

# **MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, June 11, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando One Landmark Building 315 E. Robinson Street Suite 355 Orlando, Florida 32801

# Commissioner Bob Dallari, Board Chairman, Presiding

#### Members:

Mr. Dean Asher, GOAA Hon. Frank Attkisson, LYNX/CF Commuter Rail Commission Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs Hon. Pete Clarke, Orange County Mr. Stephen Smith for Mr. Larry Dale, Sanford Airport Authority Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando Hon. Carlton Henley, Seminole County Hon. Samuel B. Ings, City of Orlando Hon. Teresa Jacobs, Orange County Hon. Joe Kilsheimer, City of Apopka Hon. John Quinones, Osceola County Hon. Tiffany Russell, Orange County Hon. Jim Swan, City of Kissimmee Hon. Jennifer Thompson, Orange County

# Hon. Jeff Triplett, City of Sanford

# Advisors in Attendance:

Ms. Pat Devillers for Ms. Candy Bennage, Kissimmee Gateway Airport, Non-Voting Ms. Mary Schoelzel for Ms. Noranne Downs, District 5 Secretary, FDOT Hon. Joe Durso, Municipal Advisory Committee Mr. Charles Ramdatt, Transportation Technical Committee Mr. Carnot Evans, Citizens' Advisory Committee Mr. Steve Noto, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

# Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Scott Boyd, Orange County Hon. Ted Edwards, Orange County O-OCEA/Vacant

# Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Harold Barley Mr. Steve Bechtel, Mateer & Harbert Mr. Keith Caskey Ms. Cathy Goldfarb Mr. Eric Hill Ms. Mary Ann Horne Ms. Jill Hoskins Mr. Gary Huttmann Ms. Cynthia Lambert Mr. Jason Loschiavo Ms. Sally Morris Ms. Gabriella Serrado Ms. Lena Tolliver Mr. Alex Trauger Mr. Anthony Washington Ms. Virginia Whittington Mr. Mighk Wilson

# I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Swan opened the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman who were running late and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# II. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman, Commissioner John Quinones provided a brief overview on the process for signing up to speak during the public comments period. Public Comments were provided (Item: VII). Commissioner Quinones and Ms. Virginia Whittington (staff) made a presentation to retiring MAC Chairman Commissioner Joe Durso, and thanked him for his service to the Board. Commissioner Durso will continue to serve on the MAC.

# III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Barley reported on photos of recent activities and community outreach events and welcomed two newly appointed Board Members: Commissioner Samuel B. Ings; Cmsr. Daisy Lynum's successor and Commissioner Pete Clarke; Commissioner Fred Brummer's successor who will be retiring as an Orange County Commissioner later this year. Mr. Barley Acknowledged Alternates: Mr. Stephen Smith for Mr. Larry Dale; Ms. Pat Devillers for Ms. Candy Bennage. Ms. Mary Schoelzel was representing Secretary Noranne Downs as an advisor. He reported that the final Legislative Update will be provided next month by Mr. Bill Peebles and Mr. John Wayne Smith our Tallahassee representatives. A proposed Transportation Bill was submitted by USDOT to Congress to start discussions for a new transportation bill or an extension on the current legislation (MAP-21). The Federal Transportation Trust Fund is expected to go bankrupt in August unless there is an infusion of new federal money soon. Bankruptcy could impact reimbursements to states that could delay construction projects which may have a negative impact on the economy. Mr. Barley announced the birth of staff member Ms. Nikhila Rose's baby boy; and introduced new Intern Ms. Barbara Kelly (UCF) who will be here through November working on pedestrian and bicycle crash typing. Mr. Barley announced the Memorial Services for the late Dennis Hooker (MPO Retiree).

# IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lena Tolliver confirmed a quorum of 13 voting members present (Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Dallari arrived after confirmation). Also present were 6 advisors; and the meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business.

#### V. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Barley reported the following agenda change:

XIII. A. Approval of MetroPlan Orlando Appointment to Central Florida MPO Alliance

Mr. Barley reported that Commissioner Scott Boyd has agreed to serve as the primary member on the Central Florida MPO Alliance and Commissioner Jennifer Thompson has agreed to serve as the alternate.

#### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC): Mr. Carnot Evans reported on the activities of the May 28, 2014 CAC meeting. The Committee approved the RDIC and FDOT TIP Amendments and approved the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): Mr. Steve Noto reported on the activities of the May 28, 2014 BPAC meeting. The Committee approved the RDIC and FDOT TIP Amendments and approved the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. BPAC also approved new pedestrian, bicycle and trail projects for the prioritized project list. The

new projects include three regionally significant trail projects, three pedestrian and bicycle mobility projects, and one safe-routes-to-schools project. In addition, the committee added the Seminole/Volusia Gap to the Coast-to-Coast Trail priority list. This project will fill the gap between the Cross Seminole Trail and Riverwalk on the Seminole County side, and the Spring-to-Spring Trail on the Volusia County side.

Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC): Commissioner Durso reported on the activities of the June 5, 2014 MAC meeting. The Committee approved the RDIC and FDOT TIP Amendments and approved the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. New Officers were elected; Mayor Ken Bradley (Chairman); Mayor Charles Lacey (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman); Commissioner Olszewski (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman). The MAC also approved Resolution No. 14-13-MAC in support of additional funding for feeder bus service to serve SunRail. He noted that this resolution accompanies the MAC's recommendation for approval of the Year 2040 LRTP. He reserved additional comments for the 2040 LRTP discussion later on the agenda.

Transportation Technical Committee (TTC): Mr. Charles Ramdatt reported on the activities of the May 23, 2014 TTC meeting. The Committee approved the RDIC and FDOT TIP Amendments and approved the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan with the caveat by Orange County that the OIA Refresh project be the top priority in the Transit Cost Feasible Plan, with the understanding that projects ranked lower on the list may be funded ahead of the OIA Refresh project if local matching funds become available.

# VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Chuck Graham expressed the importance of dedicated funding for transit. Mayor Howard Schieferdecker called attention to the MAC approved Resolution No. 14-13 (MAC) supporting additional funding for feeder bus service to serve SunRail.

# VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEMS)

# A. Approval of Minutes - May 14, 2014 Board Meeting

The minutes of the May 14, 2014 Board meeting were provided.

# B. Approval of April 2014 Monthly Financial Report and Acknowledgement of May 2014 Travel

The preliminary monthly financial report for the period ending April 30, 2014 was provided for approval. Acknowledgment was also requested of travels outside our region during the month of May 2014, which was also provided.

# C. Approval of Regionally Significant Roadways

Approval was requested of MetroPlan Orlando's updated list of Regionally Significant Roadways. This list of roadways has been compiled in conjunction with the development of an updated list of candidate projects for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funds, all of which must be on regionally significant facilities. The list of Regionally Significant Roadways was last updated in 2007, and newly added roadways and other revisions that have been made to the list since 2007 were provided. The Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval of the list provided.

# D. Approval of FTA Section 5307 and Resolution No. 14-12

The Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (d/b/a LYNX) has long served as the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula-based Section 5307 funds. FTA requested an updated resolution for grant allocation purposes. Board approval of Resolution No. 14-12 provided was requested.

# E. Approval of MetroPlan Orlando Appointment to Central Florida MPO Alliance

Each year, the MetroPlan Orlando designates three members (one from each county) to serve on the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA). Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum's retirement from public service resulted in a vacancy on the CFMPOA. Mr. Barley reported that Commissioner Scott Boyd agreed to serve as the primary member and Commissioner Jennifer Thompson agreed to serve in the role as the alternate.

**MOTION:** Mayor Jim Swan moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items A-E to include the appointment of Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner Thompson to the Central Florida MPO Alliance (Item E.). Commissioner Samuel B. Ings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Dallari arrived)

# IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of RCID TIP Amendment - FY 2013/14-2017/18 and Resolution No. 14-09

Ms. Lee Pulham, Reedy Creek Improvement District, requested approval to amend the FY 2013/14-2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a new ramp at the I-4/SR 536 interchange supported by Resolution No. 14-09. The amendment was described in the letter from FDOT provided along with Resolution No. 14-09.

