



MetroPlan Orlando Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, May 8, 2019  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando  
Park Building  
250 S. Orange Ave, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32801

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Commissioner Viviana Janer, Board Secretary/Treasurer, Presided

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Members

Hon. Pat Bates, City of Altamonte Springs  
Hon. Emily Bonilla, Orange County  
Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Orange County  
Hon. John Dowless, Municipal Advisory Committee  
Mr. M. Carson Good, GOAA  
Hon. Cheryl L. Grieb, Osceola County  
Hon. Samuel B. Ings, City of Orlando  
Hon. Viviana Janer, LYNX/Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission  
Hon. Christine Moore, Orange County  
Hon. Bryan Nelson, City of Apopka  
Hon. Victoria Siplin, Orange County  
Mr. Stephen Smith, Sanford Airport Authority  
Hon. Jay Zembower, Seminole County

Advisors in Attendance:

FDOT Secretary Mike Shannon, District 5  
Mr. Will Hawthorne, Technical Advisory Committee  
Mr. Thomas Kapp, Kissimmee Gateway Airport  
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Community Advisory Committee

Members/Advisors not in Attendance:

Hon. Jose Alvarez, City of Kissimmee  
Mr. Benton Bonney, Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee  
Hon. Bob Dallari, Seminole County  
Hon. Buddy Dyer, City of Orlando  
Hon. Fred Hawkins, Jr., Central Florida Expressway Authority  
Hon. Jeff Triplett, City of Sanford  
Hon. Mayra Uribe, Orange County  
Hon. Betsy VanderLey, Orange County

Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Steve Bechtel, Mateer & Harbert  
Mr. Keith Caskey  
Mr. Joe Davenport  
Ms. Lisa Smith  
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb  
Ms. Mary Ann Horne  
Mr. Gary Huttman  
Ms. Cynthia Lambert  
Mr. Nick Lepp  
Mr. Jason Loschiavo  
Ms. Crystal Mercedes  
Ms. Sally Morris  
Mr. Alex Trauger  
Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Ms. Elizabeth Whitton  
Mr. Mighk Wilson

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

Commissioner Viviana Janer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Victoria Siplin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. CHAIRWOMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Janer noted that new Board members Commissioner Christine Moore and Commissioner Jay Zembower attended the MPOAC Institute and they spoke briefly about their very positive experience attending. She congratulated Mayor John Dowless on the Edgewood Commission recently electing him Mayor.

**III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Gary Huttman called attention to the numerous events staff participated in since the March Board meeting. He reported that no alternates were in attendance and introduced new Board member, Mr. M. Carson Good, representing Greater Orlando Aviation Authority. He noted guests in attendance which included Mr. Jim Martin, FHWA, Mr. Jim Harrison, LYNX and recipients of ReThink's Best Workplaces for Commuters designation. In addition, Mr. John Wayne Smith and Ms. Angela Drzewiecki were in attendance to provide the legislative update

later in the agenda. Mr. Huttman called attention to Ms. Cathy Goldfarb's recent tenth anniversary at MetroPlan Orlando, SunRail's fifth anniversary, Ms. Crystal Mercedes departing her position at MetroPlan Orlando and Ms. Nicole Nason's appointment as the new Federal Highway Administrator. He reported that the April Board Workshop was well attended and that MetroPlan Orlando recently hosted a SunRail briefing and Tour for a group from Polk County. Mr. Huttman congratulated Ms. Cynthia Lambert, Ms. Mary Anne Horne and Ms. Virginia Whittington on the five FPRA awards they recently received. He informed Board members that a decision had been made to conduct the Strategic Plan Workshop during a portion of the June and July Board meetings.

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

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed a quorum of 13 voting members present.

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

Mr. Huttman called attention to two changes on the agenda. Mr. Stephen Alianiello, ReThink would be presenting the Best Workplaces for Commuters presentation and Ms. Rakinya Hinson would give the FDOT Certification presentation.

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

Mayor John Dowless reported that MAC met on May 2nd and Mayor Dominic Persampiere chaired the meeting in his absence. He noted that MAC members welcomed one of two newly elected Mayors and designated MAC members: Mayor Nick Fouraker from the City of Belle Isle. Town of Windermere Mayor, Jim O'Brien had a last minute conflict and was unable to attend. Mayor Dowless added that MAC recommended approval of the requested amendment to FY 2018/19-2022/23 TIP and a Nominating and Bylaws Review Subcommittee was appointed to recommend a slate of officers for the next two-year term. Lastly, he reported, MAC members received a report on the Silver Star Road Corridor Study in Ocoee

Mr. Atlee Mercer reported that Community Advisory Committee members met on April 24th and recommended four very qualified individuals to fill vacancies on the committee. CAC members, he added, voted to approve the Transportation Improvement Program amendment and enjoyed presentations from Voyage, the autonomous taxi service in the Villages and an update on the Silver Star Corridor Study in Ocoee.

