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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, February 28, 2025

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

Chair Hong Lim, Presiding

Members Present:

Mr. Lenny Barden, City of Altamonte Springs
Dr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford (virtual)
Mr. Humberto Castillero, Orange County
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Ms. Christina Colón, Osceola County
Ms. Ashley Cornelison, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Jacques Coulon, City of Orlando
Mr. Cameron Crandell, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Alyssa Eide, City of Maitland
Ms. Tonya Elliot Moore, Town of Windermere (virtual)
Mr. David Falk, CFX
Mr. David Gomez, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Laura Hardwicke, City of Orlando
Mr. Medhat Hassan, Seminole County
Ms. Shannon Kehoe, Osceola County
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Mr. Hong Lim, City of Winter Park
Mr. Michael Lopez, City of Lake Mary
Mr. Anthony Nelson, Seminole County
Ms. Patrica Whitton for Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX
Mr. Phil Price, City of Belle Isle
Ms. Lee Pulham, Central Florida Tourism Oversight District (virtual)
Mr. Cedric Moffett for Ms. Regina Ramos, Orange County
Ms. Tammy Reque, City of St. Cloud
Ms. Terrilyn Rolle, City of Winter Springs

Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County
Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood
Mr. Ken Storey, ECFRPC
Mr. Aaron Torres, Osceola County
Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County
Ms. Amy Martello for Mr. Jon Williams, City of Winter Garden
Mr. Paul Yeargain, City of Oviedo (virtual)

Members Absent:

Mr. Chris DeLoatche, GOAA
Mr. Amer Hamza, City of Apopka
Mr. Adam Mendenhall, City of Sanford
Ms. Jean Sanchez, City of Apopka
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport
Vacant, Town of Eatonville
Vacant, City of Edgewood
Vacant, Sanford Airport Authority
Vacant, Town of Oakland
Vacant, Orange County Public Schools
Vacant, Osceola County Public Schools
Vacant, Seminole County Public Schools

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT District 5
Mr. Siaso Fine, FTE
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Slade Downs, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Jason Sartorio, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Adriana Rodriguez, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Leilani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Rachel Frederick, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hong Lim called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Lim announced this as his last meeting, as he is moving out of state, and thanked members and staff for their work and support.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Slade Downs shared his gratitude of Chair Hong Lim and wished him well. Mr. Downs stated as per the Bylaws in this situation the Vice-Chair moves to the Chair position and congratulated Vice-Chair Lenny Barden who accepted the role. He stated the election of a new Vice-Chair will take place at the next regularly scheduled TAC meeting in April and he requested anyone who would like to volunteer for the role to email Mr. Downs.

Mr. Slade Downs announced the following items:

- 2050 MTP Summit – April 9, 2025 at Lake Mary Events Center
- FHWA Speed Limit Setting Handbook [Speed Limit Setting Handbook](#)
- COMTO – Careers in Transportation for Youth (CITY) Internship
- CAC Webinar, Bicycle Planning 101 – Wednesday, March 19th, 9.30 a.m.

Mr. Mighk Wilson presented the Safety Moment, with March being Florida Bicycle Month. Mr. Wilson discussed lighting on bicycles at night. He shared statistics which show that 56% of bicyclist fatalities happen at night and overtaking KSIs (killed or seriously injured) carry a five times higher risk at night. Comparing data from 2011-13 to 2022-24, daytime bicycle KSI had increased by 4%, however night-time KSI crashes were up 27%.

Mr. Wilson shared details about necessary lights and confirmed that a headlight, taillight and a rear reflector are required by law in Florida. Members discussed enforcement of this, and Mr. Wilson noted that more fatalities occur in rural areas where darkness and bicycle speed have a powerful impact. It was confirmed that electric bikes are currently included in these figures.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS – FDOT

Mr. Jonathan Scarfe – FDOT, reported on upcoming public meetings which can be found on the following link:

fdotwp1.dot.state.fl.us/publicsyndication/publicmeetings.aspx/publicmeetings_district5

He also noted a ribbon cutting ceremony to take place on March 6th in downtown Oviedo where the S.R. 426 /C.R. 419 project is almost complete.

He stated they held a Central Florida Construction Career Day in Volusia County in January with more than 1500 students in attendance. Mr. Scarfe brought attention to the inaugural Central Florida Transportation Industry Hiring event on April 30th at Osceola Heritage Park. Details can be found on <https://roadtoyourfuture.com/>

Finally, Mr. Scarfe notified members to the second FDOT Central Florida Safety Summit to be held on May 9th at Daytona International Speedway. For all information, please contact Ms.

Loreen Bobo or Mr. Jonathan Scarfe at FDOT.

V. ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

VI. COMMON PRESENTATIONS/STATUS REPORTS

A. MPO Planning Process for 2025

Mr. Alex Trauger presented, explaining what MetroPlan Orlando is currently working on and what to expect on the agenda in the next few months. He noted there will be updates on all core products, that being the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Prioritized Project List (PPL) and the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He displayed the timetable of key agenda action items expected through the year.

