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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, December 6, 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
Ms. Kenna Henry for Dr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Michael Lopez for Mr. Christopher Carson, City of Lake Mary
Mr. Humberto Castillero, Orange County
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Ms. Christina Colón, Osceola County
Mr. Jacques Coulon, City of Orlando
Mr. Cameron Crandell, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Chris DeLoatche, GOAA
Mr. Joshua DeVries, Osceola County
Ms. Tonya Elliot Moore, Town of Windermere
Mr. David Falk, CFX
Mr. Amer Hamza, City of Apopka
Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando
Mr. Gary Yeager for Mr. Nicholas Hartley, Osceola County
Mr. Medhat Hassan, Seminole County
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Mr. Keith Moore for Mr. Hong Lim, City of Winter Park
Mr. Adam Mendenhall, City of Sanford (virtual)
Mr. Arturo Perez for Mr. Anthony Nelson, Seminole County
Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Mr. Phil Price, City of Belle Isle
Ms. Lee Pulham, Central Florida Tourism Oversight District
Mr. Cedric Moffett for Ms. Regina Ramos, Orange County
Ms. Tammy Reque, St. Cloud
Mr. Nick Tafelsky for Ms. Terrilyn Rolle, City of Winter Springs

Ms. Jean Sanchez, City of Apopka
Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport Authority
Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood
Mr. Ken Storey, ECFRPC
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. Ashley Cornelison, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Alyssa Eide, City of Maitland
Mr. Ramy Kamal, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Mike Parker, Town of Oakland
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. Will Hawthorne, CFX
Ms. Emily Bush, Bike/Walk Central Florida
Mr. Jeremy Dilmore, FDOT District 5
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, 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 10:03 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

Slade Downs noted agenda changes: item 6 C – the Best Foot Forward report would be presented by Mr. Vince Dyer and there will be a change to action item 8 B TIP amendment and Jason Sartorio will give more information when he presents.

Mr. Downs confirmed each member was provided with a 2050 MTP Status Update at their seats and reminded members of the next 2050 MTP Technical Workshop on December 12, 2024. He also confirmed FDOT's closing date for 'Safe Routes to School' applications is January 31, 2025, and that the 2025 ITE Annual Meeting takes place on August 10-13, 2025, in Orlando.

Slade Downs shared the good news of MetroPlan Orlando being the recipient of the 'Project of the Year' award at the APA Orlando Metro section for their Vision Zero Regional Plan and thanked all in the room who were contributors.

Ms. Lara Bouck presented the Safety Moment, with December being Older Driver Safety Awareness Week. She 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. Ms. Bouck recommended [Safe Mobility For Life](#), a website from the state of Florida that is a resource for older drivers and transportation users. It was also noted that the increase in autonomous vehicles will help address some of the concerns of aging drivers. Ms. Bouck followed with an update on Vision Zero and detailed the recent grants awarded to MetroPlan Orlando, Orange County, Sanford Airport, UCF, and Casselberry.

IV. 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 final hurricane clear-up updates, some road closures and events that FDOT will be participating in.

Ms. Christina Colón thanked FDOT for the GIS interactive map of projects which is a very efficient way of finding information.

V. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

VI. COMMON 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 are on the 2050 MTP timeline and previewed the first activity of 2025 which is Infrastructure Investment Scenario Planning.

Discussions ensued regarding transit and safety in the plan, which may be funded from other grants/sources.

Chair DeVries thanked MetroPlan Orlando for their collaboration on the MTP.

B. Presentation on SR 417 Connection to Sanford Int'l Airport Study

Mr. Will Hawthorne - CFX presented Planning Project Updates. He detailed the current PD&E studies being undertaken as below:

Existing System

- SR 417 Capacity Improvements: SR 528 to SR 408, study completion May 2025
- SR 429 Capacity Improvements: Seidel Road to Tilden Road, study completion May 2025

New Alignments

- SR 538 Southport Connector Expressway; 15-mile corridor, next public meeting to take place Q1, 2025
- SR 515 Northeast Connector Expressway; 20 - 23-mile corridor, first public meeting Q2, 2025
- SR 417 Sanford Airport Connector; 2 - 3 mile corridor, advisory group meetings and Alternatives Public Meeting to take place January 2025. Mr. Hawthorne detailed the current options being considered and their impact on directing traffic away from Lake Mary Boulevard.

A member questioned what consideration had been given to the Sunshine Corridor project and its potential impact on the first project noted above. Also discussed was the accuracy of past traffic volume predictions. Noted was the 414 expansion project is on track to go out to bid at the end of 2025. Discussion ensued regarding the various projects.

