



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

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Commissioner Cheryl L. Grieb, Board Chairwoman, Presided

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Members

Hon. Jose Alvarez, City of Kissimmee  
Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs  
Hon. Pete Clarke, Orange County  
Hon. Lee Constantine, Seminole County  
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County  
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando  
Hon. John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee  
Hon. Cheryl L. 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  
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority  
Hon. Jennifer Thompson, Orange County  
Hon. Betsy VanderLey, Orange County

**Advisors in Attendance:**

Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Technical Advisory Committee  
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Community Advisory Committee  
Mr. Kelly Brock, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee

**Members/Advisors not in Attendance:**

Mr. Dean Asher, GOAA  
Hon. Fred Hawkins, Jr., Central Florida Expressway Authority  
FDOT Secretary Mike Shannon, District 5  
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County  
Hon. Jeff Triplett, City of Sanford  
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

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

Commissioner Cheryl L. Grieb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked for a moment of silence for Winter Springs Commissioner Pam Carroll who passed away recently. Commissioner Samuel Ings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. CHAIRWOMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Grieb welcomed everyone and recognized Commissioner Dallari for his service as Past Chairman. She introduced new committee chairs Mr. Atlee Mercer, CAC, Mr. Hazem El-Assar, TAC, and Mr. Kelly Brock, TSMO. Commissioner Grieb provided a report on the January 19 CFMPOA meeting where members elected new officers which were Commissioner Lee Constantine, Chairman, Council Member Deb Denys, Vice-Chair and Commissioner Roy Tyler,

Secretary. CFMPOA members, she reported, approved their 2018 legislative priorities and the next CFMPOA meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2018.

Commissioner Grieb also provided a report on the December 13 and January 30 Personnel Committee meetings where committee members vetted Executive Search firms and is recommending Slavin Management Consultants. Board approval of Slavin, she noted, was on the consent agenda for the meeting. Council President John Dowless, she added, is being recommended to serve on the Personnel Committee for 2018 due to Commissioner Dallari's dual role as Secretary/Treasurer and Past Chair creating a need for an additional member. Commissioner Grieb reported that a Personnel Committee meeting was scheduled for immediately following the board meeting

### **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Harold Barley reported that Commissioner Bonilla was going to be in attendance for Commissioner Siplin. He provided a report on the holiday toy drive benefitting Help Now of Osceola County where 120 gifts and \$1,120 in gift cards were collected for the children, the teenagers and the women who are served by Help Now. Mr. Barley informed Board members of staff changes at FDOT District 5 and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. He reported that Mr. Steve Martin resigned as FDOT District 5 Secretary and Mr. Mike Shannon is the new FDOT District 5 Secretary. In addition, Ms. Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti resigned from her position as Executive Director of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to become the Commissioner of Transportation for the State of New Jersey and Mr. Paul Wai is the new Executive Director at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. Mr. Barley reviewed the main components of the President's recently released Infrastructure Initiative, including the proposed streamlining of the project process. Mr. Barley will forward any updates on the Infrastructure Initiative to Board members. Commissioner Dallari spoke briefly about the release of the President's Infrastructure Initiative which happened while he and Mr. Barley were attending the NARC Conference in Washington DC. He noted that the Infrastructure Plan offered no new revenue and would change the funding split from 80% Federal and 20% local to 20% Federal and 80% state/local/private for most projects. Commissioner Dallari noted that the NARC Conference in June 2018 is being held here in Orlando.

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

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed a quorum of 16 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 the Central Florida MPO Alliance Long Range Transportation Plan was not available at this time.

### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council President John Dowless reported that MAC welcomed new MAC member, Longwood Mayor, Ben Paris. In addition MAC members approved the December 7, 2017 minutes, the FDOT Amendment to the FY 2017/18-2021/22 TIP, and recommended endorsement of FDOT's safety target of Vision Zero. He reported that committee members received a request for potential projects tied to the development of the UPWP, a legislative update, and an

update on the Prioritized Project List. He added that the next MAC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Mr. Atlee Mercer reported that Community Advisory Committee members met on January 24, 2018. He told Board members that several years ago, he served on the MetroPlan Orlando board as an elected official, and was happy to now be here again representing the citizens on the Community Advisory Committee. CAC recommended three new members to fill vacancies on the committee and recommended approval of the Transportation Improvement Program amendment and using FDOT's interim transportation performance measures in our 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. CAC members received a presentation on the Unified Planning Work Program and an update on the legislative session.

