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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

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

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chair Dan Stephens presided.

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Benjamin Bossley, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joseph Caesar, Orange County Appointee
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Sanford
Ms. Ashley Guss, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Bericia Rogers, MetroPlan Orlando Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Chris Willenbring, Seminole County

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County
Mr. Mark Bolton, MetroPlan Appointee
(Non-voting)
Mr. Hector Lozada, MetroPlan Appointee
(Non-voting)
Mr. Daniel J. López, Osceola County
Najeeb Mapps, MetroPlan Orlando Appointee
Mr. Vincent Pereira, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Caroline Roskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Appointee
Dr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, City of Orlando
Vacant, Orange County Appointee
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Others in attendance were:

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT
Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando,
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, 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

Chair Dan Stephens called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Chair Stephens welcomed everyone and 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

Chair Dan Stephens detailed public comment procedures and welcomed new CAC member Mr. Chris Willenbring to the meeting.

Chair Stephens stated that at the MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting in May, he shared the CAC members' concern the region is not moving forward quickly enough in planning for the latest technology. He told the Board that the CAC Committee is exploring ways to have more discussions with staff about this, and reminded members of the email they received earlier in the week from Ms. Horne, asking for members' ideas.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne welcomed members in the room and members of the public attending online. She stated that currently 15 members are needed in the room to conduct votes and reminded members the importance to RSVP to meeting invites.

Members were asked again for recommendations of groups MetroPlan Orlando can reach out to, who would like to hear about the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan in the region.

Ms. Horne noted the success of the Vision Zero Speaker Series webinar last week on Transportation Equity, and encouraged those who were not able to attend to watch the video of Charles Browns presentation on MetroPlan Orlando's YouTube channel. [Charles T. Brown - Centering Safety and Equity - 5-23-2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Ms. Horne stated there is another webinar in the Vision Zero Speaker Series next week (June 4) featuring safety advocate Melissa Wandall – President, National Coalition for Safer Roads, who will share her story of tragedy and loss and describe her work with FDOT's Target Zero Initiative and Driving Down Heartache. ([DrivingDownHeartache.org](#)) Ms. Horne noted registration details for the webinar were in the agenda packet. Following on in the Vision Speaker Series, she shared that Dan Burden, Director of Innovation & Inspiration – Blue Zones will be presenting at Bike/Walk Central Florida 'Wheel of Achievement' awards (June 13) and his presentation will be live streamed on the MetroPlan Orlando YouTube channel. [MetroPlan Orlando - YouTube](#)

Ms. Horne confirmed the virtual public meeting on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be held on June 18.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the June Safety Moment, on Motorcycle Safety Month. He stated that more than 230 people are killed or seriously injured (KSI) per year in our region on motorcycles, with almost 50 being fatalities. He shared the statistic that 30% of KSI's involve only the motorcycle and no other vehicle in comparison to cars and trucks which stands at 17%. He displayed data which showed percentages of motorcyclist crashes involving speeding or aggressive driving are very similar to those of autos and trucks.

Mr. Wilson reminded members of the 'Look Twice, Save a Life' slogan. He stated that 32% of motorcyclist KSI crashes are the result of vehicle drivers making a left turn, glancing left once and not spotting a motorcyclist or incorrectly gauging the speed at which they are travelling. In addition, Mr. Wilson reported that almost 20% of motorcyclist KSI crashes are a rear end crashes, where most involve a motorcyclist rear-ending another vehicle. He stated a less-skilled motorcyclist needs twice the braking distance of a car to come to a stop.

Finally, he noted that we are now entering the 100 Deadly Days of Summer, with a lot more inexperienced teen drivers on the roads and asked members to remind young drivers of the risks they may encounter.

Ms. Horne noted one change to the original agenda where only two of the three TIP amendment projects were listed. She confirmed that the updated correct version was online and on the taidens in the room today.

V. AGENCY REPORTS - FDOT

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT, presented an update. She reminded members that the construction report is in the full agenda which contains hyperlinks on each specific project. Ms. Beckmann continued to share details of four upcoming events where public participation is encouraged, details of which would be sent to all members.

A member thanked Ms. Beckmann for a response to an email he had sent her.

VI. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

No comments

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes: April 24, 2024

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

MOTION: Mr. Joel Davis moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 24, 2024. Mr. Brindley Pieters seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2024 – 2028 TIP

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented three TIP amendments as below:

- FM# 447610-1 – US 441 / SR 500 (Wadsworth Rd to Lake Co. Line) Resurfacing: increases construction funding in FY 2025 due to cost increases on materials
- FM# 443702-1 – SR 60 (Blanket Bay Slough to Peavine Trl) EB/WB Passing Lanes: Increases construction funding in FY 2025 due to cost increases on materials
- FM #423374-2: Turnpike/SR91 (N of SR 70 to N of SR 60) PD&E for widening: added as a small portion of the project is in Osceola County.

A member strongly supported the second and third projects and noted how S.R. 60 is the site of horrendous crashes.

