



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

Mayor Jim Swan, Board Chairman, Presiding

Members in Attendance:

Mr. Dean Asher, GOAA
Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs
Hon. Scott Boyd, Orange County
Hon. Pete Clarke, Orange County
Hon. Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Mr. Stephen Smith for Mr. Larry Dale, Sanford Airport Authority
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Hon. Fred Hawkins, Jr., Central Florida Expressway Authority
Hon. Tony Ortiz for Hon. Samuel B. Ings, City of Orlando
Hon. Teresa Jacobs, Orange County
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission
Hon. Bryan Nelson, Orange County
Hon. Victoria Siplin for Hon. Ted Edwards, Orange County
Hon. Jim Swan, City of Kissimmee
Hon. Jennifer Thompson, Orange County

Hon. Jeff Triplett, City of Sanford

Advisors in Attendance:

Mr. Alan Hyman and Ms. Mary Schoelzel for Ms. Noranne Downs, District 5 Secretary, FDOT
Hon. Ken Bradley, Municipal Advisory Committee
Mr. Kelly Brock, Technical Advisory Committee
Mr. Carnot Evans, Citizens' Advisory Committee
Mr. Rob McKey, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee
Ms. Candy Bennage, Kissimmee Gateway Airport

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Joe Kilsheimer, City of Apopka

Staff in Attendance:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Swan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Mayor Pat Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Swan welcomed members and called attention to the 2040 transit blueprint which highlighted the importance of more regional transit services. He thanked members for their financial contributions last month to Second Harvest Food Bank totaling over \$3400;

recognized retiring MAC Chairman Mayor Kenneth Bradley for his service to the Board and to the region and welcomed Mr. Hazem El-Assar (TSMO Chairman) to the Board as an Advisor. Mayor Buddy Dyer provided a SunRail update, Commissioner Viviana Janer reported on the February 12, 2015 TDLCB meeting and Mayor Swan reported on the February 13, 2015 Regional Leadership Council meeting.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Harry Barley acknowledged Board Alternates and Non-Voting Advisors: Commissioner Tony Ortiz (City of Orlando) for Commissioner Ings; Mr. Stephen Smith (Sanford Airport Authority) for Mr. Dale; Commissioner Victoria Siplin (Orange County) for Commissioner Edwards and Mr. Alan Hyman and Ms. Mary Schoelzel, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Sec. Noranne Downs. He acknowledged Elected Officials: Mayor Charles Lacey (City of Winter Springs) and Mayor Howard Schieferdecker (City of Maitland). Mr. Barley reported on the following items: In June or July a member of the Federal Certification Review team will return to make a report to the Board; SB 1186 having the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) to conduct a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) study and pilot project to replace the gas tax structure; a House bill is being negotiated that could involve the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC), FDOT and CUTR. MAP-21 expires on May 31st and the federal transportation trust fund becomes insolvent on May 31st; Mr. Barley noted the importance of a new transportation bill. Ms. Virginia Whittington (staff) reported on legislative bills that are being closely watched during the Legislative session ending May 1st.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Lena Tolliver confirmed a quorum of 18 voting members present. Also present were 7 advisors; and the meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business.

V. AGENDA REVIEW

There were no changes to the agenda.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC): Mr. Carnot Evans reported that the CAC met on February 25, 2015 and recommended approval of the following items on today's agenda: to amend the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP to include the design funding for a new interchange at Florida's Turnpike and Sand Lake Road; approval of the LPA for the SR 50/UCF Connector Alternatives Analysis and approval of the LPA for the OIA Connector Refresh Alternatives Analysis. CAC was asked to provide feedback to the Regional Leadership Council on the potential use of State District Dedicated Revenue funds for transit and a possible change to the percentage split policy for SU Funds. Both items were discussed and recommendations provided to staff.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): Mr. Rob McKey reported that BPAC met on February 25, 2015 and recommended approval of the following items on today's agenda: to amend the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP to include the design funding for a new interchange at Florida's Turnpike and Sand Lake Road; approval of the LPA for the SR 50/UCF Connector Alternatives Analysis and approval of the LPA for the OIA Connector Refresh Alternatives Analysis. Recommended changing the Prioritized Project List to exchange the City of Kissimmee's Central Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Project (#18) with Phase 1 of the Kissimmee Streetscape Project (#12). BPAC was also asked to provide feedback to the Regional Leadership Council on the potential use of State District Dedicated Revenue funds for transit and a possible change to the percentage split policy for SU Funds. Both items were discussed and recommendations provided to staff.

Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC): Mayor Ken Bradley reported that the MAC met on March 5, 2015 and recommended approval of the following items on today's agenda: to amend the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP to include the design funding for a new interchange at Florida's Turnpike and Sand Lake Road; approval of the LPA for the SR 50/UCF Connector Alternatives Analysis and approval of the LPA for the OIA Connector Refresh Alternatives Analysis. MAC approved Mayor Charles Lacey to serve as the MAC Chairman for the remainder of Mayor Bradley's term (through June 30). Mayor Lacey will be joining the Board at the May 13th Board meeting. MAC also provided its recommendations to staff on the potential use of State District Dedicated Revenue funds for transit and a possible change to the percentage split policy for SU Funds.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): Mr. Kelly Brock reported that TAC met on February 27, 2015 and also recommended approval of the following items on today's agenda: to amend the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP to include the design funding for a new interchange at Florida's Turnpike and Sand Lake Road; approval of the LPA for the SR 50/UCF Connector Alternatives Analysis and approval of the LPA for the OIA Connector Refresh Alternatives Analysis. TAC also provided feedback to be reported to the Regional Leadership Council on the potential use of State District Dedicated Revenue funds for transit and a possible change to the percentage split policy for SU Funds.

Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee (TSMO): Mr. Hazem El-Assar reported that the final Management & Operations Subcommittee meeting was held on February 27, 2015 where the subcommittee approved a meeting schedule for the TSMO Committee meetings to be held on the 4th Friday of the month. TSMO first meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2015.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

Mr. William Lutz (SaveOrangeCounty.org) asked that Orange County discontinue any rural developments until the SR 50 and the SR 408 interchange is completed to reduce traffic congestion. Mr. R.J. Mueller (City of Orlando resident) expressed concern with the traffic congestion and bottleneck at East SR 50 and SR 408 due to eight nearby traffic signals. Mayor Jacobs stated that Orange County would conduct a study of the area. Mr. Robert Atkins (Orange County Resident) expressed safety concerns especially for students in the area of Forest City Road between Riverside Drive and Edgewater Drive due to poor lighting. Staff will follow-up with Mr. Atkins. Mayor Howard Schieferdecker (City of Maitland)

expressed appreciation to board members for supporting the Municipal Advisory Committee's request for voting membership. Mayor Schieferdecker is retiring as Mayor and members wished him well. Mr. John Puhek (Sierra Club) expressed support for the Orlando International Airport Refresh Alternatives Analysis which he believes would serve the Orange County Convention Center and the International Drive visitors and businesses well. Mr. Barley called attention to a letter from Mr. Puhek; Subject: OIA to Orange County Convention Center Transportation Corridor, which was provided in members' supplemental folders.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEMS)

A. Approval of Minutes - February 11, 2015 Board Meeting

The minutes of the February 11, 2015 Board meeting were provided.

B. Approval of January 2015 Monthly Financial Report and Acknowledgement of February 2015 Travel

The preliminary monthly financial report for the period ending January 31, 2015 was provided for approval. Acknowledgment was also requested of travel outside our region during the month of February 2015, which was also provided.

C. TDLCB Membership Certification

The MetroPlan Orlando Board is responsible each year for certifying the membership of our Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) for Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. The current membership was provided as approved by the TDLCB at its February 12, 2015 meeting. Authorization was requested for the Board Chairman to execute the Membership Certification to be filed with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

D. Approval of FTA & TD Grant Applications and Resolution No. 15-04

Approval was requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute the appropriate federal authorizations and assurances and submit and execute grant applications for transit planning funds, federal highway administration, local agency program agreements and contract awards and execute the grant contracts, when awarded, for Fiscal Year 2016. Authorization was also requested for the Executive Director to execute a Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund planning grant application and agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for Fiscal Year 2016.