Mr. Hazem El-Assar reported that Technical Advisory Committee members met on January 26, 2018 and recommended approval of the TIP amendments and FDOT's interim transportation performance measures and targets. Committee members, he added, received presentations on the status of the projects currently in the Prioritized Project List and the request for projects to include in the new Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Kelly Brock reported that the Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee met on January 26, 2018 and approved the December 1, 2017 meeting minutes, the amendments to the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Ms. Nicole Hugues to become the first TSMO Community Advocate and staff's request for FDOT's interim transportation performance measures and targets to be included in the 2040 LRTP. Mr. Mike Shannon, P.E., District 5 Secretary (formerly Turnpike Enterprise) gave an update on Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) initiatives at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando staff, made a request for potential projects to be included in the new FY 2018/19 - 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). In addition, discussion took place on staff's recommendation to forgo a workshop to address the challenge of developing a transportation ecosystem that welcomes CV/AV and other emerging technologies, in view of the work that is being completed by the Central Florida AV Partnership.

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

None.

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2017 Board meeting**
- B. Approval of November-December 2017 Financial Report and Acknowledgement of December 2017/January 2018 Travel Report**
- C. Approval of 2018 Board Appointments**
- D. Approval to Award Contract for Executive Search Firm**
- E. Approval of Sole Source Contract with Dr. Essam Radwan**
- F. Acknowledgement of Annual Certification Review**
- G. Approval of Community Advisory Committee Member and Alternate Member Appointments**

## H. Approval of Joint Metropolitan Planning Agreement with Lake-Sumter MPO

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Lee Constantine seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

### A. Board Approval of Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2017/18-2021/22

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP be amended to include a change to the project limits for the access management improvements project on US 17/92 in Winter Park. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Pete Clarke moved approval of the amendment to the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP. Mayor Teresa Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (Roll Vote taken).

### B. Reaffirmation of Board Priorities

Mr. Gary Huttman requested that the Board reaffirm the priorities that they had approved in 2017. He reviewed the four basic priorities which included trail connectivity, Complete Streets, engaging the younger population and SunRail. Mr. Huttman called attention to work that had been done the past year towards meeting these goals. Mayor Jacobs suggested expanding the SunRail priority to transit as a whole, which would include LYNX. Commissioner Dallari commented that he met with the Dangerous by Design staff and he questioned the calculations that were used that designated Central Florida as the most dangerous as not accurately reflecting the status of the area. Mr. Huttman explained that the goals had been developed to be broad. Discussion ensued on pedestrian safety issues.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Pete Clarke moved approval of reaffirming the board priorities with the broadening of SunRail to transit. Commissioner Samuel Ings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

### C. Approval of Schedule for Development of the Next 2-Year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Gary Huttman requested approval to advance the schedule for developing the UPWP. Mr. Huttman reported that the draft UPWP will be presented to the Board at the March meeting and final adoption is slated for the April/May Board and committee meetings. Mr. Huttman reviewed the estimated revenues, estimated funding to LYNX, the UPWP sections and appendices. Local government work and planning activities, he added, are included in the UPWP for information and any ideas on projects that Board members want to be submitted to staff. Mr. Harry Barley commented that it had been ten years since the "How Shall We Grow?" effort and he suggested looking at a "How Did We Grow?" project to evaluate what has taken place growth-wise over the past ten years. He will have a discussion with Mr. Tim Giuliani, Orlando Economic Partnership and Mr. Hugh Harling from the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council on the "How Did We Grow?" project. He noted that some internal discussion had taken place regarding density but the area's

growth patterns involve more than just density. Commissioner Dallari commented that Central Florida was pioneering in conducting a values study in conjunction with “How Shall We Grow?” and a second values study had also been conducted a few years ago.

**MOTION:** Mayor Jose Alvarez moved approval of advancing the schedule for developing the UPWP. Mayor Pat Bates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**D. Recommendation to Support FDOT’s Safety Performance Measures and Targets**

Mr. Nick Lepp requested approval of supporting FDOT’s interim transportation performance measures and targets to be included in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in order to meet the new federal requirements in the FAST Act.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of supporting FDOT’s interim transportation performance measures and targets. Council President John Dowless seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**A. Correspondence**

- Letter from Mr. Barley to Mr. Jim Dinneen (Volusia County) and Ms. Lois Bollenback (River to Sea TPO) regarding SunRail Phase 2-North dated January 3, 2018.
- Letter from Mr. Tim Giuliani (Orlando Economic Partnership) expressing appreciation for our help with putting together the proposal for the Amazon HQ2 project.

