



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, October 11, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando  
Park Building  
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32801

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Commissioner Bob Dallari, Board Chairman, Presided

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Members

Hon. Jose Alvarez, City of Kissimmee  
Mr. Dean Asher, GOAA  
Hon. Pete Clarke, Orange County  
Hon. Lee Constantine, Seminole County  
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County  
Hon. John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee  
Hon. Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County  
Hon. Samuel B. Ings, City of Orlando  
Hon. Teresa Jacobs, Orange County  
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission  
Hon. Joe Kilsheimer, City of Apopka  
Hon. Bryan Nelson, Orange County  
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County  
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority  
Hon. Jennifer Thompson, Orange County  
Hon. Jeff Triplett, City of Sanford  
Hon. Betsy VanderLey, Orange County

**Advisors in Attendance:**

Ms. Mary Moskowitz, Technical Advisory Committee  
Ms. Joedel Zaballero, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee  
Mr. Tom O'Hanlon, Community Advisory Committee

**Members/Advisors not in Attendance:**

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs  
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando  
Hon. Fred Hawkins, Jr., Central Florida Expressway Authority  
FDOT Secretary Steve Martin, District 5  
Vacant, Kissimmee Gateway Airport

**Staff in Attendance:**

Mr. Harold Barley  
Mr. Steve Bechtel, Mateer & Harbert  
Mr. Keith Caskey  
Ms. Lisa Smith  
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb  
Mr. Eric Hill  
Ms. Mary Ann Horne  
Mr. Gary Huttman  
Ms. Cynthia Lambert  
Mr. Nick Lepp  
Mr. Jason Loschiavo  
Ms. Sally Morris  
Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Ms. Elizabeth Whitton  
Mr. Mighk Wilson  
Mr. Joe Davenport  
Ms. Robin Cusimano

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Bob Dallari called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Council President John Dowless led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Dallari reported on the August 30, 2017 Commuter Rail Commission meeting where members received a brief overview of operating statistics and financial performance. Commission members discussed changes that Volusia County would like to make to the Interlocal Agreements and some options for funding Phase 2-North. FDOT, he noted, agreed to look at options for reducing the scope of the project and Volusia County officials were asked to check with Congressman DeSantis to determine if he supports Phase 2-North. Commissioner Dallari added that funding partners are moving forward with a procurement action for a Transition Study and the Commission's next meeting will be held on November 1 at 3pm at MetroPlan Orlando.

Commissioner Clarke provided a report on the August 10<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> TDLCB meetings. He told Board members that at the August TDLCB meeting members received a report from the Quality Assurance Task Force, an overview of the Community Transportation Coordinator Evaluation (CTC) process and were asked for input for the 2018 Legislative Priorities. The bulk of the meeting, he noted, was a workshop to better understand an ACCESS LYNX issue with uncollected fares. Based on the information presented, TDLCB made a recommendation which included changes to the fare collection policy. TDLCB met September 7<sup>th</sup> and due to additional information provided, voted to hold their previous decision in abeyance and review the issue again at their November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Dallari called upon Commissioner Emily Bonilla, Orange County who provided background information regarding her vote to not approve the Transportation Improvement Program at the July 2017 meeting. She called attention to several proposed/planned projects in East Orange County that she felt were incompatible with the areas and would be disruptive to existing neighborhoods. He called attention to FDOT's Mobility Week October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup> and introduced Ms. Lisa Portelli, Winter Park Health Foundation, who spoke about Bike Walk Central Florida's Bike Friendly Cities Ride on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Dallari announced that the Regional Leadership Council was meeting immediately following the Board meeting. Ms. Virginia Whittington was recognized for a recent WTS Member of the Year award. She announced that future award programs will include a new Regional Partner Award recognizing a regional transportation partner for their commitment to furthering the region's transportation plans which was named in honor of Mr. Harry Barley.

### III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Harold Barley introduced guests Ms. Helen Miller from Senator Nelson's office and Ms. Lauren Allen, Congresswoman Murphy's office. He noted that Mr. Bill Peebles, MetroPlan's representative in Tallahassee, would be participating by phone. Mr. Barley announced that a grant application submitted to USDOT by FDOT-MetroPlan Orlando-UCF was selected to receive \$12 million from the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative. He told Board members that the Orlando Economic Partnership is developing a proposal for Amazon to locate their second corporate headquarters in Central Florida and MetroPlan Orlando had provided supporting material to address transportation infrastructure. Mr. Barley congratulated Ms. Cynthia Lambert and Ms. Mary Ann Horne on their FPRA awards for the new website and for the Transportation Disadvantaged video. He also congratulated Ms. Virginia Whittington on her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at MetroPlan. Mr. Barley announced the birth of a baby boy for Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT and introduced Mr. Michael Ziarnek, FDOT's new Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator and new MetroPlan Orlando staff member, Ms. Robin Cusimano. Discussion ensued regarding possible assistance that could be offered to advance the Amazon proposal.

