



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024

**LOCATION:** MetroPlan Orlando  
David L. Grovdahl Board Room  
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200  
Orlando, Florida 32801

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

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*Vice-Chair Nilisa Council, presided.*

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**Members in attendance were:**

Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County  
Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte Springs  
Mr. Benjamin Bossley, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee  
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Sanford  
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka  
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County  
Mr. Vincent Pereira, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County  
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

**Members not in attendance were:**

Mr. Mark Bolton, MetroPlan Appointee  
(Non-voting)  
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud  
Ms. Ashley Guss, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Daniel J. López, Osceola County  
Ms. TeNeika Neasman, City of Orlando  
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee  
Dr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County  
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee  
Vacant, Orange County Appointee  
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Vacant, Seminole County Appointee  
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee  
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Vacant, Alternate (Non-voting)

**Others in attendance were:**

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT  
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando

A complete listing of other attendees may be obtained upon request.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Nilisa Council called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Vice-Chair Council welcomed everyone and announced that she would chairing the meeting in the absence of the Chairman. She confirmed that this meeting is fully in-person, so all committee members are asked to be physically present in the Boardroom.

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Bryant Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Vice-Chair Council detailed public comment procedures. She stated at the MetroPlan Orlando board Meeting in February, the Chair informed the Board of the CAC leadership changes for 2024 and also shared some of the comments on last month's action items and presentations.

## **IV. AGENDA REVIEW**

Ms. Mary Ann Horne welcomed members, reiterated the need for a quorum of 14 members in the room and the importance of advising of your attendance prior to the meeting.

Ms. Horne confirmed that new members had been recruited for the committee. She said more than forty applications were received for four seats, the selection committee met on February 14 and chose four names to submit to the board for approval. She noted that the four new members' names were provided in the agenda packet and the intention is they will be attending the April meeting. Ms. Horne announced there will be an orientation held before the start of the next CAC meeting for new members, and all current members were also welcome to join. Ms. Horne noted there were still some vacancies as we are waiting for partners to fill those seats.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented this month's Safety Moment which focused on March - Florida Bicycle Month. Mr. Wilson shared a number of statistics over the period 2018 through 2022, with 830 reported bicycle crashes for 2023, an average of 67 serious injury crashes per year and 22 fatal crashes for 2023 – three of those not involving a motor vehicle. Mr. Wilson stressed to reduce one

the of the top risks as a bicycle user is to 'go with the flow'. He stated that travelling facing the traffic is five times riskier than going with the flow. Mr. Wilson noted this accounts for approximately 30% of KSI (Killed or Seriously Injured) because there are so many of them, with on average one crash per day of this type, and a serious or fatal crash every 13 days. He noted that approximately 26% of bicyclist travel occurs at night, when 56 % of bicyclist fatalities happen, and the risk of an overtaking KSI being five times more likely at night. Mr. Wilson also demonstrated the overabundance of light sources occurring at night and the need to ensure you are visible as a bicyclist.

Comments from the Committee included the increase of school children using scooters, electric bikes etc. to get to school and how we need to better accommodate this. Mr. Wilson stated the need for training on electric bikes and further discussion evolved with the need to include all forms of micromobility in reports and not just traditional bikes. He also stated in response to a question that the time lag from incident occurring to it appearing in the reports, is 70 days, however local governments have immediate access. Also stated was the increase in LED light usage by bicyclists.

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT presented an update, highlighting the new style report under Tab 4 which now has maps and hyperlinks for further detail. She noted some recently finished projects in Orange and Osceola counties and lane closures in various locations across the three counties. Ms. Beckmann also shared details of public and online open houses regarding the latest phase in the I-4 Sand Lake Road diverging diamond intersection project. The link to register for the meeting is: [14 Open House Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

A question was asked regarding the Daryl Carter Parkway project and when ramps will be open to help alleviate the Sand Lake Road construction traffic problems, and also what consideration FDOT has given to an alternative use of acres of storm water drainage to help the community.

Ms. Horne brought attention to the flyers detailing Vizion Zero open houses occurring in Osceola County.

## **V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Rachel Frederick conducted the attendance roll call, and confirmed we did have a quorum.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Bob Horner commented that he had attended many of the Vision Zero events, where he finds lots of focus on infrastructure, signs etc. but he does not see any emphasis on the enforcement element either in the Vision Zero plan or on the roads themselves. He stated the need to stop speeding and dangerous driving, resulting in fatalities and impacting insurance costs. Mr. Horner ended his comment, repeating the need for enforcement.

