

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Christine Moore, Chair, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County
Hon. Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Ken Gilbert, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Christopher "C.J." Maier, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon. Kelly Semrad, Orange County
Hon. Michael Sott, Orange County
Hon. Jordan Smith, Municipal Advisory Committee
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County

Members/Advisors attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Honorable Jackie Espinosa, City of Kissimmee

Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County

Advisors in Attendance

Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport

Mr. Myles O'Keefe, Technical Advisory Committee

Ms. Christina Colon Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee

Ms Judy Pizzo, Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Joe Nunziata, Orlando Executive Airport

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando

Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Ryan Matthews, Gray Robinson (participated via the Zoom platform)

Ms. Angela Drzewiecki, Gray Robinson (participated via Zoom platform)

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5

Mr. Loren Hughes, Florida's Turnpike Enterprises

Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Gary Huttman

Mr. Jay Small, Dinsmore & Shohl

Mr. Jason Loschiavo

Ms. Virginia Whittington

Mr. Alex Trauger

Mr. Eric Hill

Ms. Taylor Laurent

Ms. Lara Bouck

Mr. Mighk Wilson

Ms. Adriana Rodriguez

Mr. Slade Downs

Ms. Sarah Larsen

Ms. Mary Ann Horne

Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga

Ms. Giselle Valadez Godinez

Ms. Lisa Smith

Ms. Rachel Frederick

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chairwoman Christine Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Orange County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Christine Moore opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Viviana Janer, Osceola County, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Moore welcomed new CFX appointee, Mr. Christopher "C.J." Maier. Deputy Mayor Ken Gilbert reported on the February 12th Transportation Local Coordinating Board meeting. Commissioner Mayra Uribe reported on Transportation Day held in Tallahassee on February 17th highlighting simulation training for jobs and the educational aspects of FDOT's work which included engagement with pedestrians, road safety, and various sector responsibilities, focusing on FDOT's comprehensive approach to transportation. Commissioner Uribe encouraged attendance at the MPOAC quarterly meeting scheduled for April 30th, featuring Secretary Jared Perdue as the keynote speaker. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment highlighting Bicycle Safety.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman noted that Mr. Joe Nunziata (alternate for Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos) was present representing GOAA, and that Commissioner Cheryl Grieb (Osceola County) along with Mayor Jackie Espinosa (City of Kissimmee) attended virtually. He welcomed Mr. Christopher "C.J." Maier, new CFX appointee. He highlighted the 2026 Regional Public Opinion Survey, which opened on March 10. He shared a QR Code noting that the survey would be open through April 10th. Mr. Huttman announced the launch of the new MetroPlan Orlando Instagram page: @metroplan_orlando; and updated Board members on recent activities for Vision Zero Safety speaker series and the Lake-to-Lake Regional Trail. He notified Board members of an upcoming meeting of the Lake-to-Lake Regional Trail Leadership Team scheduled for March 13th and the MPOAC Institute scheduled for May 1st. Mr. Huttman also called attention to the items in supplemental folders and noted that neither Secretary Tyler nor Mr. Jim Stroz were available to attend the meeting and no FDOT report would be presented.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS: None.

V. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was physically present.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee reports from the meetings were presented by the Municipal Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, TSMO, and Technical Advisory Committee chairpersons.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of February 11, 2026, Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for January 2026
- C. Approval of FY'26 Budget Amendment #3 to de-obligate PL and SU from current budget
- D. Approval of the Travel Report for January 2026
- E. Certification of TDLCB Membership
- F. Approval and appointment of new Community Advisory Committee members
- G. Approval of updated TAC Bylaws
- H. Approval of updated TSMO Bylaws

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A through H. Commissioner Viviana Janer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Amendments to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Roll Call vote)

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando, requested approval of Amendments to the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program as follows:

- FM# 457476-1: Railroad Signal Upgrade at Old Wetherbee Road. This amendment adds a new project for signal upgrades at the rail crossing. Funding is for railroad and utilities work (RRU) in FY 2026 and consists of \$350,000 in federal funds.

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 Michael Scott moved approval of the amendments to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of Amendment to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) (Roll Call vote)

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 planning 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).

C. Approval of the FY 2027/2028 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the draft FY 2025-26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Trauger explained that the UPWP is a two-year document that represents the MetroPlan Orlando working budget. It is one of the required documents that all MPOs must prepare and receive Board approval. MPOs in the State of Florida are required to prepare a UPWP every two years. He noted that the UPWP defines in very general terms the work that the MPO staff will be doing over the planning period. Some of the tasks will be done with the assistance of our General Planning Consultants. Commissioner Dallari asked if the use of AI has ever been considered for the traffic signal retiming program. Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, explained that the traffic signal retiming program is going through a transition where more technology, including AI, will be integrated. He said that staff are reviewing the pros/cons of AI and will determine how AI can be integrated with new platforms.