**MOTION:** Mayor Teresa Jacobs moved approval for submitting a letter of support from the MetroPlan Orlando Board, for the proposal for Amazon locating their second headquarters in Central Florida. Commissioner Pete Clarke seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Council President Dowless commented that Congressman Mica had played a role in securing Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative Grant funding and suggested some type of formal acknowledgement for Congressman Mica.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lee Constantine moved approval for drafting a letter of thanks and a resolution from the MetroPlan Orlando Board, for Congressman Mica's

efforts on behalf of the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative grant. Council President John Dowless seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed a quorum of 17 voting members present. Also present were 3 advisors; and the meeting having been duly convened was ready to proceed with business.

#### **V. AGENDA REVIEW**

Mr. Barley reported that they were ready to move forward with the agenda.

#### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council President John Dowless reported that the Municipal Advisory Committee met on September 7, 2017 and welcomed Mr. Michael Ziarnek, the FDOT District Bike/Ped Coordinator. In addition to approving the July 6th meeting minutes, MAC also recommended approval of four FY 2017/18-2021/22 TIP Amendment requests. Committee members received a presentation on the Juice Bike Share program and staff requested input on the 2018 Legislative priorities and positions. The only suggested change MAC members recommended was to add the word "safety" to the item having to do with quiet zones.

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon reported that Community Advisory Committee members met on August 23, 2017 and recommended approval of four amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. CAC members, he noted, provided input on MetroPlan Orlando's 2018 legislative priorities. A variety of topics were discussed, including transportation funding, technology, and safe routes to school projects. The committee had lengthy discussion, on a recent legislative change that negatively impacts the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. The CAC ultimately made a motion to discourage a policy of redistributing bond proceeds after issuance. Committee members also received an enlightening presentation on the Juice Bike Share Program.

Ms. Mary Moskowitz reported that Technical Advisory Committee members met on August 25, 2017 and recommended approval of the of the TIP amendments. Committee members heard presentations on the Juice Bike Share Program, the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Connector Plan for FDOT District 5, and the Airspace Travel Time information. There was also a request from MetroPlan Orlando staff for input on legislative priorities for 2018.

Ms. Joedel Zaballero reported that the Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee met on August 25, 2017 and approved the June 23, 2017 meeting minutes and amendments to the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A subcommittee was established to recommend a MetroPlan Appointee to TSMO per the TSMO bylaws. Lastly, TSMO members received a presentation by Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, who requested input on MetroPlan Orlando's potential legislative priorities for the 2018 legislative session.

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Dan Kinchen, 128 Lazy Oaks Boulevard, Longwood, commented on the flooding issue at his home that he attributes to a breach of an I-4 Ultimate retention pond. The flooding has made his home uninhabitable. He commented that he had spoken to an attorney but was

unable to retain him due to cost constraints and he wanted to bring the issue to community leaders in hopes of getting the flooding addressed.

Ms. Ashley Kinchen, 128 Lazy Oaks Boulevard, Longwood, commented on the flooding issue at her home that she attributes to a breach of an I-4 Ultimate retention pond the day before Hurricane Irma. The family, she stated, including their five children, has had to relocate due to the flooding making their home uninhabitable and she felt that someone needs to take responsibility for the flooding and address the problem.

Ms. Marianne King, 1339 Grace View Court, Longwood, commented on the flooding issue being faced in Longwood and her concern that the Wekiva Parkway construction could create a similar issue elsewhere in the area. She expressed the need to look at the long-term effect of projects and how local entities can work together to prevent future issues.

Ms. Michelle Cavanaugh Ronning, 206 Garden Lane, Longwood, commented on the flooding issue that has left 5 feet of water in her home. She commented that the water is contaminated with e-coli, they have no fresh water and the flooding is a health issue.

Ms. Karen Blaydes, 132 Lake Oaks Boulevard, Longwood, commented on the flooding issue at her home. She commented that in forty years the house has never flooded and the only change in the area is the I-4 Ultimate construction. She stated that there is still four feet of water in the house that can't be pumped out and they are losing their rental income from the property.

(The Board discussed this matter under Agenda Item IX.B.)

