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A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2022

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, Vice Chairman, presided.

Members in attendance:

Mayor Phil Anderson, City of Winter Park
Mayor John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Commissioner Richard Firstner, City of Ocoee
Mayor Nicholas Fouraker, City of Belle Isle
Councilmember Vance Guthrie, City of Maitland
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

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Angie Gardner, Town of Eatonville *
Council Member Tony Davit, Town of Windermere (Virtual)*
Commissioner Jordan Smith, City of Lake Mary (Virtual)*
Vacant, City of Winter Garden
Vacant, City of St. Cloud

* *Excused Absence*

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Amy Sirmans, VHB
Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE
Mr. Cody Johnson, LYNX
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman John Dowless called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Phil Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairman Dowless welcomed Commissioner Sackett from the City of Longwood. He asked MAC members to keep their mics muted when not speaking and detailed the public comment procedures, noting that the meetings are accessible to all. Vice Chairman Dowless told MAC members that the November board meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Nicole, and he will be representing MAC at the December board meeting. He noted an upcoming staff change, Mr. Keith Caskey is retiring at the end of December. A short video was viewed recognizing Mr. Caskey's work at MetroPlan Orlando.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Alex Trauger called attention to Council Member Tony Davit and Commissioner Jordan Smith attending virtually, noting that they have requested to have their absences excused. He reported that Ms. Rakinya Hinson would be filling in for Ms. Katherine Alexander Corbin on the FDOT Work Program presentation. Mr. Trauger thanked MAC members on behalf of staff for participating in the regional planning process. He then recognized Mr. Caskey for his service to MetroPlan Orlando. Mr. Trauger added that there were no additional changes to the printed agenda.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Vice Chair Dowless reported that Commissioner Sal Ramos was unable to attend the November MAC meeting and had requested his absence be excused. He commented that the MAC may need to revisit the excused absence policy to provide clarity and to ensure members are attending in-person in order to achieve a quorum and vote on action items. Mr. Trauger noted that MAC is scheduled to review their bylaws in May 2023 and the topic can be addressed at that time.

MOTION: Mayor John Dowless moved for approval of excusing the absence of Commissioner Sal Ramos from the November 3, 2022 MAC meeting. Councilmember Vance Guthrie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Nichols Fouraker moved for approval of excusing the in-person absences of Council Member Tony Davit and Commissioner Jordan Smith. Mayor David Henson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI. Public Comments on Action Items

None

VII. Agency Reports/Partner Updates

- Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT, reported that FDOT is in the middle of their Five-Year Work Program public hearings and comments on the Work Program will be accepted through December 23, 2022.

- LYNX

Mr. Cody Johnson, LYNX, reported that ridership is currently at 56,653 weekly which is 72% pre-pandemic levels. He called attention to service changes which will take place on December 12, 2022.

- Florida Turnpike Enterprise

Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE, reported that he would be presenting the FTE Work Program presentation later in the agenda. He added that the public hearing for the Western Beltway widening from I-4 to Siedel Road was taking place this week.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of November 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the November 3rd MAC meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Mayor Megan Sladek moved for approval of the November 3rd MAC meeting minutes with the revision that Commissioner Ramos be listed as an excused absence. Commissioner Brian Sackett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2022/23 – FY 2026/27 TIP

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, was requesting the TAC to recommend that the FY 2022/23 – FY 2026/27 TIP be amended to include the following projects:

- FM #424255-1 – LYNX LYMMO Upgrade
- FM #451939-1 – LYNX Bus and Bus Facilities
- FM #451947-1 – LYNX Transit Oriented Development Planning for SR 436

A letter from FDOT staff explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the December 14th Board meeting. Mr. Caskey provided a brief overview of the TIP amendment request.

MOTION: Mayor Megan Sladek moved for approval of the FDOT Amendment to FY 22/23 – FY 26/27 TIP. Commissioner Brian Sackett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Amendment to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan be modified and amended to include fully funded Transportation Improvement Program projects in the Existing-plus-Committed network, incorporate new federal revenues and discretionary funding grants within the region, and other miscellaneous changes based on local agency feedback. Supporting materials were provided. Ms. Laurent gave a brief presentation on the amendment request. She reviewed the amendment and modification terminology along with the projects included in the

request. Ms. Laurent noted that at TSMO and TAC meetings, a request was made to remove a duplicate Osceola County project. The project to be removed was a Poinciana Parkway complete streets project. Discussion ensued regarding new federal revenues being applied to the specific projects listed and what is the outlook for future Infrastructure Bill funding and is there a timeline. Mayor Anderson noted that he would like some education regarding the Infrastructure Bill and what potential funding could be available through the Bill for smaller cities. Mr. Trauger explained who would be eligible for funding through the MPO.

