



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Chair, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Ken Gilbert for Nathan Blackwell, City of St. Cloud
Hon. Olga Castano, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County
Hon. Mayor John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Mayor Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA
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

Members attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

Advisors in Attendance

Mr. Joshua DeVries, Technical Advisory Committee
Mr. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Mr. Brian Sanders, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Dr. Dan Stephens, Community Advisory Committee

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County
Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5
Mr. Tim Weisheyer, Orlando Executive Airport

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Amy Beckman, FDOT District 5

Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Jay Small, Mateer & Harbert
Mr. Jason Loschiavo
Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Alex Trauger
Mr. Eric Hill
Ms. Taylor Laurent
Mr. Mighk Wilson
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez
Mr. Jason Sartorio
Mr. Slade Downs
Ms. Sarah Larsen
Ms. Mary Ann Horne
Ms. Lailani Vaiaoga
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Rachel Frederick

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Cheryl Grieb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Mr. Carson Good, GOAA, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Grieb highlighted the Palm Beach TPA visit to tour the Brightline Facility on February 20th and thanked Commissioner Dallari and Mr. Huttman for their participation. She recognized outgoing Board Chair Commissioner Mayra Uribe with a plaque and thanked her for her service. Commissioner Mayra Uribe reported on the February 15th TDLCB Meeting. Commissioner Uribe announced that Bill 1032 relating to the MPOAC failed. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment highlighting March as Bicycle Safety Month.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Huttman provided an update on the Board Apportionment Plan, and the amended Interlocal Agreement. He acknowledged Commissioner Michael Scott, representing Orange County in place of Commissioner Gomez-Cordero. He noted that Commissioner Brandon Arrington (CFX Representative), was attending virtually; Mr. Huttman updated Board members on the newly added performance measure for Greenhouse Gas Emissions; and provided an update on the 2024 Four Corners Summit held on February 15th. Mr. Huttman reported that Council Member Gilbert, City of St. Cloud, participated in the MPOAC Institute on March 8th and 9th. He congratulated MetroPlan Orlando staff member Eric Hill on his 25-year work anniversary. Mr. Huttman called attention to information contained in 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 there were no changes to the agenda and announced that Secretary Tyler and the District 5 Leadership Team were hosting the Statewide Executive Leadership Team and unable to attend today's meeting.

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 14, 2024 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for December 2023 & January 2024
- C. Approval of FY'24 Budget Amendment #5 to de-obligate PL and SU from current budget
- D. Approval and appointment of new Community Advisory Committee members
- E. Certification of TDLCB Membership
- F. Approval of updated TAC Bylaws

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through F. Mr. Carson Good seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of FY 2025/26 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.

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved to approve the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Commissioner Christine Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Amendments to the FY 2024-2028 TIP (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested Board approval to amend the FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 TIP to include the following item:

- FM #445299-1: SR 535 from N of SR 530/US 192 to S of International Dr. – This amendment adds a total of \$6,559,059 in federal, state, and local funding for construction including: \$905,745 in ACNR funds, \$2,467,959 in DDR funds, \$267,987 in LF funds, \$2,907,088 in SA funds, and \$10,280 in DIH funds.

Mr. Sartorio noted that funding is being added to a project where cost estimates have increased due to scope changes and cost increases for materials. 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.

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved to approve of the amendments to the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of the FDOT Joint Certification

Ms. Amy Beckman, FDOT staff, presented FDOT's report on the 2024 Annual State Certification Review of MetroPlan Orlando. Ms. Beckman told Board members that the certification review is conducted annually and provided some highlights of the certification review. She 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. Mr. Carson Good seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for January 2024
- C. Bicycle & Pedestrian Report
- D. MTP 2050 Status Update
- E. Letter of Support- Osceola County RAISE Grant for BuenaVentura Boulevard Complete Streets
- F. Moving Florida Program Improvements
- G. Moving Florida Forward Industry Forum
- H. Careers in Transportation for Youth (CITY) Internship Program
- I. Orlando INVEST Support Letter

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement; Items A through I. Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Review of the 2024 Legislative Session

Ms. Virginia L. Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, provided the Board with a review of the 2024 Legislative session. She stated that 1,900 bills were filed, and more than 50 were transportation related which MetroPlan Orlando watched, monitored or were significantly involved in. She provided an overview of the bills that MetroPlan Orlando monitored which included several that lined up with the approved legislative priorities and bills related to MPO efficiency and consolidation, distracted driving, and any bills that sought to repeal or rescind red light cameras. Ms. Whittington provided an overview of the approved budget and work program, and the bills that passed. Ms. Whittington noted that MetroPlan Orlando staff spent a significant amount of time meeting with elected officials in both the House and Senate concerning HB 749/SB 1032 regarding the governance structure of the MPOAC. She noted that the Bill ultimately failed.

B. Vision Zero Safety Action Plan Update

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, presented an update to the Vision Zero efforts. He discussed public engagement efforts, and the feedback map that allows the reporting of incidents or concerns and the ability to upload photos. He highlighted the FDOT Safety Strategic Plan workshop held on January 31st. He shared additions to the hub site and called attention to the Elected Officials Guide. He called attention to the Safety Guide for Kid's activity book, fact sheets on the HIN (High Injury Network), and trend analysis page. Mr. Wilson provided details of the Task Force Meeting #4 held on February 20th. He stated that the meeting covered topics such as a Benchmarking Process for the MetroPlan Orlando region, pairing the Countermeasures with identified projects from the HIN, and potential prioritization categories. He noted that the federal government published its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on February 20 for the Safe Streets 4 All program. Mr. Wilson stated that applications are due May 16th, which does not allow adequate time to submit. Mr. Wilson noted that there are still opportunities for planning or demonstration grants with later deadlines, that will be pursued for the region. He reviewed the next steps and stated that the Vision Zero Action Plan document is on track for adoption.

C. Update on the TSMO Master Plan

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, presented an update on the TSMO Master Plan. Mr. Hill discussed the makeup of the Steering committee and noted there had been six meetings held since June 2022. The final is scheduled for March 20th. Mr. Hill detailed the strategies and provided an overview of the project scope and provided the next steps. Mr. Hill noted several areas of focus, including leveraging existing investments, pursuing regional strategies and artificial intelligence.

D. Preview of Transportation for All (Title VI & LEP)

Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando presented the Transportation for All Plan. She explained that it is an update and expansion on Title VI and Limited English Plan (LEP). Ms. Larsen confirmed that MetroPlan Orlando is using USDOT's Equity Action Plan (2022) to expand the plan, focusing on underserved, overburdened, and disadvantaged communities. She stated that they also used USDOT resources including the Equitable Transportation Communities (ETC) web map to identify those areas most in need. She identified the types of disadvantages affecting people and shared the definition of transportation equity as defined by responses to the 2021 Regional Public Opinion Survey Report. She noted that a Partner Agency network is being established with the goal of having broad representation of the community. Ms. Larsen defined Transportation Underserved Communities (TUCs) as those places with the greatest disadvantage and need in the region and shared a map highlighting those areas. She shared the Equity Plan Development Timeline.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Joanne Counselis 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.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

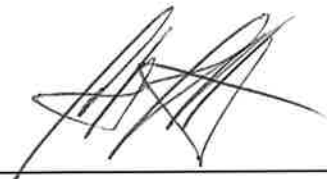
None

XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

XVI. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 8th day of May 2024.



Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Chair

Ms. Lisa Smith,
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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