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes from July, 12, 2017 Board meeting**
- B. Approval of June (preliminary unaudited), July and August 2017 Monthly Financial Reports and Acknowledgement of July and August 2017 Travel Reports**
- C. Ratification of FY 2017 Budget Amendment #5**
- D. Ratification of FY 2018 Budget Amendment #2**
- E. Approval to Award Contract for State Legislative Consultant Services**
- F. Approval of Central Florida MPO Alliance Priorities**
- G. Ratification of Board Resolution in support of "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day"**
- H. Approval of Board Resolution in support of "Blind Americans Equality Day"**

**MOTION:** Mayor Jose Alvarez moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Betsy VanderLey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

- A. 1. Ratification of Emergency TIP Amendment (Board Resolution No. 1705) for a railroad crossing safety project in the City of Orlando that was approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board Chairman, consistent with the Board-approved Internal Operating Procedures (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

An emergency TIP amendment for a railroad crossing safety project was approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board Chairman in July. A copy of the FDOT letters requesting the amendment, a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and Resolution No. 17-05 were provided. Mr. Keith Caskey requested that the Board ratify the emergency TIP Amendment.

- 2. Approval of Amendment to the FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Roll Forward Projects from FY 2016/2017 to FY 2017/2018 (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP be amended to include projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2016/17 to FY 2017/18. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution were provided.

- 3. Approval of Amendment to the FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Roll Forward SunRail Projects from FY 2016/2017 to FY 2017/2018. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP be amended to include SunRail projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2016/17 to FY 2017/18. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution were provided.

- 4. Approval of Amendment to the FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include additional funding for the Hoagland Boulevard project in Osceola County (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP be amended to include additional construction funding for the four-laning and realignment of Hoagland Boulevard in Osceola County due to updated cost estimates. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution were provided.

- 5. Approval of Amendment to the FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding for the Construction Engineering Inspection phase for the Wekiva Parkway project from Orange Boulevard to west of I-4 in Seminole County. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP be amended to include funding for the Construction Engineering Inspection phase for the Wekiva Parkway project from Orange Blvd. to west of I-4. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution were provided.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Samuel Ings moved approval of the Amendments A., 1-5 to the FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner

Lee Constantine seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Roll Call Vote Taken)

**B. Approval of Emergency Amendment to the FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include \$60.6 million in additional construction funding for the Wekiva Parkway project from Orange Boulevard to west of I-4 in Seminole County. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

Mr. Keith Caskey requested that the MetroPlan Orlando Board approve an emergency amendment to the TIP to add construction funding for the Wekiva Parkway project from Orange Boulevard to I-4. The letter from FDOT, fact sheet and TIP amendment resolution 17-13 were provided. Commissioner Constantine commented that he and Commissioner Dallari had both visited the site of the Longwood flooding east of I-4. He noted that the citizens had brought the issue to the Seminole County Commission meeting and he saw no other reason for the flooding except the breach of the I-4 retention pond. He added that the area of the Wekiva Parkway that was addressed in the Emergency TIP Amendment could possibly experience a flooding issue. Commissioner Constantine felt that Seminole County should have the opportunity to review and comment on future project plans. Mayor Alvarez requested that Board members hear from FDOT staff. Representatives from FDOT that were in attendance were asked to comment on the issue and what steps, if any, were being taken, to address the Longwood flooding. FDOT representatives were not able to provide any information at this time and indicated they would be speaking to the District Secretary regarding the issue. Wekiva Parkway project manager, Ashraf Elmaghraby, and FDOT staff member Hatem Aguib spoke on the project and its non-involvement with the Longwood flooding issue. Commissioner Dallari commented that there needs to be a dialog between FDOT and the citizens involved in the flooding. Mayor Alvarez asked what can be done to help the citizens move forward. FDOT staff and Commissioner Dallari met with the homeowners to discuss the issue after the Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lee Constantine moved approval of the Emergency Amendment to the FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include \$60.6 million in additional construction funding for the Wekiva Parkway project from Orange Boulevard to west of I-4 in Seminole County with the caveat that prior to any final approval, Seminole County has the right to review and comment on issues pertaining to drainage and storm water retention in this project area. Commissioner Samuel Ings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Roll Call Vote Taken)

**C. Approval of State Legislative Priorities for the 2018 Session**

Mr. Bill Peebles provided a report on the 2017 legislative session and looked ahead to the 2018 session via teleconference. He reported that the session had a negative overall feeling, revenue was down and future budgets did not look promising for improvement. He cautioned that based on budget shortfalls, the Transportation Trust Fund would be a potential target for raiding. Ms. Virginia Whittington reviewed the draft priorities for the 2018 Legislative session that were being presented to the Board for approval. She reported that the Slosberg bill, making texting while driving a primary offense, was progressing. Ms. Whittington noted that \$1.2 million in funding for quiet "safety" zones for SunRail Phase II South was included as a top priority. MAC members, she added, had requested that "safety" be added to the quiet zone title as part of their 2018 legislative priority review. Ms. Whittington told Board members that another top priority was seeking flexibility in the use of local option transportation funding taxes such as Charter County &

