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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Friday, February 23, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

Chair Joshua DeVries, Presiding

Members Present:

Mr. Lenny Barden, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Prince Bates, City of Sanford
Ms. Kenna Henry for Dr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Michael Lopez for Mr. Christopher Carson, City of Lake Mary
Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford
Mr. Hazem El-Assar for Humberto Castellero, Orange County
Mr. Dana Chester, CFX
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Ms. Jenn Rhodes for Mr. Jacques Coulon, City of Orlando
Mr. Cameron Crandell, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Chris DeLoatche, GOAA
Mr. Joshua DeVries, Osceola County
Ms. Alyssa Eide, City of Maitland
Ms. Tonya Elliot Moore, Windermere (virtual)
Mr. Amer Hamza, City of Apopka
Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando
Mr. Nicholas Hartley, Osceola County
Mr. Jean Jreij, Seminole County
Mr. Ramy Kamal, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Gary Yeager for Mr. Steven Kane, Osceola County
Mr. Michael Rumer for Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Mr. Hong Lim, City of Winter Park
Ms. Patricia Whitton for Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Mr. Mike Parker, Town of Oakland
Mr. Phil Price, City of Belle Isle
Ms. Lee Pulham, Central Florida Tourism Oversight District

Ms. Tammy Reque, St. Cloud
Ms. Pam Richmond, City of Apopka
Mr. Doug Robinson, Seminole County
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:

Ms. Ashley Cornelison, City of Kissimmee
Vacant, Town of Eatonville
Vacant, City of Edgewood
Vacant, Sanford Airport Authority
Vacant, Orange County Public Schools
Vacant, Osceola County Public Schools
Vacant, Seminole County Public Schools

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5
Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT District 5
Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE
Mr. Jim Wood, Kimley-Horn
Mr. Ed Kestory, FDOT
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary-Ann Horne, 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

Chair Joshua DeVries called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair DeVries noted the importance of an in-person quorum and RSVPing for the meetings. He reviewed the public comment procedures. He also thanked members for his warm welcome as Chair and extended his appreciation to Vice-Chair Hong Lim who stood in for the Chair in the previous meeting.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Slade Downs announced a change in the running order, with the FDOT 3R Program (item V.F.) presented by Mr. Ed. Kestory now being the first presentation. He also stated there was a minor change to the FDOT Tip Amendment (item VII. B.), unrelated to the project funding, and confirmed that the updated version was included in the digital agenda packet and hard copies were available in the room.

Mr. Downs shared a new segment to TAC meetings, called 'Agency Updates', which will be part of the agenda review item and allows the committee to have a regular report from FDOT, and any other agencies who wish to speak. Mr. Downs advised any non-municipal partners wishing to provide updates during this slot to let him or Ms. Rachel Frederick know via email at least a week prior to the meeting.

Mr. Downs announced that COMTO (Conference on Minority Transportation Officials), had kicked off their annual Careers in Transportation for Youth internship program, which provides undergraduate and graduate minority students with an opportunity to gain professional and practical experience in the transportation industry. He stated they are looking for agencies to host transportation interns, so if you were already thinking of bringing on an intern, this program may save you some time in the selection process. More information was provided about the program in the General Information section of the agenda packets or Mr. Slade Downs or Mr. Eric Hill could be contacted directly.

Finally, Mr. Downs noted that members would be contacted soon about the Critical Sidewalk Bundles program which looks to identify critical gaps in the sidewalk network. When contacted, Mr. Downs will be requesting feedback on the segments and bundles identified, to ensure they still align with your local priorities.

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT District 5 liaison 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.

A committee member thanked Ms. Beckmann for the updated reports and commented on how much more useful they now are.

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 highlighted education is needed for bike users regarding 'go with the flow' and also asked if crash report information includes if the bicyclist involved was on a recreational journey or to a work location. Mr. Wilson also stated that bicyclists are permitted to use the sidewalk and when doing so have the same rights and duties as pedestrians and when using the roadways have the same rights and duties as drivers. Also stated was that under Florida law an electric bicycle can go wherever a bicycle can. A committee member shared a resource for further pike/ped law information. (<https://alerttodayflorida.com/Education/TipCards>).

IV. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

V. COMMON PRESENTATIONS/STATUS REPORTS

Please note the revised running order:

F. FDOT 3R Program

Mr. Ed Kestory, District Consultant Project Manager, FDOT District 5 presented on FY27 Maintenance Resurfacing Program. He noted that the designs begin in Financial Year 2025, which starts July 1, 2024. Mr. Kestory noted that several 'Community Vision Meetings' were held in April 2023 and the scoping cycle then started in July the same year. He stated that FDOT are statutorily required to keep 80% of the roadways at a certain acceptable level and this allocation formula is changed at times which impacts the number of lane miles they are obligated to resurface. The most recent adjustment resulted in FDOT line mile allocation increasing which is an additional impact on the overall program.

Mr. Kestory detailed the statutory requirement of Maintenance Resurfacing Projects, detailed how the funds are allocated and when there is opportunity to bring the project back up to the standard resurfacing project, by adding some items back in. He also identified other funding sources in order to bring some improvements back into some base resurfacing projects. He noted if a local agency is willing to partner, they can establish a 'Goes-with Project' alongside the base resurfacing project.

He concluded by sharing the contact details of Ms. Celine Bounds, PLEMO Scoping Manager celine.bounds@dot.state.fl.us, (836) 943-5399. He also thanked Ms. Laura Hardwick and Commissioner Ortiz for their support at a recent public meeting for Project 447090-1 SR 15

from Devonshire Lane to Lake Underhill Road, and their assistance in getting the project back on track.

