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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, April 26, 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
Dr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Christopher Carson, City of Lake Mary
Mr. Humberto Castillero, Orange County
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Mr. Dana Chester, CFX
Ms. Christina Colón, Osceola County
Ms. Ashley Cornelison, City of Kissimmee
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
Mr. Amer Hamza, City of Apopka
Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando
Mr. Nicholas Hartley, Osceola County
Mr. Jean Jreij, Seminole County
Mr. Keith Moore for Mr. Hong Lim, City of Winter Park
Mr. Adam Mendenhall, City of Sanford
Mr. Charles Abbatantuono 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
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
Ms. Regina Ramos for 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. Ramy Kamal, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Ms. Tammy Reque, St. Cloud
Ms. Pam Richmond, City of Apopka
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:

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT District 5
Mr. Siasoi Fine, FTE
Mr. Jim Wood, Kimley-Horn
Ms. Kathrin Tellez, Fehr & Peers
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, 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. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joshua DeVries called the meeting to order at 10:01 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.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Slade Downs noted there were no changes to the agenda. He announced the 2024 Regional Transportation Survey had launched and encouraged all members to complete and share the survey access with their contacts. Mr. Downs shared that the survey will close after Memorial Day weekend, and the results will be shared in a future TAC meeting.

Mr. Downs highlighted the handouts at each seat today, including the Save-the-date flyer for the Vision Zero Safety Speaker Series, and also the EV readiness study flyer and the workshops that will take place – dates in May and June to be confirmed. He also drew attention to the TIP Administrative Modification Letter included in the general information tab.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented this month's Safety Moments which focused on April – Distracted Driving, and May – Seat Belts. From data reports, he shared that over 21,000 crashes are reported per year in the region, involving some form of distracted driving. Of those, 600+ result in serious injuries and 129 prove fatal. Mr. Wilson continued to demonstrate the value of an additional half second reaction time in coming to a stop and how much further a vehicle travels without the additional time, a consequence of distracted driving. Continuing to seatbelts – he stated there are approximately 80 fatal crashes per year involving an unrestrained driver or passenger. Ten years ago, this accounted for 34% of fatalities, but currently it accounts for 54%. Mr. Wilson ended by stressing the importance of buckling up and paying attention.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS - FDOT

Ms. Amy Beckmann, FDOT, presented an update. She noted some updates in Seminole county projects in addition to the construction reports in the full agenda. Also, she noted some completed projects in Orange County and advised she had a report on lane closures available if anyone would like to have those. She continued to share details of events, including 'Touch a Truck', a 'Rollin' and Strollin' event, and the inaugural Central Florida Safety Summit on May 17th.

V. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

VI. COMMON PRESENTATIONS/STATUS REPORTS

A. Vision Zero Status Update

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented an update to Vision Zero. He listed the community engagement events that had taken place, the social media templates available and also shared the Speaker Series Events that will be held in May and beyond.

Mr. Wilson detailed the previous Task Force meeting which included discussions on policy framework and potential prioritization categories. He also shared he had carried out supplemental analysis which identified the overlap of transit stop locations, high injury network and pedestrian/bicyclist crash locations, remarking that 50% of transit boardings and alighting's occur on the high injury network (HIN). He specified some countermeasures that could be installed to improve crossing at these points. Mr. Wilson continued to detail the crash response takeaways as gathered from Florida Traffic Crash Reports.

Mr. Wilson shared an Action Plan outline, so each local plan follows the same structure for consistency, with each team being able to customize the content. Next steps include the Safe Streets 4 All grant application process, with August 29 being the deadline for submission. Mr. Wilson stated that at the next meeting he will have an almost complete plan and the following meeting a formal adoption of that plan.

Comments from members included appreciation of the emergency response data which will help in the design of roads to optimize emergency vehicle response times. In addition, it was clarified that supplemental analysis could be carried out with a further grant, to assess the conditions at those high injury network/transit stops.

B. 2050 MTP Status Update

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented a status report, beginning with some background and details on existing conditions. Ms. Laurent stated that they are coordinating with FDOT and FTE on the planning modelling efforts and starting to focus on planning emphasis areas in support of the 2050 MTP. She also highlighted the needs assessments plans, some of which are ongoing and other plans wrapping up this month which the committee will hear more about later in this meeting.

