



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
Park Building
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Chair, Presided

Members in attendance were:

Hon. Nadia Anderson, City of Apopka
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
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Stephanie Kopelousis, GOAA
Mr. Christopher "C.J." Maier, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando
Hon. Kelly Semrad, Orange County
Hon. John Dowless for Jordan Smith, Municipal Advisory Committee
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County
Hon. Nicole Wilson, Orange County
Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

Members/Advisors attending the meeting via the Zoom Platform:

Honorable Jackie Espinosa, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Michael Scott, Orange 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. Jim Stroz for Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5
Mr. Joe Nunziata, Orlando Executive Airport

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority
Vacant, Orange County

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Kevin Thibault
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 Viviana Janer, Osceola County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Wilson reported on the April 3rd FDOT Safety Steering Committee meeting; an April 6th meeting with Congressman Maxwell Frost to discuss local transportation issues; the May 1st MPOAC Institute, and updated Board members on Orange County concern and efforts for micromobility safety. Commissioner Viviana Janer reported on the March 26th and April 23rd Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission meetings. Commissioner Uribe reported on the April 30th MPOAC quarterly meeting. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment highlighting speed.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Huttmann welcomed Commissioner Nadia Anderson, new Apopka appointee, and acknowledged Mayor John Dowless representing the MAC Chair. He acknowledged Kevin Thibault, former FDOT Secretary and GOAA CEO. He called attention to the recently released Executive Summary of the 2050 MTP & Report to the Community. Mr. Huttmann stated the public opinion research survey has closed, and the results will be presented by Summit Research at the June 10th Board meeting. He announced the next safety speaker series is scheduled for May 20th and will focus on distracted driving. He highlighted that MetroPlan Orlando received the Community Outreach Award at the FDOT Safety Summit for its Vision Zero safety website and engagement efforts. He reported on Lake-to-Lake Trail efforts. Mr. Huttmann also called attention to the items in supplemental folders.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS:

Secretary John Tyler reported on FDOT's Achieving Target Zero policy which focuses on engineering, education, and outreach. He announced the launch of the Smart Driving College Challenge in Orange County which will reward college students for safe driving behaviors. He provided an update of major improvements at the I-4/Sand Lake Road interchange that enhances safety and efficiency. Secretary Tyler stated that ongoing monitoring and adjustments will continue to optimize traffic flow and safety.

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 the March 11, 2026, Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for February & March 2026
- C. Approval of the Travel Report for February & March 2026
- D. Approval of the Annual Investment Report
- E. Approval of the FY 2027/2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- F. Approval of the Central Florida MPO Alliance Interlocal Agreement
- G. Approval of the revised 2026 Board & Committee Appointments

MOTION: Commissioner Viviana Janer moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A through G. Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero 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. Natalia Barbour, MetroPlan Orlando, requested approval of Amendments to the FY 2025/26 – FY 2029/30 Transportation Improvement Program as follows:

- 457523-1: Railroad signal upgrades at Silver Star Road
- 458031-1: Surface rehab at crossing #622373s on Eunice Ave
- 458188-1: LYNX Bus shelter program project
- 458188-2: LYNX Bus acquisition project
- 458188-3: LYNX digital signage 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 Bob Dallari 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.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report- February & March 2026
- C. Air Quality Report – April 2026
- D. Letter of Support for the LYNX FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request for Fare Technology Improvements – Smartcard
- E. Letter of Support for the Kissimmee FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request for the Intermodal Station Improvements
- F. Letter of Support for the LYNX FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request for the Central Station Improvements

- G. Letter of Support for the LYNX FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request for Superstop Improvements
- H. Letter of Support for the Osceola County Community Project Funding Request for the East Carroll Street Sidewalks Project
- I. Letter of Support for the Osceola County FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request for the Hickory Tree Elementary Sidewalks Project
- J. Letter of Support for the Orange County FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request for Bridge No. 754010 Replacement
- K. Letter of Support for the Osceola County SS4A Grant Application for Carroll Street safety improvements
- L. Letter of Support for the Seminole County FDOT Service Development Grant
- M. Letter of Support for the City of Apopka Florida APA Project Award
- N. Email response to MetroPlan Board member question on Railroad crossings
- O. PD&E Tracking Sheet

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement: Items A through O. Commissioner Viviana Janer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Central Florida Vision Zero Update

Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an update on the regional safety action plan, crash data dashboard, and progress on 35+ safety actions. Ms. Bouck noted that the annual safety report products, including an executive summary and interactive story map, are now available online. She explained a new methodology and evaluation matrix for before-and-after safety project assessment that was introduced for regional and local use. An E-bike safety education pilot targeting middle and high school students is underway, with pre and post training surveys to measure effectiveness. A second Safe Streets and Roads for All grant will fund additional safety audits, data analytics, and outreach through June 2028. Committee members discussed challenges in segregating e-bike crash data due to current reporting limitations. Efforts are underway to analyze e-micromobility crash data manually until new reporting standards are implemented in 2028. The before-and-after evaluation scope will be piloted on projects from each county, with local partners encouraged to adopt the methodology. Members raised concerns about school zone safety and the need for targeted interventions, with follow-up discussions planned. Suggestions were made to expand educational outreach to both youth and adult e-bike users, considering demographic differences.

B. Advanced Air Mobility Update

Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5, outlined FDOT'S vision for advanced air mobility, by providing an explanation of the concept and its potential to reconnect and restore regional air travel in Florida. The state has established Florida's aerial highway network, with the I-4 corridor between Tampa and Orlando as one of the first corridors. Secretary Tyler explained that SunTrax Air, a vertiport site, is being developed to support advanced air mobility research, testing, and deployment. He noted that the SunTrax campus serves as a hub for testing and demonstration of the new air mobility technologies and showed a video showcasing the SunTrax campus and its role in transportation innovation and

advanced air mobility concept. He also discussed public and private investment in air mobility noting that highway funding remains a priority. Discussion ensued amongst Board members. Mixed opinions on the investment in advanced air mobility were expressed, with some emphasizing the need for road improvements and others supporting the embrace of new technology. The discussion highlighted the potential benefits and challenges of advanced air mobility, including cost, energy consumption, and infrastructure needs.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Giancarlo Rodriguez, Orlando, Florida; Pedro Rodriguez-Diaz, Orlando, Florida; and Nicholas Natale, Orlando, Florida addressed the Board members concerning advanced air mobility and the need to provide public transit options for everyone. They spoke in support of advancing the “STAR Plan” in Orange County.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Semrad commented on the need for major transportation improvements in East Orange County.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 10, 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 10th day of June 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.