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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 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. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Nilisa Council, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Sanford
Ms. Janette Frevola, Orange County Appointee
Ms. Misty Heath, City of Orlando
Mr. Daniel J. López, Osceola County
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. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. David Sibila, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT
Ms. Melissa McKinney, FDOT
Ms. Jenna Mousseau, Bike/Walk Central Florida
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando

Members not in attendance were:

Mr. Nadeem Battla, Osceola County
Mr. Mark Bolton, MetroPlan Appointee
(Non-voting)
Mr. Jeffrey Boebinger, City of Altamonte
Springs
Mr. Joseph Caesar, Orange County Appointee
Mr. Bryant Coleman, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Joel Davis, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Victor Gonzalez Galeano, Orange County
Appointee
Ms. Ashley Guss, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Vincent Pereira, MetroPlan Appointee
Dr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Chris Willenbring, Seminole County
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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
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Sarah Larsen, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Adrianna Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, 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. 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

Vice Chair Council detailed public comment procedures.

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.

Ms. Horne thanked members for their contributions this year and in the new year MetroPlan Orlando will be recruiting for new members for the vacant committee seats. She recognized and appreciated Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County, who had decided to step down from the committee after 28 years of service. Mr. Pieters commended members for spending their time on the committee and the important work it carries out.

Ms. Horne noted changes to the agenda: item VIII-F with Mr. Jason Sartorio explaining a change in the TIP amendment during his presentation and Ms. Jenna Mousseau being the presenter for Best Foot Forward.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the Safety Moment, with December being Older Driver Safety Awareness Week. He shared statistics of fatalities and KSI crashes that involved drivers over 65 years of age

and reasons for the numbers in relation to those drivers under 65 years of age. He recommended [Safe Mobility For Life](#), a website from the state of Florida that is a resource for older drivers and transport users. Mr. Wilson also noted that the increase in autonomous vehicles will help address some of the concerns of aging drivers. He followed with an update on Vision Zero and detailed the recent grants awarded to MetroPlan Orlando, Orange County, Sanford Airport, UCF, and Casselberry.

V. AGENCY REPORTS - FDOT

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT, shared details on how to access the tentative five-year work program. She noted that public comments were being invited until December 20, 2024. Ms. Beckmann gave some final hurricane clear-up updates, some road closures and events that FDOT will be participating in.

Discussions ensued regarding the Moving Florida Forward I-4 Express lanes that are being added.

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

Items A through D are from the CAC meeting on October 23, 2024, when a quorum was not present.

A. Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes: August 28, 2024

Approval of the meeting minutes for August 28, 2024, was requested.

MOTION: Ms. Judy Pizzo moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 28, 2024. Mr. David Sibilia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2025 - 2029 TIP

At the October meeting, Mr. Jason Sartorio presented on the FY 2024/25 - FY 2028/29 TIP amendments to include the following item(s):

- FM #447602-1: Buenaventura Blvd. Traffic Signals from Florida Pkwy. To E. Osceola Pkwy.
- GOAA-PFL0014938: MCO Multimodal Connections Program - GOAA is pursuing a federal TIFIA loan for \$2,180,000,000 (loan and match). Project included in TIP proactively for purposes of planning consistency. Inclusion in TIP and STIP required prior to awarding credit assistance.

MOTION: Mr. Daniel Lopez moved to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Mr. Jeffry Campbell seconded the motion. Discussions ensued regarding GOAA-PFL0014938: MCO Multimodal Connections Program. A roll call vote followed with 10 members against the amendment and 5 in favor.

C. Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan

A request to recommend approval of an update to Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan.

MOTION: Mr. David Sibilila moved to approve the updates to the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan. Ms. Judy Pizzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Draft CY 2025 MetroPlan Orlando Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

A request to recommend approval of the draft 2025 MetroPlan Orlando Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved to approve the meeting schedule as presented. Ms. Sarah Elbadri seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

This completes the items that were held over from the October meeting, and the new business now commenced.

E. Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes: October 23, 2024

Approval of the meeting minutes for October 23, 2024, was requested.