## VII. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2024

Approval of the meeting minutes for January 24, 2024, is requested.

**MOTION:** Ms. Theresa Mott moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 24, 2024. Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2024 – 2028 TIP

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented, requesting the CAC make a recommendation to the Board that the FY 2023/24 – FY 2027/28 TIP be amended to include the following item:

- FM# 445299-1 – SR 535 (N of SR 530/US 192 to S of International Dr) Resurfacing, Safety, Intersection Improvements.

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to approve the amendment to the TIP as presented. Ms. Judy Pizzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### C. FY 2025-26 UPWP for Submittal to FDOT

Mr. Alex Trauger presented the first draft for submittal of the FY 2025-26 UPWP. He stated that this will be taken to the Board meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, then be submitted to FDOT for review. Mr. Trauger continued to detail the proposed studies and planning activities and recapped the estimated revenues as presented in the previous CAC meeting. Mr. Trauger asked for approval of the draft UPWP for submittal as presented.

**MOTION:** Ms. Judy Pizzo moved to approve the FY 2025-26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented. Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## VIII. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

### A. Vision Zero Status Update

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented an update to Vision Zero beginning with Public Engagement efforts. He shared the feedback map where people can report incidents or concerns with photo's if they wish. He continued highlighting the FDOT Safety Strategic Plan workshop, which was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, with high attendance, and also shared additions to the hub site which includes an Elected Official Guide, a Safety Guide for kid's activity book, fact sheets on the HIN (High Injury Network) and a page on trend analysis.

Mr. Wilson shared the details of the Task Force Meeting #4 which took place last week, and covered topics such as a Benchmarking Process for the MetroPlan Orlando region, pairing the

Counter-measures with identified projects from the HIN, and also potential prioritization categories.

Mr. Wilson noted that the federal government published its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on February 20 for the Safe Streets 4 All program. This was earlier than expected with implementation applications due May 16, which means we will not be able to submit in time. However, Mr. Wilson noted that there are still opportunities for planning or demonstration grants with later deadlines, which the region will pursue.

Next steps of the project schedule were shared again with the Action Plan document on track for Spring 2024.

Comments included how rail and bus services should be improved to take some cars off the road. Lack of funding was identified as a major hurdle for this. Compliments were given on the Vision Zero work and the meetings that had been held. Also, it was observed that communities often have road safety as a high priority, however may not make the connection to the phrase – ‘Vision Zero’ so it’s important to reach as many people as possible to show up and contribute at the meetings.

Further questions included if lessons learned from the data Vision Zero had collected were being implemented on current FDOT projects, or if they were still being carried out to standard FDOT scope and might therefore have a future need to find funding for amendments to align with Vision Zero. In addition, the effectiveness of speed tables such as those installed on the recently completed Orange Blossom Trail project, was mentioned. Ms. Amy Beckmann stated that there will be a six-month and twelve-month study. The completed one-month study showed there had been an overall five-mile decrease in speed and no fatalities in the section that the project covered.

## **B. Regional Transportation for All (Title VI + LEP) Plan**

Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando presented an update on the Transportation for All Plan, which 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 continued by identifying the types of disadvantages affecting people and sharing the definition of transportation equity as defined by responses to the 2021 Regional Public Opinion Survey Report. She noted that they are establishing a Partner Agency network to reach a 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 with those areas highlighted. CEJST (Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool) and USDOT ETC explorer tool had been used to identify those areas. She continued to share the Equity Plan Development Timeline.

Questions and comments from the committee included identifying those who have to commute from an 'under-served' area to an 'over-served' area. They were named in the explorer tool as 'access insecure' who experience long commutes and desire an alternative public transport option. Members also questioned why some areas were not in the highlighted list of transportation underserved, and it was confirmed that those listed were those in greatest need, with the greatest challenges. It was also suggested that the term 'transportation insecure' might be a more appropriate and understandable term than 'transportation underserved' as this includes many socio-economic factors of being able to access transportation, even when available.

A further question regarding funding was asked, and Ms. Larsen was able to clarify that by using the CEJST data, they become eligible for federal grants.

