



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, August 28, 2024
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801
TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Vice Chair Nilisa Council presided.

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County
Mr. Benjamin Bossley, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joseph Caesar, Orange County Appointee
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Nilisa Council, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Sanford
Ms. Janette Frevola, Orange County Appointee
Mr. Victor Gonzalez Galeano, Orange County Appointee
Ms. Ashley Guss, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Judy Pizzo, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Bericia Rogers, MetroPlan Orlando Appointee
Ms. Caroline Roskey, MetroPlan Orlando Appointee
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Chris Willenbring, Seminole County

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Mark Bolton, MetroPlan Appointee (Non-voting)
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Misty Heath, City of Orlando
Mr. Daniel J. López, Osceola County
Mr. Hector Lozada, MetroPlan Appointee (Non-voting)
Mr. Vincent Pereira, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Dr. Casmere Shaw, Osceola County
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, MetroPlan Orlando Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT
Mr. Siaosi 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
Ms. Lara Bouck, 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 9:34 a.m. The Chair 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. Tom O'Hanlon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Stephens detailed public comment procedures. At the July 10 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting, Chair Stephens informed the Board of the Committees' support for the Transportation Improvement Program and Prioritized Project List and also let the Board know we are looking forward to more in-depth discussions on safety, especially pertaining to the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Mary Ann Horne welcomed members in the room and members of the public attending online. She stated that currently 16 members are needed in the room to conduct votes and reminded members the importance to RSVP to meeting invites.

Ms. Horne highlighted key dates for people's calendars as follows:

- FDOT's Mobility Week – October 25 thru November 2 to include:
 - Bike 5 Cities - October 26

- The Blind Experience - October 30

She also highlighted the opening of the new DeLand SunRail station and informed members they can take the VoTran or the new DeLand Circulator to go from the SunRail station to downtown DeLand.

Also shared was World Car Free Day on September 22nd and a Week Without Driving taking place on September 30 to October 6. Ms. Horne also drew attention to the 2050 MTP Status Update included in the agenda packet and the survey request regarding Prioritization Goal Area Weighting Survey.

Ms. Horne noted the virtual CAC Workshop that will take place on September 18 at 9.30 a.m. where staff will present on the 2050 MTP, and take questions and feedback from the CAC members. Zoom panelist links will be sent out soon.

In conclusion, Ms. Horne noted that at the next CAC meeting on October 23, volunteers for a subcommittee to select the 2025 CAC Leadership will be requested. She added that anyone considering volunteering for leadership or for the subcommittee can reach out to Ms. Horne at any time.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the Safety Moment, 'Stop on Red Month' for August. Statistics shared as averages for 2018 thru 2022 were 170 KSI crashes per year, 21 Fatal Crashes per year with 42% involving drivers aged 15 to 29 and 45% involving distracted driving. Mr. Wilson offered some engineering approaches to improve numbers stopping on red, and reducing KSI incidents including improving signal timing, automated enforcement and replacing signals with roundabouts. He also noted behavioral changes that can improve the statistics.

Committee members commented on roundabouts in Florida, the positive impact they can have and if there is a set percentage target from FDOT to change existing interchanges to roundabouts.

V. AGENCY REPORTS - FDOT

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT, presented information regarding the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan and dates of workshops which will be forwarded by email after the meeting. She also shared that FDOT district 5 recently won 2 awards issued by the American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) at America's Transportation Awards. One was Wekiva Parkway Section 7A and the other, Orange Blossom Trail Pedestrian Safety Improvements.

Comments from the committee included, who would be responsible for maintenance of the median barriers in the Orange Blossom Trail section. Also, a member highlighted the addition of roundabouts in the City of Oviedo, and also what was learned from the study on Orange Blossom Trail and can be used on other projects going forward. Requested from a member was a copy of the plans for the extension of Sand Lake Road to Haines City 27.

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: June 26, 2024

Approval of the meeting minutes for June 26, 2024, was requested.