Due to the requirements of the two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Fiscal Year 2016 (year two) has been programmed with estimated revenues and expenditures. When actual amounts for new grant awards are released by the federal and state agencies, staff will submit the proper grant applications. Changes in budget, which will include the differences from estimated to actual, will be incorporated into the first budget amendment of Fiscal Year 2016 and will include the annual roll forward of the prior year budget. A copy of Resolution No. 15-04 was provided.

E. Approval of Technical Advisory Committee Updated Bylaws

The Strategic Business Plan Restructuring Subcommittee made several recommended revisions to the currently adopted TAC bylaws to reflect recent Committee restructuring changes based on the Strategic Business Plan. The TAC approved the revised bylaws at its February 27th meeting, approval was requested and a copy of the TAC Bylaws was provided.

F. Board Personnel Committee Report

The Board's Personnel Committee met on March 5, 2015 to conduct the Executive Director's annual review and develop recommendations for the Board. This report was sent electronically to all Board members in advance of the Board meeting and a copy was also provided in members' supplemental folders.

G. Approval of Sole Source Contract to University of Central Florida for Market Research

Every two years, MetroPlan Orlando conducts market research in the three-county area to measure transportation issues of importance to the region, generate input on future funding options and identify educational deficiencies. Results are used to shape future activities for the organization, including planning activities and public outreach. A final report will be presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board and advisory committees.

Approval was requested to award a sole source contract to the University of Central Florida, Institute for Social and Behavioral Sciences. The research will be completed under the direction of Dr. Jim Wright, provost distinguished research professor, who has completed research for MetroPlan Orlando since 2005. The research is expected to include a telephone survey of adult citizens in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties, along with a supplemented internet-based survey. Results of the phone survey and the internet survey will be analyzed independently and compared to previous research to identify trends in public opinion.

This request will be handled in compliance with the board-approved procedures for awarding sole source contracts. The sole source contract, which is permitted under our procurement rules to other public entities, will not exceed \$30,000 and is programmed in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the Consent Agenda, items A-G. Commissioner Scott Boyd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of FTE Amendment FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP and Resolution No. 15-05

Ms. Shannon Estep, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), requested approval to amend the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP to include the design funding for a new interchange at Florida's Turnpike and Sand Lake Road. A copy of Resolution No. 15-05 was provided along with a letter of request from FTE.

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the FTE Amendment to the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP and Resolution No. 15-05. Mayor Teresa Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Roll Call Conducted)

B. Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Administrative Modification - Wekiva Parkway

Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested approval of an administrative modification to the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan pertaining to the Wekiva Parkway. A summary of the purpose and need of the modification was provided.

MOTION: Mayor Buddy Dyer moved approval of the administrative modification to the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan pertaining to the Wekiva Parkway. Commissioner Bob Dallari seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Gary Huttman reviewed the relationship of the approved Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the two Locally Preferred Alternative Projects - Items: IX. C and D presented below for action.

C. Approval of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the SR 50/UCF Connector Alternative Analysis

Ms. Mary Raulerson, Kittelson & Associates, requested Board approval of the LPA for the SR 50/UCF Connector Alternatives Analysis. Additional information was provided in members workbooks.

Commissioner Tony Ortiz and Commissioner Pete Clarke recommended that the SR 436 Corridor Premium Transit Study be moved up on the Prioritized Project List to provide efficient connectivity to the SR 50/UCF Connector Alternative Analysis. Mayor Swan asked that staff follow-up with both Commissioners on this topic. Mayor Jacobs asked about the expected travel times of both the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and vehicles in regards to the flow of traffic during rush hour. Ms. Raulerson noted that a 20% increase in travel time is expected with the BRT because this system will make frequent stops; however the BRT will be quicker than the current local bus system.

MOTION: Commissioner Fred Hawkins, Jr. moved approval of the LPA for the SR 50/UCF Connector Alternatives Analysis. Commissioner Pete Clarke seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Orlando International Airport (OIA) Connector Refresh Alternative Analysis

Mr. John Mason, HDR requested Board approval of the LPA for the OIA Connector Refresh Alternatives Analysis. Additional information was provided.