A. MPO Planning Process for 2024

Mr. Alex Trauger presented, giving a preview of items that will be coming to the committee and its members throughout the year. Mr. Trauger listed ongoing plans and studies including the Active Transportation Plan, Transit Vision Plan, TSM&O Master Plan and EV Charging Readiness Study. Mr. Trauger noted the 2050 MTP which will be adopted in December 2025, and until then the 2045 MTP is the plan in place.

Mr. Trauger noted the core projects of MetroPlan Orlando - Prioritized Project List (PPL) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and updates to them will begin in the next quarter.

Shifting gears, Mr. Trauger shared the FHWA Final Rule, a new federal performance requirement which became effective January 8, 2024, under the Transportation Performance Measure Law. He stated that MPO's are required to set a declining target of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) associated with transportation. He noted that in addition to the target set by MetroPlan Orlando, as we share urbanized areas, then we must work with Lake Sumter MPO to develop a joint target. Mr. Trauger detailed the Federal GHG Metric and Measure with the declining target compared to the reference calendar year of 2022 with the first reporting year being 2026. He noted there are a few different calculating metrics that FHWA offer to calculate tail pipe emissions, his team will explore each of them and then share the method chosen and why. He also shared that 22 States, including Florida have filed against the Federal government claiming they have overstepped the bipartisan infrastructure law requirement on the carbon reduction program and as such all 22 States have had their deadline for reporting extended. In addition, he shared that all Planning Documents (e.g. MTP/LRTP & TIP) must include a GHG performance measure from 2026 plans onwards.

In response to a question from the committee, it was confirmed that all MPOs in Central Florida District 5 plus Polk County are included.

B. 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 31st, 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 from the committee included that cities were featuring high on the HIN (High Injury Network), not because of local road conditions but due to State roads. In addition, there was disappointment when 3R projects were downgraded to POP (pavement only). The Chair shared the dates and locations of Public Meetings that were happening in Osceola County and with the help of Kimley-Horn were making great progress with their Vision Zero plan.

In addition, the City of Maitland commented that the crash data from Signal4 did not always give accurate cause or location and they often speak directly with law enforcement and EMS agencies to gather further details and in turn choose the right solutions. The City of St. Cloud stated they greatly benefited from building a closer working relationship with the local police department. The City of Altamonte Springs noted the importance of planners and engineers to attend community events, and not just rely on consultants. They stated that you reach a different audience with different information to offer in holding meetings both in the daytime and the evening.

A comment regarding the Task Force, sharing their enthusiasm in incorporating crash modification factors in how projects are prioritized and ranked, which in turn will feed into the MTP and PPL, so future projects will include measurable safety benefits.

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.

D. Regional Transportation for All (Title VI + LEP) Plan

Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando presented the Transportation for All Plan, which is an update and expansion on Title VI and Limited English Plan (LEP). Ms. Horne 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. Horne 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.

E. TSM&O 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, with the final meeting to be on March 20, 2024. After sharing a definition of TSMO, Mr. Hill listed a variety of TSMO strategies, including low-tech and high-tech options, and reviewed the scope of work undertaken to develop the Master Plan. Mr. Hill stated through Stakeholder interviews they had carried out a gap analysis and identified desired outcomes and needs.

To identify strategies, Mr. Hill noted the Project team had used the FDOT TSM&O Strategy Guide (2018) and consulted the Regional ITS Architecture (RITSA). He reviewed the TSMO prioritization criteria, and the data sources used. Mr. Hill noted that in addition to the segment level needs identification, intersection projects were identified at select locations within Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties and in City of Orlando - the list of projects will be shared at the next meeting. For the path forward, Mr. Hill detailed a number of different areas of focus, including leveraging existing investments, pursuing regional strategies, and artificial intelligence.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. January 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes for the January 23, 2024, TAC meeting is requested.

MOTION: Laura Hardwick moved to approve the TAC January 23, 2024, minutes. Shad Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2024 – 2028 TIP

Mr. Jason Sartorio presented, requesting the TSMOAC 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: Shad Smith moved to approve support for the amendment to the TIP as presented. Ramon Senorans 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 13th, then submitted to FDOT for review. Mr. Trauger detailed the proposed studies and planning activities and reviewed the estimated revenues as presented in the previous TAC meeting. Mr. Trauger asked for approval of the draft UPWP for submittal as presented.

MOTION: Doug Robinson moved to approve support for the UPWP Submittal as presented. Nicholas Hartley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. TAC-ONLY PRESENTATIONS

None

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 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 was enclosed for information purposes.
- D. 2050 MTP Update Information** – Information has been provided as a supplement to the 2050 MTP Status Update Presentation.
- 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 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.** 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
- 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

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Lenny Barden, Altamonte Springs thanked FDOT for their presentation, however he queried how federal requirement law can be changed with regards to FDOT being obligated to maintain 80% of roads at a certain standard at all times. With significant funding being allocated to that need, then other needs in the region are left unfunded. Mr. Barden commented that projects often only do the bare minimum due to budget restraints and he would like mind-sets to change to aim high to achieve more when possible.

Ms. Laura Hardwicke shared a link for bike/ped safety information. [Home - Alert Today Florida](#)

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Joshua DeVries adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11.48 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Rachel Frederick.

Approved this 26th day of April 2024


Mr. Joshua DeVries, Chairman


Ms. Rachel Frederick, Board Services Coordinator

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