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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, December 1, 2023
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

Chairman Bill Wharton, Presiding

Members Present:

Mr. Prince Bates, City of Sanford
Mr. Martin Butcher for Dr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Christopher Carson, City of Lake Mary
Mr. Humberto Castellero, Orange County
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Mr. Dana Chester, CFX
Ms. Ashley Cornelison, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Jacques Coulon, City of Orlando
Mr. Cameron Crandell, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Joshua DeVries, Osceola County
Mr. Bruce Doig, City of Altamonte Springs
Ms. Alyssa Eide, City of Maitland
Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando
Mr. Nicholas Hartley, Osceola County
Mr. Jean Jreij, Seminole County
Mr. Ramy Kamal, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Steven Kane, Osceola County
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Mr. Hong Lim, City of Winter Park
Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Mr. Mike Parker, Town of Oakland
Ms. Lee Pulham, Central Florida Tourism Oversight District
Ms. Pam Richmond, City of Apopka
Mr. Doug Robinson, Seminole County
Mr. Nick Tafelsky for Ms. Terrilyn Rolle, City of Winter Springs

Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport
Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood
Mr. Ken Storey, ECFRPC
Mr. Matt Suedemeyer, Orange County
Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County
Ms. Amy Martello for Mr. Jon Williams, City of Winter Garden
Mr. Paul Yeargain, City of Oviedo

Members Absent:

Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford
Ms. Tonya Elliot Moore, Windermere
Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA
Cmsr. Ed Gold, City of Belle Isle
Mr. Glen Hammer, Osceola County Public Schools
Mr. Michael Rigby, Seminole County Public Schools
Mr. Steven Thorp, Orange County Public Schools

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5
Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT District 5
Mr. Craig Johnson, FDOT District 5
Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE
Ms. Emily Bush (née Hanna), BWCF
Mr. Mike Woodward, Kimley-Horn
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Wharton called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Wharton noted the importance of an in-person quorum and RSVPing for the meetings. He reviewed the public comment procedures.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Slade Downs highlighted the times and locations of the Sunshine Corridor TCAR Public Meetings. He also shared the good news of team member Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga with her new baby.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented this month's Safety Moment which focused on Winter Holiday crash risks. Darkness is a significant factor in crashes in January and December, while other common factors such as aggressive driving, speeding, alcohol & drugs are statistically lower during these times. Bicyclists are especially vulnerable and suffer a significant increase in fatal crashes in these winter months, compared to other times of year. Mr. Wilson concluded by stating that motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians can all adjust their behavior to reduce winter holiday crash risk.

IV. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Rachel Frederick conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

V. COMMON PRESENTATIONS/STATUS REPORTS

A. Regional Vision Zero Action Plan Status update

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, started by sharing the video – 'Vision Zero Central Florida – Counting Down to Zero Traffic Deaths' He continued with a demonstration of the Vision Zero Central Florida hub site and the data it holds. He also highlighted how a hub site user could input their own safety concerns to include photos and the location.

He noted that the High Injury Network of the region's most dangerous roads has been identified, and a document containing that information will be emailed out to all members in the coming weeks. Mr. Wilson also shared a variety of statistics gathered from all the data including: 41% of Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) occur on 2% of our roadways.

Mr. Wilson shared some of the Public Engagement efforts being planned to include an FDOT Safety Summit, Elected Officials Guide and Local Agency Events. He stated that a countermeasure guide is in the works and also a benchmarking process has been undertaken at MetroPlan Orlando, to see if any current plans or policies now need amendments to support the Vision Zero goals. He continued to inform of the next steps including developing the Vision Zero Resolutions and the date of the next Vision Zero Task Force meeting being January 16th, 2024. (The meeting has subsequently been moved to February.)

Questions included how the Vision Zero Action Plan will flow into the MTP. A Committee member also commended the work completed so far and humanizing the statistics, which helps engineers. They also stressed the need to engage elected officials to be personally involved in developing policy and the importance of targeted speed in the selection of counter measures. Additionally broached was the strategy of who maintains what, as corridors will run over geographical boundaries and the necessity of interlocal agreements.

Another point raised was the funding opportunity for some of the smaller improvements that could be implemented.

B. Urban Area Boundary Smoothing Process

Mr. Alex Trauger highlighted the changes MPOs must consider, following the Census every ten years. Mr. Trauger presented the Census Urban Area boundary smoothing process for the Orlando and Kissimmee area. He explained the approach taken in adjusting the boundary and the process to this point. Mr. Trauger clarified the relationship between the Urban Area Boundary and federal funding. He had also worked closely with many local agencies, meeting to discuss and listening to feedback. He shared the next steps in the process, to include a future meeting with FDOT before requesting Committee and Board approval of the Urban Area Boundary in January/February 2024.

C Electric Vehicles Readiness Study

Mr. Eric Hill presented. He stated that although there are no requirements by FHWA or other MPOs to be involved in Electric Vehicles, as MetroPlan Orlando do administrate funds in this area, then it behooves us to have a role in developing an infrastructure that can support this transition in transportation.

Mr. Hill outlined the Metroplan Orlando Electric Vehicles Readiness Study which began in recent weeks and will be continued over a twelve-month period. He expressed the main objectives for the study and the scope of work, to include topic specific workshops, electric vehicle supply and equipment assessments – how does it impact the roads and the environment, current charging infrastructure analysis and condition of, public outreach and a framework for future planning and monitoring.