Regional Transportation System Surtax and the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax. She commented that staff had received a wide range of responses from local legislators regarding this priority.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Pete Clarke moved approval of MetroPlan Orlando's State Legislative Priorities for the 2018 Session. Commissioner Samuel Ings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**D. Approval of Board Resolution No. 17-12 on Texting While Driving**

Ms. Virginia Whittington told Board members that the proposed resolution was in support of the Slosberg bill making texting while driving a primary offense.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Samuel Ings moved approval of Board Resolution No. 17-12 on Texting While Driving. Commissioner Pete Clarke seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Action Item)**

**A. Correspondence**

- Letter from the Lake County Board of County Commissioners to Governor Scott dated July 27, 2017 regarding the future of the Lake-Sumter MPO
- Memorandum from Commissioner Emily Bonilla to the MetroPlan Orlando Board members dated August 16, 2017 regarding the Five-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Florida MPO Advisory Council Legislative Policy Positions for the 2018 Session
- Memorandum from Mr. Barley to the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission Members dated September 18, 2017 regarding TIGER Grant Funding for SunRail Phase 2-North

**B. Status Updates**

- MetroPlan Orlando's Expanded Air Quality Monitoring Report – June, July, August, and September 2017
- FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report – August and September 2017

**C. General Information**

- Florida Job Growth Fund Grant Opportunity through Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity
- USDOT INFRA Grant Program Announcement
- USDOT TIGER Grant Program Announcement – [www.transportation.gov/TIGER](http://www.transportation.gov/TIGER)
- Central Florida Leadership Forum/A Regional Transportation Summit – August 24, 2017:  
(*These items had been previously sent in the September Board binder*)
  - Summit Program
  - Final Report from the Central Florida Transportation Task Force (found in Board agenda workbook sleeve)
  - Summary of Polling Results
- FDOT/D5 Open House on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program – October 10, 2017



- Central Florida MPO Alliance Quarterly Meeting hosted by MetroPlan Orlando – October 13, 2017
- Orange County Legislative Delegation Public Meeting – October 16, 2017
- Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission Meeting hosted by MetroPlan Orlando – November 1, 2017
- FDOT/D5 Mobility Week – October 28 – November 3, 2017 (flyer provided)

#### D. Featured Articles and Research

- *“Funding Federal Aid Highways,”* USDOT/Federal Highway Administration, January 2017 (<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/olsp/fundingfederalaid/index.cfm>)
- *“How Driverless Cars Could Be a Big Problem for Cities,”* (i.e., their impact on automobile-related revenue streams), Governing Magazine, August 2017
- *Modernizing Government’s Approach to Transportation and Land Use Date: Challenges and Opportunities,* The Brookings Institution, July 2017 ([https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/modernizingapproachtodata\\_report1.pdf](https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/modernizingapproachtodata_report1.pdf))
- *“Leveraging the Promise of Connective and Autonomous Vehicles to Improve Integrated Corridor Management and Operations: A Primer,”* US Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration - 2017  
<https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop17001/fhwahop17001.pdf>
- *“Transportation and Health Tool Case Study: Health Metrics to Shape Transportation Investment – MetroPlan Orlando, Florida,”* American Public Health Association and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - 2017

**MOTION:** Mayor Jeff Triplett moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement. Mr. Dean Asher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### XI. OTHER BUSINESS

##### A. Overview of the Corrine Drive Study, Phase 1, highlighting the public workshop video, the existing conditions analysis and the study’s public involvement activities

Ms. Elizabeth Whitton provided background information on the Corrine Drive Study and what has been undertaken during Phase I of the study, which kicked off in January 2017. Ms. Cynthia Lambert reviewed the public involvement aspects of the study including survey results and the public workshop held July 27<sup>th</sup> at Leu Gardens. Phase II, she reported, will involve road design options with input solicited from the public and in Phase III, a draft plan will be submitted. Ms. Lambert added that the Corrine Drive Study is expected to wrap up in summer 2018.

#### XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Ms. Joanne Counelis expressed the need for 24 hour bus and train service seven days a week.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 8th day of November 2017.

  
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Commissioner Bob Dallari, Chairman  
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Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,  
Senior Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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