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

Mr. Vince Dyer – Manager of Best Foot Forward program presented a program overview for 2024. He 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.

Mr. Dyer 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, he highlighted the events they attended to educate school children on bike safety and fit helmets.

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

Discussion ensued on how to best engage and educate the community on safety and engineering changes and ideas were shared. Appreciation was given to Best Foot Forward on the work they do and their collaboration with local agencies.

D. 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 a matrix to help jurisdictions in deciding their role as either Operator, Landlord or Enabler.

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 EV Readiness report will be available next year.

Discussions ensued regarding the funding programs that might still be available next year and what might happen to those applications already submitted. A member encouraged others to keep aware of changes in legislation and where they may be able to contribute to that process. A short video was showing Orange County's new charging station in the I-drive district was played.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. October 25, 2024, TAC Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes for the October 25, 2024, TAC meeting is requested.

MOTION: Mr. Bill Wharton moved to approve the TAC October 25, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Myles O'Keefe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2025 – 2029 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. Shad Smith moved to recommend approval of FY 2025 – 2029 TIP as presented, with the exclusion of FM #447104-1. Mr. Humberto Castellero seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Amendments to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

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

MOTION: Mr. Shad Smith moved to approve the 2045 MTP amendments as presented. Mr. Bill Wharton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Election of TAC Officers

Mr. Slade Downs confirmed that the subcommittee met prior to today's TAC meeting and a meeting summary can be found attached, (see addendum #1 included as part of these minutes). The subcommittee recommended Mr. Hongmyung Lim, City of Winter Park as the 2025 TAC Chair. Chair DeVries asked for any other nominations from members, and none were received.

MOTION: Ms. Laura Hardwicke moved to approve Mr. Hongmyung Lim as 2025 TAC Chair. Mr. Shad Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The subcommittee recommended Mr. Lenny Barden, City of Altamonte Springs for 2025 TAC Vice-Chair. Again, no additional nominations were offered from members when requested by Chair DeVries.

MOTION: Mr. Shad Smith moved to approve Mr. Lenny Barden as 2025 TAC Vice Chair. Mr. Myles O'Keefe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. TAC-ONLY PRESENTATIONS

None

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 Release** – 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.

- J. **Updated Speed Management Section of the Florida Design Manual** – The updated section of FDOT Design Manual (Topic #625-000-002), effective January 1, 2025, can be viewed at: https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/roadway/fdm/2025/2025fdm202speedmgmt.pdf?sfvrsn=e528bd6e_1

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. **MetroPlan Orlando Board – December 11, 2024**
- B. 2050 MTP Technical Workshop #6 – December 12, 2024
- C. LYNX Board (*at LYNX Central Station*) – December 12, 2024
- D. Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (*at LYNX Central Station*) – December 12, 2024
- E. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – January 22, 2025
- F. TSM&O Advisory Committee – January 24, 2025
- G. **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – January 24, 2025**
- H. Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) – February 6, 2025
- J. MetroPlan Orlando Board – February 12, 2025
- K. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) – February 13, 2025

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair DeVries expressed gratitude to MetroPlan Orlando staff in their support during his time as Chair, and all the work accomplished and in turn Mr. Slade Downs thanked him for his time as Chair of TAC.

Member Mr. Arturo Perez wished everyone happy holidays. Mr. Alex Trauger reminded members of the 2050 MTP Technical Workshop on December 12th. He also congratulated Mr. Slade Downs and Mr. Jason Sartorio who had recently passed the AICP exam.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Courtney Reynolds (president@floridabicycle.org), 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 ([Home | Hands-Free Florida](#)) 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, Chairman Joshua DeVries adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11:47 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Rachel Frederick.

Approved this 24th day of January 2025



Mr. Hong Lim, 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.

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Addendum follows on the next page.



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**Technical Advisory Committee
Officer Selection Subcommittee
December 6, 2024 Meeting Summary**

Subcommittee Members Present:

- Christina Colon, Osceola County
- Brian Sanders, Orange County
- Shad Smith, City of Longwood

Others Present:

- Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando (non-voting)

The Technical Advisory Committee's Officer Selection Subcommittee met at 8:15 A.M. on December 6th, 2024, at the MetroPlan Orlando offices.

The members selected Hongmyung Lim, City of Winter Park, (current Vice Chair) as the nominee for 2025 TAC Chair. The members selected Lenny Barden, City of Altamonte Springs, as the Vice Chair, and Myles O'Keefe, LYNX, as an alternate for Vice Chair. These recommendations were agreed upon unanimously.

The Officer Elections will take place during the December 6th TAC Meeting. For more information, visit MetroPlanOrlando.Gov.

The meeting concluded at 8:31 A.M.