MOTION: Mayor Kevin McCann moved for approval of the Amendment to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Mayor Megan Sladek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. Presentation on Rock Springs Road & West Orange Trail Projects

Ms. Amy Sirmans, VHB, gave a presentation on the latest status of the Rock Springs Road and West Orange Trail projects that are currently underway in the Apopka area. Ms. Sirmans reviewed the presentation agenda, study overview and public engagement timeline. She provided information on the purpose and need for Rock Springs Road changes and detailed the recommendations for the project along with anticipated impacts. Ms. Sirmans next reviewed the same information for the West Orange Trail Extension project. In addition, she provided the study schedule. Discussion ensued regarding cost per mile, trailhead parking, where e-bikes fit in, using federal funding for recreational trail projects, public outreach, survey demographics, addressing comments/concerns, and endpoints/destinations connections

B. Presentation on FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 Tentative Five-Year Work Program

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT District 5, and Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE, presented an overview of the FY 23/24 – FY 27/28 Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Ms. Hinson provided background on the Work Program, including important dates. She noted that the Work Program is built in collaboration with local partners. Ms. Hinson detailed 2022 in review including the effect of inflation. She provided a funding breakdown along with information on key projects for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties, project deferrals and deletions.

Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE, provided some background and historical information on Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. He reviewed the growing transportation needs, revenues and expenditures and the prioritization process. Mr. Fine next reviewed the major projects funded in the Work Program. He told MAC members that additional information could be found on the Work Program website www.fdot.gov/wpph.

At this time of the meeting, Vice Chairman Dowless told MAC members that Mayor Gardner contacted him regarding her absence at today's meeting and requested to have her absence excused.

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

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area was provided.

B. FY 2021/22 Federally Funded Projects

A list of the highway, TSMO, bicycle and pedestrian, transit, and aviation projects in the Orlando Urban Area for which Federal funding was obligated during FY 2021/22 had been prepared in order to meet the federal requirement for MPOs. This document can be accessed on the MetroPlan Orlando web site at the following link: <https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Fed.-Funds-2022.pdf>

C. Comparison of 2021 & 2022 BEBR Population Estimates

A spreadsheet and cover memo comparing the 2021 and 2022 population estimates provided by the University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) for the Central Florida region was provided.

D. LYNX Press Releases

A set of press releases from LYNX was provided.

E. Bicycle and Pedestrian Report

A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region was provided.

F. Approved 2023 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule

The approved 2023 MetroPlan Orlando Board and Committee Meeting Schedule was provided.

G. Draft 2023 Legislative Priorities & Positions

The draft list of MetroPlan Orlando's legislative priorities and positions for 2023 was provided.

H. FDOT Five-Year Work Program Public Hearing Information

A letter providing information on the upcoming FDOT Five-Year Work Program public hearing was provided.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. Next Municipal Advisory Committee meeting

The next MAC meeting was scheduled in person on February 2, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801.

B. Next MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting was scheduled in person on December 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando FL 32801.

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Anderson commented that some people were hopeful that the Orange County penny sales tax referendum would pass and have an impact on SunRail expanding service. A request was made for MAC to receive a presentation on managing expectations without the sales tax revenue. Mr. Trauger explained that MetroPlan Orlando's adopted Cost Feasible Plan did not include the penny sales tax funding.

Councilmember Vance Guthrie wished everyone happy holidays.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

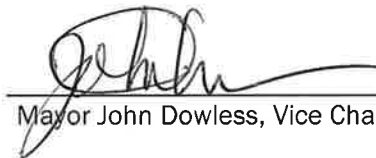
XVII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Vance Guthrie moved to adjourn the December 8, 2022 MAC meeting. Mayor John Dowless seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 2nd day of February 2023.



Mayor John Dowless, Vice Chairman



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
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.