



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Bob Dallari, Chair, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Ralph Martinez for Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority
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 John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Ken Gilbert, City of St. Cloud
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County
Mr. Carson Good for Tim Weisheyer, GOAA

Members/Advisors attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Hon. Angela Eady for Jackie Espinosa, City of Kissimmee
Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

Advisors in Attendance

Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Ms. Lee Pulham Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Mr. Hong Lim, Technical Advisory Committee
Ms Nilisa Council, Community Advisory Committee

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County
Hon. Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Michael Sott, Orange County
Hon. Kelly Semrad, Orange County
Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5

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. Jason Sartorio
Mr. Slade Downs
Ms. Sarah Larsen
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Rachel Frederick

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Bob Dallari called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Orlando Airport, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bates reported on the February 13th Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Meeting. Councilman Gilbert reported on the February 14th Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting. Commissioner Janer reported on the February 27th Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission Meeting. Commissioner Uribe reported on the February 27th MPOAC Meeting. She also announced that Ms. Amanda Carpenter has been selected as the new Executive Director of the MPOAC. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment highlighting March as Florida's Bicycle Safety Awareness Month.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Huttman welcomed alternates in attendance Mr. Ralph Martinez, representing CFX; Vice-Mayor Angela Eady representing the City of Kissimmee, attending virtually, and Mr. Carson Good representing GOAA. He acknowledged City of Sanford Mayor Art Woodruff, who attended virtually. Mr. Huttman welcomed Ms. Nilisa Council as the new Chair of the Community Advisory Committee and thanked former Chair Dr. Dan Stephens for 17 years of volunteer service with MetroPlan Orlando. He announced the commencement of the 60-day legislative session which began on March 4th and he provided an overview of the MPO Planning Process that will lead to the adoption of the 2050 MTP in December. He announced the April 9th 2050 MTP Board and Committee Workshop to be held at the Lake Mary Events Center. Mr. Huttman mentioned the I-4 Dynamic Tolling began on February 24th and noted Mr. Jim Stroz from FDOT was present for Board Member questions. Mr. Huttman called attention to the information provided in the supplemental folders.

IV. FDOT REPORT

None.

V. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

VI. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttman noted no changes to the agenda.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the February 12, 2025 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for January 2025
- C. Approval of the Travel Report for January 2025
- D. Approval and appointment of new Community Advisory Committee members
- E. Certification of TDLCB Membership

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through E. Commissioner Christine Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval/Acceptance of FDOT/MetroPlan Orlando Joint Certification - FDOT

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 Mayra Uribe moved to approve the FDOT Joint Certification. Commissioner Viviana Janer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report – January 2025
- C. FDOT District Five Safety Central Newsletter
- D. FDOT Sand Lake Road Resurfacing
- E. Osceola County Nova Road Widening Project
- F. FDOT US 192 Resurfacing Project
- G. CFX SR 515 Northeast Connector Expressway PD&E
- H. FDOT I-4 Dynamic Tolling Fact Sheet
- I. BLINK EV Charging Stations Infographic
- J. Michigan Avenue Safety Improvements Government Partner Letter

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement: Items A through J. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS.

A. Update on the 2050 MTP

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.

B. Tracking the Trends Program

Mr. Slade Downs, 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](#)

C. Update on the 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.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Joanne Counelis, Lake Mary, commented on the need for bus stops and shelters at several sites in Seminole County, and the need for 24/7 mass transit in the Region.

Dr. Eunice Jernigan, St. Cloud, spoke concerning Canoe Creek Road traffic congestion and circulation.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Airport, announced the traveling Vietnam Veteran's Wall will be at the Kissimmee Airport until Sunday, March 16th.

Commissioner Constantine announced the passing of Mr. Hugh Harling, former Executive Director of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

XVI. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 14th day of May 2025.



Commissioner Bob Dallari, Chair



Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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