Discussions from the committee included that Osceola County, who are currently carrying out their own Electric Vehicle Readiness study, are finding the cost of funding for charging stations a barrier to entry. In addition, the question of freight being electrified, private companies are also looking to adopt the use of electric vehicles including drones for delivery, and the need to monitor the impact on communities and environment. Also, the challenge of charging vehicles in multi occupancy housing units, such as apartment blocks. Another question raised was if multimodal transportation, e.g. ebikes, transit, scooters will be included in the study and the consideration for charging facilities to be for multiple modes of transportation.

Mr. Myles O'Keefe shared an overview of the current status and future considerations for Lynx fleet of vehicles and electric charging/refueling facilities.

Another Committee member raised the issue of non-standardization across electric vehicle charging facilities, what will become the default standard going forward and how vital the study is for government and private companies.

D 2050 MTP – Preview of Planned Activities and Schedule

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented the preview of the Planned Activities and Schedule of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Ms. Laurent reminded the committee of the 3 core planning products of MetroPlan Orlando and the key federal requirements. She highlighted the planning emphasis areas of the MTP, which includes Intercity Travel and safety elements. Ms. Laurent continued to highlight the Tasks and Activities that will be undertaken and also the Engagement and Feedback that will be included. She stated that MTP Technical Workshops will be held from February 2024 through October 2025, and shared the anticipated schedule with the final MTP being adopted in December of 2025.

A committee member asked a question regarding Stormwater Mitigation in the planning emphasis area of the MTP.

E Best Foot Forward Annual Report

Ms. Emily Bush (née Hanna), Bike/Walk Central Florida Executive Director, presented the Best Foot Forward Annual Report. She shared tracking progress of the program over the past twelve years, to highlight statistics of citations, enforcements, crosswalks monitored, and presentations & events hosted. Ms. Bush detailed the Annual Best Foot Forward Regional Summit held in Spring of 2023 and various stakeholder meetings.

Ms. Bush continued to share details of individual enforcement operations at many locations and the positive impact on driver yield rates. She also presented the effect of engineering changes on crosswalks, for example - adding center stripes, a stop bar, yield markings on the road etc. Mostly low-cost adjustments with significant improvements in yield rates. She concluded by sharing details of some of Bike/Walk partnerships such as the Apopka Active Transportation Network Study, Healthy West Orange Trails Connection and Bike 5 Cities event.

Ms. Bush confirmed, with funding from FDOT, they have now expanded operations into Volusia County and are also working to expand into Brevard and Marion County by early 2024.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. October 27th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes for the October 27th, 2023, TAC meeting is requested.

MOTION: Ramon Senorans moved to approve the TAC October 27, 2023, minutes. Brian Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Election of 2024 Officers

Action is requested to elect the Officer Selection and Bylaws Review Subcommittee's nominations for 2024 TAC Chair and Vice Chair.

Chairman Mr. Bill Wharton – as representative of the Subcommittee (Mr. Bill Wharton - Seminole, Mr. Jaques Coulon - Orange and Mr. Nick Hartley - Osceola) shared their recommendation of Joshua DeVries, Osceola County, as TAC Chairman and Hong Lim, City of Winter Park, as Vice Chair for 2024.

No other nominations for the Chair were put forward by the committee when asked.

MOTION: Ramon Senorans moved to approve the appointment of Joshua DeVries as Chair for 2024. Steve Kane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No other nominations for the Vice Chair were put forward by the committee when asked.

MOTION: Joshua DeVries moved to approve the appointment of Hong Lim as Vice Chair for 2024. Myles O'Keefe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Update to TAC Bylaws

Adoption of the updated TAC Bylaws is requested by the Officer Selection and Bylaws Review Subcommittee.

MOTION: Shad Smith moved to approve the updated TAC Bylaws. Ramon Senorans seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Revisions to the 2045 MTP

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented the revisions pertaining to Transportation Improvement Program Roll Forward Projects and local requests.

MOTION: Nicholas Hartley moved to approve the revisions pertaining to Transportation Improvement Program Roll Forward Projects and local requests as presented. Myles O'Keefe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar

Approval of the 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar is requested. The Calendar was included in Tab 5 for reference.

MOTION: Steve Kane moved to approve the 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar, Ramon Senorans seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. TAC-ONLY PRESENTATIONS

There were no TAC-only Presentations.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** –The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed for information purposes.
- B. **Highlights from November 13, 2023, 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 for information purposes.
- D. **LYNX Press Releases** – Two press releases from LYNX were included for informational purposes.
- E. **2022/23 Federally Obligated Funds Report Letter** – Letters to the FHWA, FTA, and FAA summarizing the 2022/23 Federally Obligated Funds were enclosed for information purposes. The full report was also enclosed.
- F. **2022/23 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 2022 to 2023 was enclosed for information purposes.

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 [MetroPlan Orlando Calendar](#)

- A. Community Advisory Committee (CAC), December 6, 2023
- B. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC), December 7, 2023
- C. MetroPlan Orlando Board, December 13, 2023
- D. Community Advisory Committee (CAC), January 24, 2024
- E. **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), January 26, 2024**
- F. Transportation Systems, Management, & Operations Committee (TSM&O), January 26, 2024
- G. MetroPlan Orlando / FDOT Safety Summit, January 31, 2024

H. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB), February 15, 2024

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Mr. Bill Wharton shared his appreciation for being the Chair for the past 12 months and wished everyone a happy holiday. Mr. Joshua DeVries thanked Chair Wharton for his service and the vote of confidence placed in him being the next Chair for the coming year.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bill Wharton adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11.45 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Rachel Frederick.

Approved this 26th day of January 2024

 on behalf of
Mr. Joshua DeVries, Chairman


Ms. Rachel Frederick, Board Services Coordinator

As required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, MetroPlan Orlando hereby notifies all interested parties that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by MetroPlan Orlando with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.