MOTION: Mayor Buddy Dyer moved approval of the Reedy Creek Improvement District request to amend the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP to include a new ramp at the I-4/SR 536 interchange supported by Resolution No. 14-09. Commissioner Frank Attkisson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Roll Call Conducted) Mayor Jim Swan and Commissioner Bob Dallari abstained from voting due to conflicts of interest. (Forms 8B attached)

# B. Approval of FDOT TIP Amendment - FY 2013/14-2017/18 and Resolution No. 14-10

Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT, requested approval to amend the FY 2013/14-2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a grant from FTA to LYNX for buses and facilities (FM #436029-1) supported by Resolution No. 14-10. Resolution No. 14-10 and a letter from FDOT with a description of the amendment were provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Samuel B. Ings moved approval to amend the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP supported by Resolution No. 14-10. Commissioner Pete Clarke seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Roll Call Conducted)

# C. Approval of Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and Resolution No. 14-11

The MetroPlan Orlando Board was requested to adopt the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando staff, reviewed the outcomes of the public involvement process and Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, reviewed the LRTP's financial resources and associated cost feasible projects. A copy of the Year 2040 LRTP along with Resolution No. 14-11 were provided for approval.

Mayor Joe Kilsheimer asked that the use of the word "premium" for transit corridors be changed as requested at the May Board meeting. He suggested that "dedicated" be used instead of "premium". Staff will make the change as requested. Commissioner Tiffany Russell expressed the importance of connectivity from OIA to the Orange County Convention Center for the region. She noted that transportation improvements can be an attractive tool for conventions and other events to be held at the Convention Center.

Commissioner Jennifer Thompson called attention to the 2040 Transit Blueprint map where she noted that the proposed Osceola Parkway Extension is shown to be within the Osceola County boundary line only and does not reflect the extension into Orange County specifically the alignment which extends into the Lake Nona area as discussed at a recent Orange County Board of County Commissioners meeting. Chairman Dallari requested that staff correct the map.

Commissioner Bob Dallari called attention to the 2040 LRTP Cost Feasible Transit Element Summary of Local Match Funding where SunRail Phases 1&2 completion is listed for Year 2014-2015. He requested that SunRail Phases 1&2 completion year be changed to a more realistic timeframe. He also called attention to the SunRail Phase 3 project (OIA Connector Spur) that is listed to be completed by Year 2026. Commissioner Dallari requested staff to discuss with FDOT, our funding partners and legislators on how to advance the project for completion much earlier than year 2026. Staff was requested to provide a follow-up report to the Board. Mayor Jacobs asked that a status report on the American Maglev Technology be provided. Staff will provide a status report on the American Maglev Technology project next month.

MOTION: Mayor Jim Swan moved approval of the Year 2040 LRTP supported by Resolution No. 14-11. Mayor Teresa Jacobs seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Roll Call Conducted)

Commissioner Dallari and Mr. Barley commended staff, board and committee members, and consultants on their work with developing the 2040 LRTP. Mr. Dean Asher referred to the public involvement survey where the public listed rental car surcharge as a funding option for the 2040 LRTP. He requested clarification of this option to avoid any misinterpretation. Mr. Barley stated that the rental car surcharge is a prospective revenue source; but it is not included in the 2040 LRTP as a funding source.

Commissioner Durso clarified the intent of Resolution No. 14-13 MAC (provided in members' supplemental folders). He stated that the intent was not to reject the plan; but to note the importance of adequate funding for increased feeder bus services that

would support the future growth of SunRail. He also noted that a dedicated revenue source is important.

# X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)

# A. <u>Correspondence</u>

• FDOT Second Quarter Variance Report

# B. Status Updates

- FDOT June Construction Report
- Monthly Air Quality Report was provided at the meeting.

# C. <u>General Information</u>

- 2014 Summary of State Transportation Legislation Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council - May 27, 2014
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the East Central Florida Corridor Task Force Valencia College (Lake Nona Campus) - June 5, 2014
- Meeting of the Wekiva River Basin Commission East Central Florida Regional Planning Council - June 12, 2014
- Annual Joint Meeting of the Central Florida MPO Alliance and the West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee from the Tampa Bay Region Polk State College June 13, 2014
- Regional Leadership Forum on the Values Study: *"Understanding the Hearts and Minds of Central Floridians,"* Hyatt Hotel at Orlando International Airport June 19, 2014 (RSVP required registration now closed)
- 2014 Florida Transportation Summit sponsored by Floridians for Better Transportation JW Marriott Hotel, Orlando July 17-18, 2014