Ms. Laurent confirmed that an MTP Technical Workshop had been held on April 11, 2024, and shared the recorded link and the topics discussed. [2050 MTP Technical Workshop #2 \(youtube.com\)](#). She stated that the 'Goals & Objectives' were discussed at the meeting and the draft version of the document had been given to each member today to review. Ms. Laurent also shared that 'Drivers of Change' had been discussed and it can be found on the above link at time stamp: 54.10. This topic included factors unique to the Central Florida region and external factors such as technology, energy, climate & risks, transportation costs and State and federal policy & funding.

Moving to Goals & Objectives, Ms. Laurent shared the work done to date and outlined the goal statements as supplied on the handout. There were five of these: Safety, Reliability, Connectivity, Community, and Prosperity.

Ms. Laurent concluded sharing the development process, including an MTP 2050 Goals & Objectives survey which members are asked to complete by May 10th. In addition, members should have received an email from the Central Florida Regional Planning Model Team, asking for feedback on 'CFRPM & Turnpike Model Socioeconomic Data Review' which will be the foundation of their 2050 Traffic Modelling and Forecasts. Feedback is requested by May 24th.

Mr. Laurent concluded by stating that the Financial Resources 2050 Revenue & Transportation Funding Forecasting is just getting started, and MetroPlan Orlando will be reaching out to the municipalities to assist with this regional effort.

C. Active Transportation Plan

Ms. Kathrin Tellez, of Fehr & Peers, presented the final Active Transportation Plan, known as Ride & Stride 2050. Ms. Tellez outlined the background and history of the plan. She noted the public engagement activity and how they adopted a common vocabulary for active transportation facility types to develop a naming standard. The project then identified the level of traffic stress and pedestrian level of comfort on roads, followed by analysis of destinations (schools, parks, grocery store etc.) a person can access comfortably and safely within a certain amount of time from their home. She detailed that the 2050 ATP Network Development then was created which identified possibilities of new trails, crossing enhancements, corridor improvements, target speed reduction corridors and safety improvements.

Ms. Tellez noted that this plan was presented at a workshop where feedback was gathered from various committees, followed by feedback and comments from the general public. In total 253 projects were identified on the 2050 ATP Network Projects, 148 being new projects and 105 as enhancements to already planned projects. She detailed that the full report includes detailed maps for each county, and how the projects reduce traffic stress, increase comfort in walking facilities and increase accessibility to schools, jobs, shopping etc. in the region and for underserved communities. Ms. Tellez concluded by highlighting a toolbox of strategies that could be considered, and policy recommendations when implementing the projects.

Finally, Ms. Tellez stated that the plan will be incorporated into the 2050 MTP.

A member asked for clarification on the level of stress with regards to traffic (bikes) and pedestrian level of comfort. In addition, more detail was asked regarding prioritization of projects, and confirmed that those areas with more population density where a project would have greater impact would have a higher priority than in a less populated area. It was stated that crime/security had not been factored into the plan. Ms. Taylor Laurent confirmed that the Active Transportation Plan now serves as the needs assessment for bikes & pedestrians which will be incorporated into the 2050 MTP. Ms. Tellez also commented that future land use was partially considered.

D. TSM&O Master Plan Status Update

Mr. Eric Hill gave a presentation of the TSM&O Master Plan. Mr. Hill shared the history of the plan, and confirmed the plan will now be incorporated into the 2050 MTP. He detailed the plan development process, the project categories and shared the projects identified as top priorities

in each of the three counties and City of Orlando. In addition, he displayed the Intersection analysis of each area which highlighted desired intersection improvement locations.

Mr. Hill shared the path forward which included consideration of regional strategies and identifying synergies with the Active Transportation Plan, the Vision Zero Central Florida effort and acknowledgment of the role of Artificial Intelligence, a “wild card” at this stage.

In conclusion, Mr. Hill shared that the TSMO Master Plan Summary Document and its appendices are available on the MetroPlan Orlando website. He encouraged members to review them and asked for any comments be provided to him by May 10th.

In response to a comment, members were advised to read Appendix 7 to see the entire list of projects. As this progresses through the 2050 MTP it is hoped all projects remain in the plan. Also enquired about were projects that end at county lines and what happens to give people the same experience as they travel through different counties. Commentary was then added regarding consistency of standard and optimal performance of – for example, traffic signals across the region and acknowledged that different counties use different software, controllers etc. This is hoped to be an opportunity to share knowledge and skills.