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the FY 2027/2028 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval & Acceptance of the FDOT Annual Certification

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT staff, presented FDOT's report on the Annual State Certification Review of MetroPlan Orlando. Mr. Scarfe told Board members that the certification review is conducted annually and provided some highlights of the certification review. He reported that MetroPlan Orlando exhibits good financial practices and as a result was awarded a low-risk rating.

MOTION: Commissioner Michael Scott moved approval and acceptance of the FDOT Annual Certification. Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Election of new Chairperson

MetroPlan Orlando Attorney Jay Small conducted the election of the new Metro Plan Orlando chairperson. Attorney Small reviewed the organizing statutes that control MetroPlan Orlando, Title 25 of the Federal Statutes and Section 339.175 of the State Statutes, and the Internal Operating Procedures. Attorney Small explained that should the Board honor its customs and practices of the internal operating procedures, the Vice Chair would automatically move into the position of the Chair on April 27 and serve until the remainder of the regular election term of officers again in December. He explained that Chairwoman Moore's resignation from the Orange County Commission is effective before the next meeting of the MetroPlan Orlando Board, and this will be her final meeting as the Board Chair. He stated that staff has requested

Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no further nominations. Commissioner Nicole Wilson was declared Chairperson by acclamation and is considered installed and shall assume the duties of the office at the conclusion of the meeting, consistent with Section IV (3) of the MetroPlan Orlando Internal Operating Procedures.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report- January 2026
- C. FDOT District 5's Safety Central Newsletter
- D. Letter of Support for the City of Orlando's "Sunlights Orlando" Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 2026 Grant Application
- E. Letter of Support for the FDOT – East Orange County Safety and Connectivity Improvements – BUILD Application for East Colonial Drive (SR 50) from Chuluota Road to SR 520
- F. Letter of Support for the FDOT – Moving I-4 Forward Connected Corridor Infrastructure BUILD Grant Application
- G. Letter of Support for the FDOT – Seminole County Reconnecting Orange Boulevard FY 2026 BUILD Grant Application
- H. Letter of Support – University of Central Florida's request to the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development for funding to establish the Urban Innovation Lab (UIL) at UCF Downtown
- I. FDOT Fact Sheet for South Orange Avenue Safety Improvements

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement: Items A through I. Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

- A. Status Update of the 2026 Legislative Session

Mr. Ryan Matthews and Ms. Angela Drzewiecki, Gray Robinson, gave a status update on the current Legislative Session. Mr. Matthews reported that as of today's meeting, there are 2 days left in the current legislative session. He noted that the session will likely end with no approved budget, property tax reform and no decision on congressional redistricting. He explained that it is very likely that the legislature is going to have to extend due to budget disagreements between the House and Senate. Mr. Matthews stated that legislature will come back in late April to convene a special session as it relates to those unresolved items. As relates to property tax reform, only the House has passed a

property tax measure, HJR 203 which proposes a constitutional amendment to create an exemption for all non-school homestead taxes beginning January 1, 2027. Mr. Matthews noted that SB 382 would be of special interest to Metroplan as it deals with micro mobility devices. He explained that this bill would create a micro mobility device safety, safety task force to recommend improvements to state law governing micro mobility devices and it also will put a minimum speed or a maximum speed on operation of an electric bicycle on a sidewalk or any other area designated for pedestrians, basically capping that speed at 10 miles per hour if there's a pedestrian within 50 feet of the electric bike. He concluded by commenting that to date, only 80 bills have passed and been sent to the governor, emphasizing that there were about 2000 bills that were filed. Ms. Drzewiecki provided insight into the Governor's budget recommendation which totals \$117.4 billion, the same as the current budget. She discussed transportation funding specifically; and provided an update on both the proposed Senate and House budgets. She concluded by stating that a written report will be provided once a budget is passed and will include an update on policies that passed and what did not.

B. Tracking the Trends

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, and aligns with the recently adopted 2050 MTP. 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. Discussion ensued regarding data or any support for the disadvantaged population and how they are transported. Consensus was to direct staff to investigate adding more detailed accessibility and demographic data—particularly for seniors and people with disabilities—to the Tracking the Trends program, potentially by coordinating with ACCESS LYNX on relevant metrics. He encouraged Board members to visit the Tracking the Trends section on the MetroPlan Orlando website: [Tracking the Trends Accessibility Hub | MetroPlan Orlando](#).

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Joanne Counelis, Lake Mary, Florida, commented on the need for 24/7 mass transit in the region, and expressed frustration with some recent pick-ups from Scout on-demand transportation system in Seminole County.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Scott thanked the MetroPlan staff for the addition of Instagram to our social media channels. Commissioner Semrad expressed her concern with building roads through environmentally sensitive areas of Orange County.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

XV. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 13th day of May 2026.


Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Chairwoman


Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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.