey that began on March 9th. She announced this will be Commissioner Ramos' last meeting and the selection of a new Vice-Chair will be on the May agenda. She welcomed new staff member Natalia Barbour, Senior Transportation Planner. Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, presented the safety moment highlighting bicycle safety.

IV. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted roll call and confirmed a quorum was physically 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 current construction report provided in the agenda package. Mr. Scarfe provided updates on the joint certification process with MetroPlan Orlando, which resulted in a low-risk rating. He announced upcoming workforce development events that included transportation and a pathway to public careers. Mr. Scarfe's safety moment highlighted paying attention to vehicle safety recalls. Mr. Scarfe directed MAC members to the following websites to keep abreast of projects of interest: [Your source for information on FDOT projects in Central Florida \(cflroads.com\)](#), the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate website: <https://i4beyond.com>, and the District Five Office of Safety website: <https://www.fdot.gov/d5safety>

- LYNX

Ms. Patricia Whitton, LYNX, reported that the average daily ridership remains around 64,000 average daily cumulative riders per day noting a 4% increase from 2025. Ms. Whitton reported that the transit development plan, as required for the public transit block grant through FDOT has been submitted. She added that LYNX is moving into the Federal Transit Administration triennial review process that occurs every 3 years. Ms. Whitton added that FTA reviews 23 areas looking at program requirements and financial management. Public Hearings are currently underway for the next proposed service change that is scheduled for April 26th.

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

Mr. Loren Hughes, FTE, provided updates on FTE construction projects and road closures in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Mr. Hughes called attention to these specific lane closures: Southbound Seminole Expressway/State Road 417 exit ramp to US 92 exit 50; and Northbound and southbound Florida's Turnpike/State Road, 91 between Clay Whaley Road and US 192 (Mile Post 239 to Mile Post 242). He encouraged MAC members to visit the FTE website: [Florida's Turnpike – Florida's Turnpike](#) additional lane closures, traffic updates, traveler's information, resources and construction updates.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of February 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Approval of February 5, 2026, meeting minutes were requested.

MOTION: Mayor David Henson moved approval of February 5, 2026, MAC meeting minutes. Councilmember Vance Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Amendments to the FY 2025/26 - FY 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando, requested that the MAC recommend to the Board to approve the Amendments to the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendments, a summary prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff, the draft resolution, and the full list of amendments were provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Sal Ramos moved to approve the amendments to the FY 2025/26-FY 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mayor David Henson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Amendment to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando, requested approval of an amendment to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the revision of one project to be updated to reflect new funding added to the project, maintaining consistency:

- MTP ID# 136 a widening project that is SR 60 from Prairie Lake Rd to Florida's Turnpike. Addition of funding for the design phase, which moves the design phase from unfunded to funded in the first-time band of the 2050 MTP (2026-2030).

She 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 David Henson moved to approve the Amendment to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Councilmember Vance Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

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

Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando, presented MetroPlan Orlando's "Tracking the Trends" program. Mr. Downs noted that "Tracking the Trends" is updated annually and 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. He encouraged MAC members to visit the Tracking the Trends section on the MetroPlan Orlando website: [Tracking the Trends Accessibility Hub | MetroPlan Orlando](#).

B. Presentation of E-Bike Education Pilot Project for Teens

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, presented the Pilot Program for E-Bike Safety. Mr Wilson presented statistics on the percentage of bicycle crashes that involved e-bikes and/or e-scooters. He outlined the virtual program that will be aimed at new drivers and soon to be drivers noting the drivers will be trained in how to operate these motorized vehicles. The course will be free of charge to students and focus specifically on grades 7 through 10. The course is developed by the American Bicycling Education Association, the developers of cycling savvy course, with 21 modules, approximately 60 minutes each, and will include quizzes and pre and post course surveys. Mr. Wilson highlighted what each section would cover. Mr. Wilson discussed the project timeline which includes ongoing coordination with the local school boards. He noted that course distribution would begin in late winter, or early spring and the report is estimated to be completed by June 30th with results by grade level and future implementation recommendations.

C. Preview of the FY27 + FY28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, provided a preview of the upcoming Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028. Mr. Trauger explained that the UPWP is a two-year document that represents the MetroPlan Orlando operating budget; and it's one of the required documents that all MPOs must prepare and receive Board approval. Mr. Trauger reviewed the timeline for transmittal to FDOT, the organization and core tasks detailed in the document, and proposed studies and planning activities. Mr. Trauger stated that the draft UPWP will be presented at the March meeting for approval.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Highlights of February 11, 2026, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Update
- C. LYNX Press Release

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

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

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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

Approved this 7th day of May 2026.


Cmsr. Jordan Smith, 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.