The Chair requested the presentations be sent out to all committee members.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. February 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION: Ramon Senorans moved to approve the TAC February 23, 2024, meeting minutes. Shad Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B.& C. Organizational Public Participation Plan & 2050 MTP Public Participation Plan

Ms. Mary Ann Horne presented on both the 2024 Organizational Public Participation Plan and the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Public Participation Plan. She stated these are two plans with aligned goals, but separate missions, and both ensure they include the voice of the public. The public comment period for both plans has been open since March 15, 2024, promoted via various methods, and will close on May 10, 2024, exceeding the 45-day federally required comment period. Ms. Horne noted the reviews of previous plans and performance measures and looked to the U.S. Department of Transportation guidance on best practices. She shared much was learned during the pandemic, on the best ways to balance in-person and virtual engagement, and best ways to expand reach to include underserved communities and working with community-based organizations.

Ms. Horne shared the goals of The Organizational Public Participation Plan (PPP) and the objectives of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Public Participation Plan (MTP PPP)

Ms. Horne highlighted the form at each member's place, which asks members to recommend a group or organization who they think MetroPlan Orlando should engage with regarding transportation.

A motion to recommend the approval of MetroPlan Orlando's Organizational Public Participation Plan was requested.

MOTION (B): Shad Smith moved to recommend approval of MetroPlan Orlando's Organizational Public Participation Plan; Ramon Senorans seconded the motion.

A motion was requested to recommend approval of the 2050 MTP Public Participation Plan.

MOTION (C): Shad Smith moved to recommend approval of the 2050 MTP Public Participation Plan. Ramon Senorans seconded the motion.

D. FY 2025-26 UPWP for Submittal to FDOT

Mr. Alex Trauger presented on the FY 2025-26 UPWP, which is now at the stage requesting final approval of the MPO Board on May 8th. He shared some updates on the final version and recapped the estimated revenues and estimated pass-thru funding to LYNX.

The Chair appreciated the transparency MetroPlan Orlando has in sharing the UPWP process.

MOTION: Ramon Senorans moved to approve the FY 2025-26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented. Doug Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. TAC-ONLY PRESENTATIONS

None

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. TIP Modification Letter** – A letter detailing administrative changes to the FY 2024 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program was included for informational purposes.
- B. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** –The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed for information purposes.

- C. **Highlights from March 13, 2024, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting** – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting.
- D. **Air Quality Report** – The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed for information purposes.
- E. **LYNX Press Release** – A press release from LYNX was included for informational purposes.
- 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 for information purposes.
- G. **Safety Speaker Series** – An informational flyer for the MetroPlan Orlando Safety Speaker Series, part of Vision Zero.
- H. **FDOT Safety Summit Flyer** – An informational flyer was provided for the inaugural FDOT District 5 Safety Summit, which will be held May 17, 2024.
- I. **Notice of Funding Opportunity** – The USDOT has announced a NOFO for the Multidisciplinary Project Discretionary Grant. Applications were due May 6, 2024, and more information can be found in Tab 6 or at: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/multimodal-project-discretionary-grant-notice-funding-opportunity>.
- J. **Notice of Funding Opportunity** – The FHWA has announced a NOFO for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP). Applications are open until June 17, 2024, and more information can be found in Tab 6 or at: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/atiip/.
- K. **Info Flyer: PD&E Widen Florida’s Turnpike/SR 91 From SR 70 to SR 60**

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 – May 8, 2024
- B. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board – May 16, 2024
- C. MetroPlan Orlando Safety Speaker Series – May 23, 2024
- D. LYNX Board (at LYNX Central Station) – May 23, 2024
- E. SunRail/CFCRC Board (at LYNX Central Station) – May 23, 2024
- F. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – May 29, 2024

- G. Transportation Systems, Management, & Operations Committee (TSM&O) – May 31, 2024
- H. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – May 31, 2024
- I. 2050 MTP Technical Workshop (*Held Virtually*) – June 13, 2024
- J. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) – June 6, 2024

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Slade Downs reminded members to respond to the 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives Survey. A link will be sent to each member later today, in addition to all the presentations at today's meeting.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Joshua DeVries adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11.20 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Rachel Frederick.

Approved this 31ST day of May 2024


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.