



**MetroPlan Orlando Board**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** MetroPlan Orlando  
Park Building  
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32801

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**Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Chair, Presided**

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**Members in attendance were:**

Hon. Brandon Arrington, Central Florida Expressway Authority  
Hon. Nathan Blackwell, City of St. Cloud  
Hon. Olga Castano, City of Kissimmee  
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. Lee Constantine, Seminole County  
Mayor Art Woodruff, City of Sanford

**Advisors in Attendance**

Secretary John Tyler, FDOT District 5  
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. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs  
Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County  
Hon. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Orange County  
Mr. Tim Weisheyer, Orlando Executive Airport

**Others in Attendance:**

Ms. Amy Beckman, 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  
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. Shaun Germolus, Kissimmee Gateway Airport, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairwoman Grieb highlighted the Bike Walk Central Florida/Best Foot Forward Safety Summit and Vision Zero speaker series held on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Vivana Janer reported on the March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup> Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCR) meetings. Commissioner Olga Castano reported on the April 12<sup>th</sup> Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) meeting. Commissioner Uribe reported on the April 25<sup>th</sup> MPOAC Governing Board meeting. MetroPlan Orlando staff member Mighk Wilson provided the Safety Moment highlighting April as Distracted Driving Month and May as Seat Belt Safety Month.

## **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Huttman provided an update on the Board Apportionment Plan, and the amended Interlocal Agreement. He acknowledged Mr. Ralph Martinez, representing CFX in place of Commissioner Brandon Arrington. Mr. Huttman updated Board members that performance measures and targets for Greenhouse Gas Emissions are no longer a requirement. He reported on the April 24<sup>th</sup> Hillsborough TPO visit. He announced the FDOT Safety Summit happening May 17<sup>th</sup> at Ports of Call, Sea World and the Vision Zero Speaker Series happening May 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>. He announced that the Regional Transportation Survey is open through Memorial Day weekend. He congratulated MetroPlan Orlando staff member Eric Hill and MPO staff members across the I-4 corridor on the efforts with the Regional TSMO program and being honored at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Future of the Region Awards. He congratulated MetroPlan Orlando staff member Alex Trauger on his appointment to the Transportation Research Board's Standing Committee on Urban Freight Transportation. Mr. Huttman recognized Commissioner Mayra Uribe for her appointment to the FDOT Statewide Transportation Steering Committee.

## **IV. FDOT REPORT**

Secretary John Tyler provided updates on I-4 from Seminole County down to Darryl Carter Parkway and Moving Florida Forward projects in Osceola and Polk County. Secretary Tyler informed that introductory toll prices remain on the I-4 Express Toll Lanes and does not anticipate an increase over the summer. He reported that the Department will transition to dynamic tolling when the time is right. He showed a time enhanced video of the work done to open the Sand Lake Road Diverging Diamond Interchange. He provided an update on SunRail noting that the Transition Agreement has been executed by the five local governments involved; Phase 2 expansion into Deland; next steps in moving the Sunshine Corridor forward and the introduction of a new mobile ticketing app.

## **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.

**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 March 13, 2024 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for February & March 2024
- C. Approval of the Annual Investment Report

**MOTION:** Commissioner Mayra Uribe moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through C. Commissioner Christine Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**X. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of the Final Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, requested approval of the Unified Public Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2025/26. He stated that MPOs in the State of Florida are required to prepare a UPWP every two years. Mr. Trauger provided an overview of the components of the UPWP. 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 Bob Dallari moved to approve the final draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of the MetroPlan Orlando Public Participation Plan

Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested approval of the Organizational Public Participation Plan (PPP). She noted that there will be a joint presentation with item VII.C, 2050 MTP Public Participation Plan. She outlined the differences between the two plans. Ms. Horne stated that the 45-day public comment period for both plans closed on May 10<sup>th</sup> and those comments were included in the MAC agenda package. She noted that the public comment period was promoted via social media, the MetroPlan Orlando website and e-mail updates to MPO subscribers. She reviewed the MPO approach to plan updates, overarching themes, and plan goals.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Viviana Janer moved to approve the MetroPlan Orlando Public Participation Plan. Commissioner Christine Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested approval of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Participation Plan (MTP PPP). This was a joint presentation with the MetroPlan Orlando Public Participation Plan. She requested approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Participation Plan.

**MOTION:** Mayor Buddy Dyer moved to approve the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Public Participation Plan. Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **XI. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- A. Executive Directors Report
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report – February and March 2024
- C. Air Quality Report
- D. PD&E Tracking Report
- E. Letter of Support– Lynx 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Application
- F. Letter of Support – Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC)'s application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health (CDC-RFA-PW-24-00) program
- G. Letter of Support – Lynx - Submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY 2024 Low or No Emission Grant Program (FTA-2024-003-TPM-LWNO) and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (FTA-2024-004-TPM-BUS)
- H. Letter of Support - Seminole County Government Community Project Funding Request North Street Roadway Improvement Projects
- I. Letter of Support - FDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant application for improvements to JYP/Pleasant Hill Intersection
- J. Letter of Support - City of Casselberry Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning & Demonstration Grant Application
- K. Letter from Mr. Huttman to Secretary Tyler – Modification to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- L. Letter of Support – Changes to the National Highway Freight Network in Orange and Osceola Counties
- M. Correspondence from Secretary Perdue re: Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions
- N. Vision Zero Safety Speaker Series Flyer
- O. FDOT Safety Summit Flyer
- P. Info Flyer: PD&E Widen Florida's Turnpike/SR 91 from SR70 to SR 60
- Q. District 5 MPO/TPO Newsletter
- R. Operation Best Foot Forward Schedule of Enforcement