Another member expressed frustration with approving so many TIP amendments without much discussion and not fully understanding everything that was presented. Mr. Alex Trauger responded, explaining that the Osceola project inquired about was at this stage a Project, Development & Environment Engineering (PD & E) study to establish what needs to be done, and evaluate environmental impacts. Also raised by a member was the inclusion of bus pull out lanes in such projects.

A member asked how long the first two projects had been on the TIP, and Mr. Sartorio responded saying he will supply that information in writing after the meeting. Another member again, strongly supported the project on SR 60 after their recent experiences on that particular road.

Suggested by a member was Funding 101 to help educate members on how projects were funded. Also raised was the query that members are advised of the increases in project costs, but do not have the original cost to refer to.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to recommend approval of the FDOT amendment to FY 2024 - 2028 TIP as presented, Ms. Judy Pizzo seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote followed with the motion passing with 18 votes to 2.

C. Amendment to the 2045 MTP

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and its proposed revisions. She gave an overview of revisions which included:

- Complete Streets Phased Implementation Approach – where specific projects are being split into multiple phases which were all cost feasible.
- North Street Phase 1 Advancement – a change in funding as Seminole County was now using local funds to complete the project.
- FORWARD Orlando Discretionary Grant Award – the City of Orlando recently received the Safe Streets & Roads for all (SS4A) federal discretionary grant.
- Headwaters Trail from South of Nova Road to SR 528 – currently unfunded but to be eligible for funding, needs to be added to the MTP.
- Potential SunTrail Program Eligibility – Revised St. Andrew's Trail project description to identify its potential eligibility for SunTrail Program funding.
- Canoe Creek Road Cost Estimate Updates – to cost overages and projected phase implementation.
- Osceola County Locally Funded Project Updates – at the request of Osceola County, revisions were made for planning consistency.

A member recommended looking at the City of San Francisco, or the City of Phoenix, which are already using car subscription services and robo taxis. Also asked - referring to SS4A revisions – was the increases in costs and time. Ms. Laurent confirmed all were cost feasible, and each project would have an individual response on time. She invited members to inquire later about specific projects they had an interest in.

In response to a member question regarding the re-allocation of funds from removed projects, Ms. Laurent confirmed there was only one Osceola project removed. She stated this was funded from Osceola County locally, and any changes would be reflected in Osceola's capital improvement program.

MOTION: Ms. Sarah Elbadri moved to approve the amendment to the 2045 MTP as presented. Ms. Nilisa Council seconded the motion. A roll call vote then followed with the motion passing, 18 in favor and 2 against.

IX. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Preview of the FY 2025 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented, first clarifying the background and sections to the TIP. He stated there are 11 sections and 513 projects within that. Mr. Sartorio continued by highlighting some of the projects that are funded throughout the next five years. He stated there is an estimated five-year funding total of \$5.4 billion, and 280 of the projects are funded by Federal, State or the Turnpike. Mr. Sartorio noted this does not include projects provided and funded by the Central Florida Expressway Authority and does not include the locally funded projects.

He continued to highlight the MetroPlan Orlando's funded projects in the TIP of which there are 59 with an estimated five-year funding total of \$185 million. Mr. Sartorio detailed the next steps which included the draft TIP to be reviewed by FDOT and agency partners, the virtual Public Meeting on June 18, and then preparation of the final document for adoption.

The TIP Public Meeting details were shared. It will take place over Zoom on June 18th and members can register to attend on the MetroPlan Orlando website. [Transportation Improvement Program Virtual Public Meeting MetroPlan Orlando](#)

In conclusion, Mr. Sartorio shared MetroPlan Orlando's new TIP Online Viewer software that allows users to more easily find projects displayed on the map and by their chosen criteria. Future amendments will also be updated on the viewer.

Mr. Sartorio shared that the full document was available on the following link:
<https://metroplanorlando.gov/wp-content/uploads/Draft-FY25-FY29-Transportation-Improvement-Program.pdf>

In response to a member's question, it was confirmed that all funding was expressed in estimated figures, and the need for clear road striping was noted. Also raised was the distinction between using "trail" to describe a bicycle project – possibly making it sound recreational, as opposed to Bicycle network, which indicates more of a transportation need. It was noted that different project descriptions include multimodal features which may get lost in the project title. Mr. Alex Trauger went into detail about the nuances of projects and the requirements to meet certain criteria.

Another member stressed the need for improvements to trails in the region, in particular the Coast-to-Coast trail for bicycle users and also for commuters. Frustration was expressed in the continuation of adding lanes to widen highways, and there is a desire to re-evaluate how money is spent on finding alternative methods of improving transportation in the region, to include 24/7 SunRail. Added by another member was the fact that in Poinciana, there were no trails for people to enjoy or use to commute.

The Chair asked for clarification on what a pedestrian accessible signal was, as some recent installations he believed do not fit those criteria. Ms. Taylor Laurent advised that at a later

stage in the project's lifespan would be the opportunity for members and the public to have their input into such specifics at public meetings.