Discussion ensued relative to identifying possible funding sources. Mayor Jeff Triplett noted that he would like to see additional information showing the nationwide funding history for bus rapid transit (BRT) projects. Mr. Mason stated that that information is available and would be provided. Mayor Jacobs expressed concern regarding the potential impact to the OIA Refresh expected ridership if the American Maglev project should move forward and added that American Maglev has an April deadline to complete the required approval process to include several local agencies and government approvals. Mr. Mason noted that the express component to the OIA Refresh project would no longer be a viable service if American Maglev advances.

Mayor Jacobs suggested that today's decision be deferred until the May 13, 2015 Board meeting to allow time for the status of the American Maglev project to be determined. Commissioner Clarke suggested that since the OIA Refresh include two separate alignments he suggested that the action be divided into two requests (1) local and (2) OIA, and expressed concern with delaying approval of the local alignment for a decision on the Maglev project. Mr. Mason noted that the two alignments would serve different markets and could move forward as separate alignments. Mayor Jacobs noted that it would be most efficient to continue the study as two alignments simultaneously. Mr. Rob Mckey noted that the letter from the Sierra Club stated that the OIA Refresh is a viable project and that the BPAC recommended approval of this project. Mr. Barley noted that since the request for approval was not time-sensitive it was not critical to take any action today.

MOTION: Mayor Teresa Jacobs moved approval to defer the request for approval of the LPA for the OIA Connector Refresh Alternatives Analysis until the May 13, 2015 Board meeting. Mayor Jeff Triplett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Barley provided an overview of various regional transit projects noting the need for transit funding investments and also pointed out that there is a disconnect with the identified needs and budgeting practices that should be more aligned by local governments and the MetroPlan Orlando Board. He also expressed concern that there is a three-year timeline on transit studies and thereafter studies will need to be updated. Mayor Jacobs suggested that local governments identify SunRail's projected cost estimates with SunRail's actual operations and maintenance costs, and that local governments also get estimates from Lynx showing operation and maintenance costs and budgeting needs. Mr. Barley noted that staff will review the approved 2040 LRTP and will provide an update on transit financials for the board and to the Regional Leadership Council. Mayor Bradley noted the difference in cost for the two BRT projects presented today.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)

A. Correspondence

- Summary of meeting with USDOT Deputy Secretary Victor Mendez, hosted by the Central Florida Partnership on February 11, 2015
- Letter from Senator Nelson, Congressman Mica, Congresswoman Brown, Congressman Grayson and Congressman Webster to FTA Acting Administrator Therese McMillan dated February 13, 2015, Subject: SunRail Phase II Funding
- Letter to Chairman Jay Trumball, Florida Transportation Commission and Secretary Jim Boxold, FDOT dated March 2, 2015, Subject: Value Pricing Pilot Program
- Letter to Senator Jeff Brandes dated March 2, 2015, Subject: SB 1186 that would have CUTR to conduct a Vehicle Miles Traveled Study

B. Status Updates

- Updated 2015 MetroPlan Orlando Board and Committee Meeting Schedule
- FDOT Construction Status Report - February 2015
- Wekiva River Basin Commission Implementation Progress Report 2014
The report is available at the link below:
http://www.metroplanorlando.com/files/view/wekiva_river_basin_report.pdf

C. General Information

- Start of legislative session in Tallahassee - March 3, 2015
- Florida MPO Advisory Council Policy Committee Meeting hosted by MetroPlan Orlando - March 6, 2015
- Leadership Seminole Transportation Program - March 6, 2015
- Central Florida Partnership Regional Leadership Forum - Advancing an Innovation Economy and Expanding Sources of Capital - Hyatt Regency Hotel at OIA - March 19, 2015
- Quarterly Meeting of the Central Florida MPO Alliance hosted by MetroPlan Orlando - April 10, 2015
- Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission Meeting hosted by MetroPlan Orlando - April 23, 2015
- The Central Florida Clean Air Team seeks entries for the 2015 Clean Air Award. The award is given annually to an organization that exhibits innovation and leadership

in protecting air quality in our region. Please advise any groups that might be eligible. The deadline for entries is April 3. Entry materials are available on the MetroPlan Orlando website at the following link: <http://bit.ly/1JAfQat>