MOTION: Ms. Theresa Mott moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 23, 2024. Mr. Jeffrey Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

F. Approval of Amendments to FY 2024/25 - 2028/29 TIP

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented amendments to the FY 2024/25 - 2028/29 TIP including the following item(s):

- FM #447104-1: Resurfacing Project
- FM #454928-1: Transit Emissions Grant for LYNX
- FM #456083-1: PROTECT Grant for Orange County
- FM #456094-1: PROTECT Grant for Osceola County
- FM #201210-8: I-4 from east of US 27 to west of SR 429. Add lanes/capacity
- FM #431456-6: I-4 from west of SR 429 to east of World Drive. Add lanes/capacity

Mr. Sartorio recommend approval of the amendments to the FY 2024/25 – FY 2028/29 TIP, as presented; excluding FM #447104-1 which is undergoing further review by MPO staff.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O’Hanlon recommended approval of the amendments to the FY 2024/25 – FY 2028/29 TIP, as presented; excluding FM #447104-1 FY, 2024. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

G. Amendments to the 2045 MTP

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented amendments to the 2045 MTP and shared the proposed revisions which have no impact to existing cost feasibility.

A discussion ensued regarding developer responsibilities, what they fund and what the local government agencies fund. Mr. Alex Trauger shared that local government agencies are reviewing alternatives to traffic impact fees.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O’Hanlon recommended approval of the amendments to the 2045 MTP as presented. Mr. David Sibila seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

G. Election of CAC Officers for 2025

The CAC Officer Selection Subcommittee met prior to the CAC meeting to discuss and recommend the slate of officers for calendar year 2025. Ms. Maria Salas reported the names of the Nominating Committee members and presented their recommendation of Dr. Dan Stephens as Chair and Ms. Nilisa Council as Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O’Hanlon moved approval to accept the slate of officers: Dr. Dan Stephens as Chair and Ms. Nilisa Council as Vice Chair as presented by the Selection Committee. Ms. Judy Pizzo seconded the motion, which passed 8 in favor; 7 opposed. (Roll Call conducted)

NOTE: The initial motion passed unanimously with a voice vote, however during discussion which resulted following the question being posed by Ms. Mott, alternative motions were made. In response to a question posed by Ms. Mott, Ms. Salas reported that Ms. Judy Pizzo and Mr. Daniel Lopez had notified Ms. Horne of their interest in serving as Vice Chair prior to the Nominating Committee meeting. Ms. Salas reported that the Nominating Committee had received the names, and consideration was given by the Nominating Committee, however their recommendation was to keep the current officers who were both eligible to serve another year. Nominations were then received from the floor with Dr. Dan Stephens being nominated for Chair, and Ms. Judy Pizzo also being nominated for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Mr. Jeffrey Campbell moved approval of Dr. Dan Stephens as the Chairman for 2025. Ms. Theo Webster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Clarification was provided by staff that the original motion needed to be acted upon. After roll call, the motion to approve the slate of officers passed with eight in favor and seven opposed.

Discussion ensued regarding the Officer selection process in the future.

IX. PRESENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS

A. Status Update: 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented an update sharing recent activities including outreach events and working with the Central Florida Regional Planning Model team at FDOT. She stated that the needs assessments meetings with local jurisdictions and FDOT had been completed over the last six months. The final needs list review is in the final comment process.

Ms. Laurent stated the next steps are to finalize the prioritization process and detailed how that process was being completed. She highlighted where we were on the 2050 MTP timeline and previewed the first activity of 2025 which is Infrastructure Investment Scenario Planning.

Discussions ensued regarding self-driving vehicles and identifying corridors of opportunity that will bring not just transportation benefits, but also other benefits to communities, such as health improvements.