A member advised other members who are frustrated with slow progress or the lack of improvements in their area to contact their local elected officials, and pressure them to use their local funds to make the improvements.

Ms. Horne steered the discussion back to the agenda and noted that a future meeting would be planned where members can bring such topics to the table to discuss.

Mr. Alex Trauger shared with members that in addition to critiquing projects that are on the books, to also look at what is not there and is needed, and to raise that with the relevant bodies. Finally, he reminded members that the MetroPlan Orlando staff are available outside of these meetings to answer any questions.

B. Preview of the FY 2030 – 2040 Prioritized Projects List (PPL)

Mr. Slade Downs presented the preview of the annual Prioritized Project List update. He shared the background to the PPL, describing it as the bridge between the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Mr. Downs confirmed that it is updated annually and contains a list of federal and state funded projects.

He continued to detail the approach and considerations and also the funding programs and priority list. Mr. Downs shared an overview of each of the programs and highlighted some of the priorities. He confirmed that the full document is available on the following link: https://metroplanorlando.gov/wp-content/uploads/MetroPlanOrlando_PPL_2030-2040_DRAFT.pdf

Mr. Downs noted the next steps, which are to present to the remaining Advisory Committees and the Board, requesting feedback by June 7th, 2024. He stated that he will be returning in the next cycle of meetings with a request to recommend approval of the PPL with the final request for approval being at the MetroPlan Orlando Board on July 10th.

Member questions included clarification on the Safe Routes to School projects, and whether they provided for multimodal facilities or for pedestrian only. Additionally, a member noted that this was a great way for members to make comments on individual projects. Also highlighted was how much safer a member feels, riding his bike on a shared pathway as opposed to bike lanes alongside 45mph traffic and also questions on why more roundabouts were not planned. Also raised was the impact of new developments on widening roadways in more rural areas when there are vacant commercial properties in more urban settings that could be transformed into residential properties.

It was confirmed that roundabouts can be found detailed in some of the plans and a member commented on the statistics that show a roundabout is much safer than signalized intersections.

C. Vision Zero Update

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented, beginning with an overview of what the draft Regional Vision Zero Safety Action Plan will contain. He noted that the layout will be consistent for the regional, county and municipal plans. He stated it will begin with an executive summary detailing the overview of the plan and continued to share the sequence and detail of each chapter. Along with the Vision Zero Plan, Mr. Wilson advised there will be a Technical Appendix, containing for example, the data, policies and other resources.

Mr. Wilson noted that MetroPlan Orlando were also applying for another Supplemental Planning Grant, as they have identified more needs required to add to the project. He stated that the draft plan will be ready for review by all committees and the Board, with feedback required by August 9th. He anticipates the plan will be ready for adoption at the September 11 board meeting.

A member asked if a minimum design criteria for roads will be established going forward. Free flow rights were highlighted by one member as being dangerous for pedestrians and noted frustration with it potentially taking 26 years to reach zero traffic fatalities.

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** –The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- B. **Highlights from May 8, 2024, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting** – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting.
- C. **Air Quality Report** – The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- D. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Report** – A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region was enclosed.
- E. **LYNX Press Releases** – Two press releases from LYNX were included.
- F. **2050 MTP Status Update** – Information was provided to illustrate ongoing work related to the 2050 MTP.
- G. **Safety Speaker Series** – An informational flyer for the MetroPlan Orlando Safety Speaker Series, part of Vision Zero.
- H. **NHTSA Finalizes Key Safety Rule to Reduce Crashes and Save Lives** – The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has finalized a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard that will make automatic emergency braking (AEB), including pedestrian AEB, standard on all passenger cars and light trucks by September 2029. For more

information, visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/nhtsa-fmvss-127-automatic-emergency-braking-reduce-crashes>.

- I. **Planning Academy 101** – Orlando Metro Section of the Florida APA is hosting Planning Academy 101 to show the basics of the planning field on June 7th, 2024. A flyer was provided for more information on registration and the event.

XI. 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. Vision Zero Speaker Series: From the Perspective of Those Left Behind (*Held Virtually*) – June 4, 2024
- B. MetroPlan Orlando Board – June 12, 2024
- C. 2050 MTP Technical Workshop (*Held Virtually*) – June 13, 2024
- D. TIP Public Meeting (*Held Virtually*) – June 18, 2024
- E. **Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – June 26, 2024**
Future meetings in 2024; 8/28; 10/23; and 12/4)

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

A member expressed interest in the Planning Academy 101, which is being held by the American Planning Association and was guided to the flyer on how to register. Another member voiced their desire for transportation to learn from the mistakes made in the past and other members shared their appreciation towards all at MetroPlan Orlando.

In addition, a member raised the increased number of flights Orlando International Airport is introducing, the increase in capacity on Brightline and asked if someone from the airport could present to share their long-term plans to accommodate extra vehicles expected at the airport as a result.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.37 a.m.

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

Approved this 26th day of June 2024.



Dr. Dan Stephens, Chairman



Ms. Rachel Frederick,
Board Services Coordinator

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