MOTION: Ms. Nilisa Council moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 26, 2024. Mr. RJ Mueller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2025 – 2029 TIP

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented four TIP amendments as below:

- FM #446163-1: Central Casselberry Connectivity Improvement from Hibiscus Rd to Marigold Rd – increases local funds for construction in FY 2025

And new projects as follows:

- FM #454947-1: Orange-CFRTA/LYNX Bus Shelter Refacing & Bus Shelter Solar Technology
- FM #454971-1: Orange-CFRTA/LYNX Central Station Bus Terminal Retrofit
- FM #454971-2: Orange-CFRTA/LYNX Pull-outs and Safety Enhancements

Mr. Jason Sartorio requested the approval of the amended TIP as presented.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to recommend approval of the amended TIP as presented, Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. FY 2025 – 2029 TIP Roll-Forward Amendment

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented the Roll-Forward Amendment for projects which had funding in FY 2024, but the funds were not committed by the end of the fiscal year and so roll forward to fiscal year 2025. The TIP needs to be amended to reflect FDOT's work program, and this is a routine procedure that happens each year.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to approve the Roll-Forward amendment as presented with Ms. Nilisa Council seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Regional Vision Zero Action Plan

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented, asking for the adoption of the Regional Vision Zero Action Plan. He began by detailing how feedback on the draft report was collected, including the survey results, and then shared some examples of the comments received. Mr. Wilson then noted the substantive changes made to the final version, which included a 'What's Next' section, identified the maintaining agency for the top 30 corridors & intersections, and added additional details to the Road Safety Audit Action Plan.

Mr. Wilson noted the Resolution the Committee was being asked to recommend approval of, includes the target of zero fatalities by 2050, the continuation of the Vision Zero Task Force, commitment to annual monitoring, continuing to focus on transportation for underserved communities, reframing KSI as preventable and acknowledging that the Regional Vision Zero Action Plan is an overarching plan with support for county and local VZAP implementation.

Committee members' comments included what mass transit improvements were planned. Also asked was how the plan could be used to inform land use decisions which impact safety, the members who make up the task force and what organizations and outside entities they represent. A member noted that Kissimmee recently started a program called 'Onward Kissimmee' [About | Onward Kissimmee](#) looking at land use development and transportation, and it was confirmed that Ms. Taylor Laurent – MetroPlan Orlando serves on that steering committee. An added comment was that the year 2050 was too far out and we should aim for 2040 for zero fatalities. Finally, a member commended Mr. Wilson and everyone that worked on the plan.

MOTION: Mr. David Sibila moved to recommend approval of the Regional Vision Zero Action Plan, Ms. Judy Pizzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. 2024 Public Opinion Survey Results

Dr. Sara Strickhouser of Summit Research presented the results of the 2024 Regional Transportation Survey. Dr. Strickhouser began by detailing how the survey was conducted to reflect the 3 county area demographics and also shared the new Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards for Race & Ethnicity as respondents can now select all that apply and also includes a category of Middle Eastern or North African. In total she confirmed 3,234 people had responded.

Dr. Strickhouser highlighted some transportation safety concerns with 94% agreeing that planners should prioritize pedestrian friendly communities and 32% do not believe they live in a pedestrian-friendly community. She continued sharing the statistics, focusing on risky driver behavior, i.e. 1 in 3 drive 10mph or more over the speed limit, 1 in 4 say they think it is ok to speed when the roads are clear and 1 in 10 say it is ok to text and drive. Looking at driverless technology Dr. Strickhouser highlighted some comments received as reasons for wanting to

drive in driverless vehicles, and also reasons why they are not interested in wanting to drive in driverless vehicles.

Responses to the question of what people understand to be transportation equity were displayed in a word cloud, followed by the top transportation challenges for pedestrians and cyclists and those travelling by LYNX bus and SunRail. Dr. Strickhouser noted that 25% of respondents had skipped or missed a doctor's appointment in the past year as they did not have reliable transportation and most affected are Lynx riders, Osceola residents and those who identify as Asian and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. She highlighted the responses received of what people desire in public transportation and that 34% would consider taking a bus or train if parking fees were significantly increased.

Dr. Sara Strickhouser thanked those partners who helped in getting the survey out and concluded with comments from the committee members.

A member applauded Dr. Strickhouser for stating that transportation is a social determinant of health, and were also interested in the 6% who voted against planners prioritizing pedestrian friendly communities.