#### **C. 2050 MTP Status Update**

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented a status report, detailing the ongoing work and reviewing and identifying goals and objectives. Ms. Laurent shared the link to the recent 2050 MTP Technical Workshop meeting that was held on February 8, 2024. [2050 MTP Technical Workshop \(youtube.com\)](#), and recapped the discussions. She noted the next workshop will be held on April 11, at 2.00 p.m. and gave a preview of the agenda.

A committee member requested that corridors be identified that could be reallocated for other community needs where expansion for capacity is not needed. Also raised was the need to prepare for autonomous buses and cars, and Ms. Laurent confirmed that topic would be included in future meeting discussions.

#### **D. TSMO Master Plan Status update**

Mr. Eric Hill presented an update on the TSMO Master Plan. Mr. Hill identified the members of the Steering committee and noted there had been six meetings held since June 2022, and the next meeting will be on March 20, 2024. After sharing a definition of TSMO, Mr. Hill also listed some TSMO strategies that are typically used, including low-tech options versus high tech and also the scope of work undertaken compiling the Master Plan. Mr. Hill stated through Stakeholder interviews they had carried out a gap analysis and desired outcomes and needs.

To identify strategies, Mr. Hill shared the team had used FDOT TMS&O Strategy Guide (2018) and shared the Regional ITS Architecture showing Multi-Modal Integration, which demonstrates who is responsible for which connections. He continued to show the TSM&O prioritization criteria and the data sources used. Mr. Hill shared intersection analysis is being carried out at certain locations across Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. For the path forward, Mr. Hill detailed a number of areas of focus, including leveraging existing investments, regional strategies, and Artificial Intelligence.

A discussion ensued about how other countries are ahead in the usage of autonomous transit vehicles and the concern that Central Florida is behind. In addition, it was suggested that as

well as low-tech or high-tech solutions, there also be those of no tech, for example additional bike lanes to reduce the number of cars and buses on the roads.

A committee member appreciated the connections made between transportation and public health and drew attention to the ability to use public health grants on projects. Also shared was County Health Rankings & Roadmaps as a resource to support this. A further comment was for FDOT and urban planners to use the criteria identified in future developments.

## IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** –The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the MetroPlan Orlando area is enclosed.
- B. **Highlights from February 14, 2024, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting** – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting.
- C. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Report** – A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region is enclosed.
- D. **2050 MTP Update Information** – Information has been provided as a supplement to the 2050 MTP Status Update Presentation (Item 5.C).
- E. **Careers in Transportation for Youth (CITY) Internship Program** – The Conference on Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) is soliciting agencies to serve as host for the 2024 Careers in Transportation for Youth (CITY) Internship Program. Information on the CITY program and serving as a host to an intern is enclosed.
- F. **Recommended MetroPlan Orlando Appointments to the CAC** - A Board Action Fact Sheet requesting MetroPlan Orlando Board approval of a slate of four new CAC members is enclosed.

## X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A list of selected upcoming meetings to be held at MetroPlan Orlando's office. For more information and a full list of upcoming meetings, visit the MetroPlan Orlando Calendar.

- A. MetroPlan Orlando Board, March 13, 2024
- B. BWCF Best Foot Forward Summit, April 4, 2024
- C. 2050 MTP Technical Workshop, April 11, 2024
- D. **Community Advisory Committee (CAC), April 24, 2024**  
After April, the remaining meetings are; **May 29**; June 26; August 28; October 23; December 4.
- E. Transportation Systems, Management, & Operations Committee (TSM&O), April 26, 2024
- F. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), April 26, 2024
- G. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC), May 2, 2024
- H. MTP Technical Workshop, TBD

**XI. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. RJ Mueller stated this was one of the best CAC meetings he has attended, with the wide variety of comments made and the different focus each member brings to the table. He also noted the advances made in AI and the impact it has today, not just for the future.

Mr. Jeffrey Piggrem shared that the Orlando International Airport has adopted a new system of reservations for parking, which hopes to alleviate the current challenges with capacity, however the expansion of SunRail would provide a long-term solution. He also shared that Brightline carried an average of 4,000 passengers per day in January 2024, from/to the airport which is more than the total of flight capacity on the same routes.

Ms. Venise White commented on the COMTO (The Conference on Minority Transportation Officials) Internship program and encouraged MPO and other agencies to take part in offering internships to young people. She stated she would be enthusiastic to educate such people on the impact of transportation on public health.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**

None.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.35 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

  
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Dr. Dan Stephens, Chairman

  
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Ms. Rachel Frederick,  
Board Services Coordinator

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