**B. Status Updates**

- PD&E Tracking Report
- FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report – January 2018
- FDOT 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Variance Report

**C. General Information**

- Claimed Outline of President Trump’s Infrastructure Package (January 22, 2018)
- Brightline Achieves Another Major Milestone with Final Environmental Approval by USDOT
- Central Florida MPO Alliance Consolidated Long Range Transportation Plan (provided to Board members separately)
- Quarterly Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Meeting – February 15, 2018 at MetroPlan Orlando
- Florida Legislative Session ends March 9, 2018

**D. Featured Articles and Research**

- “Automated Vehicles: Comprehensive Plan Could Help DOT Address Challenges,” United State Government Accountability Office Report to Congressional Committees – November 2017  
<https://www.gao.gov/assets/690/688676.pdf>
- “Guide to Value Capture Financing for Public Transportation Projects,” Transportation Research Board, Transit Cooperative Research Program – 2016  
<https://www.nap.edu/read/23682/chapter/1>
- FDOT Source Book, Florida Department of Transportation/Office of Forecasting and Trends, 2017 (<http://floridaampms.com/pdf/SourceBook2017.pdf>)
- “Does transportation even matter to Amazon and HQ2?,” Brookings Institution – January 2018 <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/the-avenue/2018/01/19/does-transportation-even-matter-to-amazon-and-hq2/>

**MOTION:** Mayor Pat Bates moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement. Mayor Teresa Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **XI. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Report from the Transportation Think-In**

Ms. Elizabeth Whitton provided a report on the transportation Think-In that was held Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at Ace Café. She reported that 60 area leaders outside the transportation industry attended the Think-In along with two Federal Highway Administration staff members to discuss the future of transportation. Participants included representatives from health, education, housing, Chambers of Commerce, Community Development, human services, non-profits, and tourism. Ms. Whitton added that the keynote speaker was Ms. Karen Leone de Nie from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta who spoke about the benefits of thinking collectively and the intersections between transportation, health, employment, community and economic development. Commissioner Grieb, who attended the Think-In, commented on what a great presentation Ms. Leone de Nie gave at the event. Ms. Whitton reviewed the Think-In takeaways and the next steps. Commissioner Clarke commented on the fascinating discussions that had been taking place at the various tables at the event. Council President Dowless commented that the presentation provided different sources of information and there was a great cross-section of the community in attendance. Mr. Harry Barley noted that the Think-In event was a great team effort, which included UCF students assisting with note-taking. Participants, he added, were asking staff when the next Think-in event would be scheduled.

### **B. Update on the 2018 Florida Legislative Session**

Ms. Virginia Whittington reported that the bill that proposed MPO board reorganization had lost traction while House Bill 33/Senate Bill 90, that dealt with making texting while driving a primary offense were making their way through and were likely to be signed by the Governor. Mr. Atlee Mercer asked if there was going to be an addition to the standard crash report form to indicate distracted driving. Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando staff, responded that there was a field on the current crash report for distracted driving. Ms. Whittington added that currently, motorists are not required to turn over their phone

to law enforcement in cases where motorists are pulled over for texting while driving. She noted that Senate Bill 116/House Bill 117 had been introduced and an amendment had been filed which would amend the "Move Over" law to require motorists to vacate the lane/slow down and remain at a safe distance for bicyclists and defines bicycle lanes/protected bicycle lanes. In the Senate version bicyclists would be considered vulnerable users, but that bill had not mustered much traction and the House Bill version would likely go over to the Senate side. Ms. Whittington reported that Senate Bill 1200 sought to create the Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority. She added that of the \$60 million that would normally be allocated to the Florida Rail Enterprise, the bill originally proposed that \$25 million of those funds would be going to TBARTA and \$25 million possibly going to Miami-Dade, with only \$10 million in funding left for the rest of the state. The bill, she noted, had amendments filed to begin in 2021-2022, which would protect SunRail funding, and kept the allocation to TBARTA but not Miami. Another version allocated \$8 million for a new Innovative Mobility Program in Jacksonville and proposed that if TBARTA could not match the funding, it would revert back for FDOT to redistribute to the whole state. Ms. Whittington called attention to a preemption bill that proposed a dockless bike share program which would result in cities having no regulatory authority over the program. The Florida League of Cities, she noted, is opposed to the program. Commissioner Constantine noted that the counties are opposed as well. Ms. Whittington called attention to House Bill 585 which proposed expanding the use of tourist development tax revenue for transportation purposes limited to the first \$20 million beyond year of approval. Commissioner Dallari questioned whether the bill would apply to all of the cents of the six cent tax. Mayor Dyer explained that originally there had been discussion of adding a seventh cent to the tax, but that had no traction. He added that the tax revenue would be limited to five of the six cents, since the 6<sup>th</sup> cent is restricted to advertising and capital construction. Mr. Mercer commented that Orange and Osceola County tourism tax revenue is already highly leveraged and it would be difficult to siphon off funding for other uses.