B. Status Update on EV Readiness Study

Mr. Eric Hill presented on the recent workshops held for the EV Readiness Study. He outlined the key findings of the Utility Workshop, the Policy Workshop which included reviewing the current EV policies for the state; Florida Statute 336.94 and Senate Bill 1084, and the Charging Infrastructure Siting Workshop. Mr. Hill shared a map which highlighted the gaps in locations of charging sites. He shared an EV Charging Site Selection Tool that Kittleson had developed and is available for jurisdictions to use. He also detailed the grant applications and funding opportunities available, as well as the financing models.

Mr. Hill shared the commitments from automakers with regard to electric vehicles and highlighted a graph and survey predicting future demand for EVs. He stated the final report will be available early next year.

Discussions ensued regarding the challenges in retroactively fitting older multi-home properties with charging points, adding EV chargers to gas stations, rebates from utility companies and other perceived EV challenges.

C. Presentation from Best Foot Forward (FY24 Annual Report)

Ms. Jenna Mousseau, Outreach Coordinator for Best Foot Forward, presented on the program overview for 2024. She shared the crosswalks that were monitored, and those whose driver yield rate increased after enforcement and/or engineering interventions, at various locations in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties.

Ms. Mousseau shared the outreach events and education that had taken place through the year, with more than 350 participants taking part in the annual Bike Walk Central Florida: Bike 5. In addition, she highlighted the events they attended to educate school children on bike safety and fit helmets.

She listed other activities including the Healthy West Orange Trails Connections, working with Seminole county to create trail maps, completed the Oakland Sidewalks Study and will be developing and launching an interactive trails map for the Signature Trails network.

Members discussed education for children and their parents, particularly about electric scooters and bikes. A member inquired about a Dr. Philips corridor that had a recent speed limit reduction and speed monitoring signs, however then reverted to the higher original speed. Discussions followed about engineers' influence in such circumstances and a member asked about recent crosswalks being painted green and white.

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** – The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- B. **Air Quality Report** – The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- C. **LYNX Press Releases** – A press release from LYNX had been included.
- D. **2050 MTP Status Update** – Information was provided outlining the most recent updates and progress on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- E. **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 for information purposes.
- F. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Report** – A report on bicycle and pedestrian projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region was enclosed for information purposes.
- G. **Best Foot Forward FY 2024 Annual Report** – Full report on the Best Foot Forward pedestrian safety initiative can be viewed at: [24.11.22-MetroPlan-FY-23-24-BFF-Annual-Report.pdf](#)

- H. **2023/24 BEBR Population Comparison** – The University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) has published annual population estimates for 2023. A comparison of estimates from 2023 to 2024 was enclosed.

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. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – January 22 , 2025
- B. TSM&O Advisory Committee – December 6, 2024
- C. Technical Advisory Committee – December 6, 2024
- D. Municipal Advisory Committee – December 5, 2024
- E. MetroPlan Orlando Board – December 11, 2024
- F. 2050 MTP Technical Workshop #6 – December 12, 2024
- G. LYNX Board (at LYNX Central Station) – December 12, 2024
- H. SunRail / CFRC Board (at LYNX Central Station) – December 12, 2024 - noted as cancelled
- I. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board – February 13, 2025

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Janette Frevola noted a typo on the TDLCB Meeting date with 2024 being typed in error as opposed to 2025.

Ms. Theresa Mott queried the agenda sent out and asked if the Best Foot Forward report had been included. It was stated that the link had been provided on the agenda to the 251 page full report and can also be accessed here: [24.11.22-MetroPlan-FY-23-24-BFF-Annual-Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarah Elbadri expressed gratitude to Mr. Brindley Pieters for his service of 28 years on the committee.

Ms. Venise White apologized for her delay to the meeting and thanked the other members for completing the process of selecting the Officers for 2025.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Courtney Reynolds, a Seminole County resident and president of the Board of Directors at the Florida Bicycle Association, invited members to join the Hands-Free Florida Coalition in support of Hands-Free Florida Legislation in 2025 to make roads safe for all travelers. They are calling for it to be illegal to hold your phone while driving.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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

Approved this 22nd day of January 2025.



Dr. Dan Stephens, Chairman



Ms. Rachel Frederick,
Board Services Coordinator

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