D. Featured Articles and Research

- “*Beyond Traffic: Trends and Choices*,” a paper by U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, February 2015, can be accessed at this link: http://www.dot.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/Draft_Beyond_Traffic_Framework.pdf; the Blue Paper for this report is available at <http://www.dot.gov/beyond-traffic/beyond-traffic-blue-paper>.
- “*Needed: A Fresh Approach to Funding America’s Infrastructure*,” Innovation NewsBriefs, February 2015. The report is available at: <http://www.infrastructureusa.org/needed-a-fresh-approach-to-funding-americas-infrastructure>
- “*Macroeconomic Analysis of Florida’s Transportation Investments*,” Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). This is an update to the 2009 macroeconomic analysis report prepared through analyzing the long-term economic benefits of the FDOT Work Program, specifically the Work Program for fiscal years 2014 to 2018. This study estimates that every dollar invested in transportation results in a return of \$4.40 in user and economic benefits to Florida’s residents and businesses. The report is available at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/Policy/economic/macroimpacts0115.pdf>.

MOTION: Commissioner Scott Boyd moved approval of Information Items For Acknowledgement Items: A-D. Commissioner Jennifer Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Status Report on 2020/21-2039/40 Prioritized Project List

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a brief status report on the new FY 2020/21-2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL) for information purposes. A more detailed preview of the draft PPL will be presented at the May Board meeting. Due to the early start for the 2016 Florida legislative session, the PPL must be approved by the Board in June and submitted to FDOT no later than July 1, 2015. A copy of the FY 2019/20-2039/40 PPL that was adopted last year has been updated to show the latest project phases that have been funded based on the new TIP, a copy of which was provided in members’ supplemental folders. Mr. Caskey requested a consensus from the Board that no new projects be added to the Prioritized Project List because the list is too long and that FDOT has requested that additional projects not be added to the list. Board consensus was granted as requested.

B. Presentation on Wekiva Parkway

Ms. Mary Brooks, Quest Corporation of America, provided a presentation on the construction status of the Wekiva Parkway. Mr. Barley noted Commissioner Lee Constantine's work and his long-term support for the Wekiva Parkway project. Commissioner Constantine serves as Chairman of the Wekiva River Basin Commission Task Force.

C. Presentation on I-4 Maintenance of Traffic Plan

Ms. Loreen Bobo, FDOT, provided an overview of how the I-4 Ultimate Project will be implemented and activities underway to maintain traffic flow during the construction period.

Commissioner Scott Boyd asked where would the sand for the I-4 project be coming from. He said that it will be a significant amount and would like to get more information. Ms. Bobo was unsure of where the contractor will be getting the fill but will provide the requested information. Discussion followed relative to construction work being done behind barrier walls during day-time hours.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Dyer congratulated the City of Kissimmee on their grand opening of the Kissimmee Lakefront Park. Commissioner Constantine acknowledged the Board on its regional leadership with the success of several major regional projects in Central Florida to include SunRail, I-4 Ultimate, Central Florida Expressway Authority and the Wekiva Parkway. Mayor Swan expressed thanks to the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners who recently passed a 5 cents per gallon increase on local gas tax starting in January 2016.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Mr. John Casselberry (Casselberry resident) provided suggestions on the construction of pedestrian bridges and referred to a pedestrian bridge between Cocoa Beach and Titusville on US 1 in Brevard County. The bridge has spiral ramps with stainless steel and he feels the design appears to be less expensive. A photograph of the bridge was submitted for the record. Mr. Casselberry also expressed concern with Wekiva Parkway bridges and the height of railings relative to safety concerns and preventing objects from going into the water.

Mr. Rob McKey expressed the need for BPAC to add projects to the PPL because he believes that BPAC is mandated to have Safe Routes to Schools and Coast to Coast projects on the list. Mr. Barley reiterated that the PPL is too long and FDOT has requested that no further

projects be added onto the list. Commissioner Constantine suggested that replacing projects could be an option. Staff will defer the issue to the Regional Leadership Council which is scheduled to meet on March 27, 2015.

XV. **NEXT MEETING - May 13, 2015** - No April Board Meeting Scheduled

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Lena Tolliver.

Approved this 13th day of May, 2015.

Mayor Jim Swan, Chairman

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

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