**MOTION:** Commissioner Viviana Janer moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement; Items A through R. Commissioner Mayra Uribe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Vision Zero Safety Action Plan Update**

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented an update on the Vision Zero initiative. He detailed community engagement events, called attention to the newly available social media templates, and shared the details of the upcoming Speaker Series Events. Mr. Wilson detailed the prior Task Force meeting which included discussions on policy framework and potential prioritization categories. He also shared the details of the supplemental analysis which identified the overlap of transit stop locations, high injury network and pedestrian/bicyclist crash locations, noting that 50% of transit boardings occur on the high injury network (HIN). He highlighted countermeasures that could be installed to improve crossing at these points. Mr. Wilson discussed the takeaways for crash responses gathered from Florida Traffic Crash Reports. He shared an Action Plan outline, noting that the local plan follows the same structure for consistency, with each team being able to customize the content. He discussed the next steps which include the Safe Streets 4 All grant application process, noting August 29<sup>th</sup> as the deadline for submission.

### **B. Active Transportation Plan**

Ms. Kathrin Tellez, Fehr & Peers, presented the final steps of the Active Transportation Plan also known as the Ride & Stride 2050. The plan can be viewed at [MetroPlanOrlando.gov/ATP](https://MetroPlanOrlando.gov/ATP). Ms. Tellez outlined the background of the plan, public engagement efforts, and provided an overview of a common vocabulary for active transportation facility types used to develop a naming standard. She detailed the 2050 ATP Network Development that was created which identified possibilities of new trails, crossing enhancements, corridor improvements, target speed reduction corridors, and safety improvements. Ms. Tellez noted that this plan was presented at a workshop where feedback was gathered from various committees and the public. She noted that in total 253 projects were identified on the 2050 ATP Network Projects, 148 being new projects and 105 as enhancements to planned projects. She stated that the full report includes detailed maps for each county, and how the projects reduce traffic stress, increase comfort in walking facilities, accessibility to schools, jobs, shopping etc. in the region, and for underserved communities. Ms. Tellez concluded by highlighting strategies for consideration, and policy recommendations when project implementation begins. She concluded by stating that Active Transportation Plan will be incorporated into the 2050 MTP.

### **C. TSMO Master Plan**

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, presented on the TSMO Master Plan. Mr. Hill shared the history of the plan and confirmed that the plan will now be incorporated into the 2050 MTP. He detailed the plan development process, the project categories and shared the projects identified as top priorities in each of the three counties and the City of Orlando. In addition, he displayed the Intersection Analysis of each area which highlighted desired intersection improvement locations. Mr. Hill shared the path forward which included consideration of regional strategies and identifying synergies with the Active Transportation Plan, the Vision

Zero Central Florida effort, and acknowledgment of the role of Artificial Intelligence. In conclusion, Mr. Hill shared that the TSMO Master Plan Summary Document and its appendices are available on the MetroPlan Orlando website.

**D. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update**

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, gave a status report on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He called attention to the Status Report included in the Board agenda package. Mr. Trauger provided background information, discussed existing conditions, and various components of the technical analysis (i.e. coordination efforts with FDOT and FTE on Central Florida Regional planning model); congestion management process updates; and kicking off the health, housing, and environmental evaluations, and the financial resources estimations. He highlighted the ongoing needs assessments (transit, roadway and safety/Vision Zero Action Plan) and those that are nearing completion (TSMO and the Active Transportation Plan). Mr. Trauger recapped the April 11<sup>th</sup> MTP Technical Workshop and provided a link for viewing: [2050 MTP Technical Workshop #2 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2050MTPTechnicalWorkshop#2). Mr. Trauger requested that members provide feedback for the MTP 2050 Goals by May 10<sup>th</sup>. He concluded by stating that the Financial Resources 2050 Revenue & Transportation Funding Forecasting is underway and will be a part of a regional effort conducted by MetroPlan Orlando.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**

Ms. Joanne Counelis 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**

Chair Grieb requested that staff research the crash data and provide the statistics for both visitors and residents. She announced a demonstration of a smart radar system to be installed on the school buses. The demonstration will be at the Osceola County Transportation Department on Simpson Road this afternoon and she hoped to attend. Chair Grieb then spoke about the possibility of reviewing the questions asked on the Department of Motor Vehicles Class C Knowledge Exam and perhaps having input on those; and lastly she commented on the need for adding a safety refresher to the Driver's License renewal process.

**XV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 12, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

  
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for Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Chair



Ms. Lisa Smith,  
Board Services Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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