#### C. I-4 Beyond the Ultimate

Mr. Mario Bizzio, FDOT, provided an update on the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project. He reviewed the corridor including the 20 mile Beyond the Ultimate extension both north and south, which extended to the Polk County line south and to the Volusia County line north. Mr. Bizzio reported that the corridor had been divided into six sections, including the I-4 Ultimate project. Project development and environmental have all been approved, he added, all sections are in preliminary design and right-of-way acquisition is underway. He reported that the project would include approximately 129 new or widened bridges, 55 new drainage ponds and 22 interchanges that will be improved or rebuilt. Mr. Bizzio noted that there were two typical sections, one that contained a transit corridor and one without a transit corridor. He reviewed the typical section and the individual sections for the project, noting that the aesthetic components will be consistent throughout. Mr. Bizzio provided a timeline for the projects which are funded. He noted that there is one interim project that is unfunded, the Darryl Carter Parkway Interchange, which they hope to have funded next cycle. Mr. Mercer expressed concerns regarding an Osceola County south side connection to the SR 429/I-4 Interchange. He noted that Osceola County Expressway Authority, Central Florida Expressway Authority, Osceola County and Polk County are all interested in a connection, it is a number one priority for Osceola County and an I-4 connection to SR 532 would be a poor solution. Mr. Mercer acknowledged that it will be a Federal Highway Administration decision first where the connection would be located. Mr. Bizzio responded that FDOT is aware of the issue but he would need to have additional data to determine where the alignment might be located and the project section involved



is a few years out, so there is time to look into it. Commissioner Grieb asked that any updated information regarding the I-4/SR 429 connection be sent to Mr. Barley to forward to the Board. Commissioner Dallari commented that it needs to be noted on the slide that FDOT is reviewing the connection issue and will be addressing it. Mr. Bizzio continued reviewing the project sections, their cost and funding status. Commissioner Dallari called attention to a letter that had been sent to Ms. Loreen Bobo, I-4 Ultimate Project Manager, regarding concerns over first responder's access to the managed lanes and he wanted to ensure that the issue will be addressed. Mr. Bizzio responded that he will ensure the concerns get to FDOT regarding the access issue and it will be addressed. Safety, he noted, is always a priority. He resumed reviewing the northern sections of the project. Commissioner Dallari called attention to the last hurricane season when residents in Longwood experienced severe flooding issues related to the I-4 construction and asked what was being done to address the issue for the upcoming hurricane season. Mr. Bizzio responded that he had noted Commissioner Dallari's concerns. He provided a summary of what projects were funded and unfunded along with estimated construction cost, and a summary of what will be under construction and the calendar year. Information was provided for staff contacts as well as where additional information can be found. Mayor Dyer commented that the managed lanes planned on SR 528 would be the first in the country where there would be a toll in a toll and the managed lanes would lead into the I-4 managed lanes. He expressed concern regarding how far someone, especially tourists, would need to travel before being able to exit the managed lanes and access the I-Drive area. Mr. Bizzio responded that FDOT is aware of the nature of the area and are taking care to address the tourist issue. Mr. Harry Barley called attention to the original terminus for the I-4 Ultimate project at Kirkman Road and the search for funding to extend that terminus to SR 528. He noted that the funding did not work out for the extension by 2021 and it was currently slated for 2023. Mr. Barley added that the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project was not being funded as a 3P, Public Private Partnership, project as was the I-4 Ultimate project and there was approximately a \$3 billion funding shortfall currently to complete the project. He commented that the Florida Transportation Financing Corporation was a funding option and the managed lanes could provide a revenue stream and he would be discussing the funding issue with District 5 Secretary Mike Shannon. In addition, he called attention to the I-4 Task Force which Mayor Jacobs chaired and was still in place, as a venue for the funding discussions. Mayor Jacobs agreed that funding is an issue for the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project and more information was needed. Commissioner Dallari asked if there had been any financial evaluation done and documentation on why the Beyond the Ultimate was not a 3P project. Mr. Bizzio responded that he did not have that information, but 3P funding was a tool in the tool box for funding projects. Commissioner VanderLey asked if FDOT was working with Florida's Turnpike Enterprise regarding the SR 528 managed lanes and concerns of the I-Drive community regarding access. Mr. Bizzio responded that FDOT is working closely with Florida's Turnpike Enterprise on the SR 528 interchange. She added that there needs to be clear wayfinding signage in the area to direct tourists and robust landscaping, since this was the gateway to the area. Mr. Bizzio responded that there is dedicated funding for landscaping for the project.

## **XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**

Ms. Joanne Counelis commented on the need for 24 hour bus and train service 7 days a week and on holidays. She expressed her concern regarding a bus stop at Douglas Avenue and SR 436 in Altamonte Springs.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 14th day of March 2018.



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Commissioner Cheryl L. Grieb, Chairwoman



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Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,  
Senior Board Services Coordinator/ Recording Secretary

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