Members discussed those self-identified distracted and speeding drivers, how 10 miles over the speed limit is the 'generally accepted rule' by most drivers and there should be zero tolerance by law enforcement to contribute to the success of Vision Zero. Also discussed was the methodology in attaining the 3,000 survey responses and the work done to ensure they were truly representative of the community demographic in the region. A member highlighted how much safer self-driving cars are and their role in getting to Vision Zero. In addition, the comment of using 'CarPlay' where speech to text, speech to email, speech to call is used was made.

Suggestions from the committee included whether the survey could be given at places such as the DMV/Tax Collectors offices, so every time someone renews their license, they also are required to complete the questionnaire. Ms. Mary Ann Horne shared the variety of locations and online places where the surveys were targeted to truly represent the community. Also discussed was planning policy which influences health care locations and their convenience or not for the community.

Ms. Mary Ann Horne stated that the full survey results will be on the MetroPlan Orlando website soon so members will be able to read the entirety of the report.

B. EV Readiness Study

Mr. Eric Hill presented first outlining the tasks covered. Mr. Hill detailed the types of charging currently available and noted the various plans that have been carried out or are currently in process by FDOT and/or local government in reference to electric vehicle readiness. He shared a map which highlighted the locations and investment in charging stations with many located in affluent communities, and also noted the increase in numbers of EV ownership over recent years.

Mr. Hill highlighted Florida Statute 336.94 and Senate Bill 1084 which creates consistency across the state. He continued to share details of the workshops, and noted the key findings of the first workshop attended by local energy providers, held on June 20. While attendees were in agreement that MetroPlan Orlando could assist in applying for a grant, it was thought

at this stage it was too early to even know what to focus on and more information was needed to establish that after the conclusion of the planned workshops.

A member commented on their enthusiasm for this study, being an EV driver, and encountering challenges when trying to find working charging stations and at times, apps providing incorrect information.

A discussion ensued about the different charging facilities and software to be made available to a wider variety of vehicles. Also discussed was the role of LYNX in this study and what involvement they have and also the grant opportunity Osceola are pursuing.

A member voiced hesitancy in purchasing an electric vehicle at this time and noted reasons for their reluctance. Mr. Hill highlighted the current challenges and the evolution that is needed. Raised also, was the impact of hurricanes and extreme weather on the reliability of EVs and charging stations. Another comment questioned whether there are incentives to move to electric vehicles, including electric bikes and also the impact of incentivizing car rental companies to use more EVs, which needs to go in tandem with the education of rental staff and rental drivers.

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 July 10, 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 Release** – One press release from LYNX was included.
- F. **PD&E Tracking Status Report** – A report providing the latest status of the PD&E studies currently underway in the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- G. **2050 MTP Status Update** – Information is provided outlining the most recent updates and progress on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- H. **TIP Modification Letter** – Two letters explaining modifications to the FY 2024/25 – 2028/29 TIP were included.
- J. **Crane Rides Facility Tour** – A tour of the managing facility for the Altamonte Springs autonomous vehicle program, Crane Rides, is planned. Date TBD.

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. MetroPlan Orlando Board – September 11, 2024
- B. CAC Workshop (*Held Virtually*) – September 18, 2024
- C. LYNX Board (*at LYNX Central Station*) – September 26, 2024
- D. SunRail/CFCRC Board (*at LYNX Central Station*) – September 26, 2024
- E. **Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – October 23, 2024**
Final Meeting of the year; December 4
- F. TDLCB Public Meeting – November 14, 2024

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Piggrem requested someone from GOAA present their long-range transportation plans, and in response Ms. Mary Ann Horne advised a representative from GOAA may be presenting in the near future.

Ms. Venise White shared details of 5K run at the Sanford airport on September 21. More information can be found here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Sanford/BeHealthy5KKidsRun>

Mr. Joseph Caesar commented on the school bus shortages that are being experienced in the region and was eager for a discussion to resolve this.

Mr. Nadeem Battla commented on an offsite rental car center planned for the airport that will free up thousands of parking spaces in the existing parking garages.

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. She also requested 24/7 service on SunRail and would like a universal travel I.D for both Lynx and SunRail.


XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.44 a.m.

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

Approved this 4th day of December 2024.


Ms. Rachel Frederick,
Board Services Coordinator


Dr. Dan Stephens, Chairman
Nilisa Council on behalf of

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