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

Ms. Taylor Laurent presented, explaining the next stage is to understand the funding scenarios for the 2050 MTP. Ms. Laurent detailed the funding sources, how they can be planned and implemented. She continued to explain the two primary categories of federal funding – State & Non-Urban Attributable Funds which are received directly by the state for them to apply, and then secondly MPO/Urban Attributable (TMA) funds which are distributed to MetroPlan Orlando. Ms. Laurent confirmed this second category is the funding that will be under discussion for allocation.

She shared the current 2045 funding policy scenario for TMA funds, with distribution across Complete Streets, Eligible Transit Improvements, Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Infrastructure and Systems Management & Operational Solutions. She stated that each project phase can be allocated up to \$4 million out of a total budget of approximately \$40 million. Ms. Laurent shared the results of an ongoing public survey which included responses as to how the funding should be allocated. She shared the consistent themes of feedback from both the public and technical partner responses and Ms. Laurent continued sharing further details of responses from technical partners on specific funding questions.

Ms. Laurent noted the critical path timeline for 2025 and reminded members of the MPO Board & Committee Summit on April 9th, 2025.

Discussions ensued including how to categorize a project when it falls across more than one category and also local funding of design.

C. Presentation on MetroPlan Orlando's 'Tracking the Trends' Program

Mr. Slade Downs explained the purpose of the Trends' program and shared the link members could use to access the data. [Maps & Tools | MetroPlan Orlando](#) . He stated that the metrics MetroPlan Orlando chooses to track go beyond federal requirements. Mr. Downs continued, sharing examples of data the tools provide, including the interactive Data Library which gives 150 detailed transportation metrics and also the Accessibility Hub.

D. Status Update: Electric Vehicle Readiness Study

Mr. Eric Hill outlined the structure of the Readiness Study and followed with an electric vehicle 101, detailing the different types of EVs and continued to break down the different charger types. Mr. Hill spoke of the key takeaways, in relation to planning, regional and infrastructure context, and noted Florida Senate Bill 1084 which seeks to provide consistency and regulation of electric vehicle charging stations across the state.

Mr. Hill shared details of the workshops that had taken place and findings from them, including EV charging infrastructure gaps. He highlighted the EV Charging Site Selection Tool available to partners. Mr. Hill stated the full final report will be available on the MetroPlan Orlando website, the planning and monitoring that will continue on this topic and also shared the EV factsheets that will be available from the website.

Discussions ensued regarding the time limits of charging which can be an inconvenience, the right types of chargers in the right locations and state and local regulations of EV charging.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. January 24, 2025, TAC Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes for the January 24, 2025, TAC meeting is requested.

MOTION: Mr. Shad Smith moved to approve the TAC January 24, 2025, meeting minutes.
Mr. Tony Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. TAC-ONLY PRESENTATIONS

None

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report** – January 2025 FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was enclosed.
- B. Highlights from February 12, 2025, MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting** – A series of highlights and notable actions from the most recent MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting.
- C. Speed Limit Setting Handbook** – A handbook from the Federal highway Administration (FHWA) that provides practitioners with information on how to conduct an engineering study to set a non-statutory speed limit for a speed. Link provided here: [Speed Limit Setting Handbook](#)

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A list of selected upcoming meetings is below. For more information and a full list of upcoming meetings: [MetroPlan Orlando Meeting Calendar](#)

- A.** MetroPlan Orlando Board – March 12, 2025
- B.** LYNX Board (at LYNX Central Station) – March 27, 2025
- C.** Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (at LYNX Central Station) – March 27, 2025
- D.** 2050 MTP Summit – April 9, 2025
- E.** 2050 MTP Technical Workshop – April 10, 2025
- F.** Central Florida MPO Alliance – April 11, 2025
- G.** Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – April 23, 2025
- H.** TSM&O Advisory Committee – April 25, 2025
- I. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – April 25, 2025**
- J.** Quality Assurance Task Force (QATF) – April 29, 2025
- K.** Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) – May 1, 2025
- L.** MetroPlan Orlando Board – May 14, 2025
- M.** Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) – May 15, 2025

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Laura Hardwicke commented on the funding scenarios and suggested a project cap as opposed to phase caps, which would remove funding limits across phases but keep the total project spend the same. Mr. Alex Trauger responded.

Mr. Hazem El-Assar suggested if TSMO and other projects could be combined, for example TSMO plus safety to get better return on investment. Ms. Taylor Laurent responded to this and further questions.

Mr. Slade Downs explained following tradition, as the resigning Chair is from Orange county, the new Chair is from Seminole, then the new Vice-Chair should be from Osceola county or one of the inter-jurisdictional agencies. He requested any interested members to email him.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Hong Lim adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11:29 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Rachel Frederick.

Approved this 25th day of April, 2025

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Mr. Lenny Barden, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Frederick', written over a horizontal line.

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.