# D. Featured Research and Articles

- Summary of "GROW AMERICA, the Administration's proposed new federal transportation bill: <u>www.dot.gov/grow-america</u>
- "DOT Unveils Details of Proposed Administration Transportation Bill," Innovation Briefs, May 2014: <u>http://www.infrastructureusa.org/us-dot-unveils-details-of-</u> proposed-administration-transportation-bill/
- "The Road Ahead for Self-Driving Cars," ITE Journal, May 2014: http://www.ite.org/membersonly/itejournal/pdf/2014/JB14EA36.pdf

- "The End of the Road? The Looming Fiscal Disaster for Transportation," Transportation for America, May 2014: <u>http://t4america.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/04/Fiscal-Cliff-Report.pdf</u>
- "The Status of the Highway Trust Fund and Options for Financing Highway Spending," Testimony before the Committee on Finance, United States Senate," Congressional Budget Office, May 6, 2014: <u>http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/45315-</u> <u>TransportationTestimony.pdf</u>
- "Economic Impact of Public Transportation Investment 2014 Update, " American Public Transportation Association, May 2014: <u>http://www.apta.com/resources/reportsandpublications/Documents/Economic-Impact-Public-Transportation-Investment-APTA.pdf</u>
  - **MOTION:** Commissioner Samuel B. Ings moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement (A-D).Commissioner John Quinones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# XI. PRESENTATIONS

# A. Preview of FY 2014/15-2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of the new FY 2014/15-2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Copies of the FDOT highway and bicycle and pedestrian projects and the LYNX transit projects were provided prior to the meeting. The attachments also included copies of the FY 2018/19-2029/30 Prioritized Project List that was adopted last year and have been updated to show the latest project phases that have been funded based on the new TIP. The TIP will be presented for Board approval at the July 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. A public hearing for the new TIP will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at MetroPlan Orlando, with maps available for review at 5:30 p.m. and the formal public hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jeff Triplett asked about the progress of traffic signal synchronization on US17/92 with a particular interest on the northern segment. Mr. Eric Hill (MetroPlan Orlando) will provide the requested information.

# XII. OTHER BUSINESS

# A. Report on SunRail Operations and LYNX Feeder Bus Service

Ms. Tawny Olore, SunRail Project Manager, provided a report on the first five weeks of SunRail operations noting the performance indicators and the incentives that are built into all contracts to achieve good performance measures. This was followed by Mr. John Lewis, LYNX Executive Director, who provided a report on feeder bus operations. As requested at last month's meeting, Mr. Lewis' report addressed bus running times serving the Altamonte Springs SunRail station and service scenarios developed by LYNX that could provide service between the Maitland SunRail station and the Maitland Center office park. Mr. Lewis called attention to the fact that someone must agree to pay for the service.

Commissioner Samuel B. Ings asked about the traffic congestion caused by the signal gates staying down too long after the passing of the train at Grant St. and Michigan St. during peak hours. Ms. Olore stated that FDOT is working with the signal department for a smoother coordination of multiple signals in the Grant St. area. Discussion followed relative to adding an additional train.

Mayor Teresa Jacobs asked members to resolve the City of Maitland's issue relative to an improved level of service for the SunRail feeder bus service. She requested that a meeting with FDOT, City of Maitland, and LYNX be arranged to discuss finding a resolution.

Commissioner Bob Dallari expressed concern with the SunRail and LYNX bus ticketing policies noting that it needs a system-wide integrated card to tap on and off. Discussion followed relative to ridership surveys and expansion of service to later weekday hours and weekends.

(Mayor Jacobs, Commissioner Attkisson and Commissioner Quinones had to leave)

# B. Update on the I-4 Ultimate Project

Ms. Loreen Bobo, FDOT, provided an update on the I-4 Ultimate Project including the recent selection of the Best Value Proposer, a project funding summary and a review of steps that will lead up to the start of construction.

(Commissioner Clarke had to leave)

#### XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bob Dallari thanked members for their support of the Seminole County One-Cent Sales Tax recently passed by voters.

# XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Mayor Howard Schieferdecker noted that the City of Maitland disagrees with the LYNX recommendation that the City of Maitland pay for the feeder bus service. He stated that FDOT pays for feeder bus service for other cities and that Maitland should be treated fairly.

# XV. NEXT MEETING - July 9, 2014

# XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Lena Tolliver.

Approved this <u>9th</u>-day of <u>July, 2014</u>.

Commissioner Scott Boyd, Acting as Chairman

Lena E. Tolliver, Senior Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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