Mr. Will Hawthorne reported that Technical Advisory Committee members met on April 26th and recommended approval of the TIP amendment request for the railroad crossing safety projects and the SR 436 traffic operations project. TAC members, he added, heard a presentation from MetroPlan Orlando staff on the Silver Star Road Corridor Study

Mr. Gary Huttman read the TSMO report in the absence of Mr. Benton Bonney. He reported that the Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee met on April 26, 2019 and approved the February 22 TSMO Meeting Minutes, staff's request to amend the FY 2018/19 - 2022/23 TIP and staff's request for members to serve on a Subcommittee to recommend a MetroPlan Orlando Appointee to the TSMO. Committee members, Mr. Huttman noted, had two presentations. Mr. Chris Castro, City of Orlando gave a presentation on the Orlando Smart Cities Program. Mr. Allen Danaher, WSP, the consultant on the MetroPlan Orlando Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Readiness Study provided TSMO with a

preview of a questionnaire that will be used to gather information from each of the jurisdictions on their existing capabilities to integrate CAV technology with their transportation systems

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2018 Board meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report for February/March 2019
- C. Acknowledgement of Travel Report for February/March 2019
- D. Approval of the Annual Investment Report
- E. Approval of FY 20 Budget Amendment
- F. Approval of Update to Employee Handbook and Travel Policy
- G. Approval to Dispose of Fixed Assets
- H. Approval of Crash Database agreement with the University of Florida
- I. Approval to Exercise Options to Extend General Planning Consultant Contracts with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. and HDR Engineering, Inc.
- J. Approval of new members to the Community Advisory Committee
- K. Approval of Modification to 2040 LRTP

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cheryl Grieb moved approval of Consent Agenda, Action Items A-K. Commissioner Samuel Ings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**IX. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Recommendation to approve FDOT TIP Amendments Railroad Crossings & SR 436

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the FY 2018/19 - 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to include two new railroad crossing safety projects in Orange County and the construction funding for a traffic operations project on SR 436 from Boston Avenue to east of Anchor Road in Altamonte Springs. A letter from FDOT and a fact sheet explaining the amendment request were provided.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Samuel Ings moved approval of the amendment to the FY 2018/19 - 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Jay Zembower seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (Roll Call Vote taken).

X. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. Letter from Mr. Huttman to Secretary Mike Shannon on FDOT Draft LAP Policy
- C. Letter from Mr. Huttman to Carl Mikyska regarding MPOAC Freight Priorities
- D. Letter from Ms. Betsy Fulmer to Chairwoman VanderLey regarding SunRail
- E. Letter from Chairwoman VanderLey to Ms. Betsy Fulmer regarding SunRail
- F. Letter from James Stansbury, Department of Economic Opportunity to Chairwoman VanderLey
- G. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report
- H. FDOT Third Quarter Variance Report
- I. General Information
  - Meeting of the TDLCB – May 9, 2019
  - Meeting of the CFX Board – May 9, 2019
  - Meeting of the CFCRC – May 30, 2019
  - MPOAC Institute in Tampa – May 31-June 2, 2019
  - NARC Annual Meeting in Omaha – June 9-June 12, 2019
  - Floridian's for Better Transportation Summer Camp – July 10-July 12, 2019
- J. Featured Articles and Research

Airbnb and Uber alumni fuel tech's next wave

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/13/technology/silicon-valley-network-mafias.html>

Atlanta's Big Transit Vote Is a Referendum on Race

<https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2019/03/gwinnett-county-transit-referendum-marta-race-crime/584737/>

Millennials Are Driving Cars as Much as Older Generations

<https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2019/03/millennial-car-ownership-driving-behavior-vehicle-data/585667/>

<https://www.enotrans.org/etl-material/beyond-speculation-2-0-automated-vehicles-and-public-policy/>

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jay Zembower moved approval of the Information Items for Acknowledgement. Commissioner Samuel Ings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. ReThink Your Commute Report on Best Work Places**

Mr. Stephen Alianiello, ReThink, gave a presentation on ReThink and the organizations receiving the Best Workplaces for Commuters. He provided information on ReThink's goals and the counties they serve. Mr. Alianiello recognized forty-one companies and provided information on what these companies offer to their employees in terms of commuting benefits. Representatives from a majority of the companies recognized received certificates and took a group photo with MetroPlan Orlando Board members.

### **B. Silver Star Road Project**

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the Silver Star Road Corridor Study in Ocoee, which was recently completed. Mr. Lepp reviewed a map of the area and the purpose of the study. He provided information on the downtown Ocoee Master Plan and the proposed build alternatives. Mr. Lepp noted that the enhanced grid alternative was chosen, since it met all of the goals. He reviewed the schedule for the study and next steps, noting that design for the project was proposed in the next couple of years.

### **C. FDOT Certification**

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT reported that FDOT's annual certification took place in February. She reviewed the purpose for the certification and the certification process. Ms. Hinson noted that a risk assessment is assigned and MetroPlan Orlando received a low risk assessment. In addition, she called attention to Metroplan Orlando's noteworthy practices. Mayor Demings asked the risk assessment ratings for other MPOs. Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT District 5, responded that out of the five MPOs they work with three have low risk assessments, one has a medium risk assessment and one has a high risk assessment.

### **D. Report on the 2019 Legislative Session**

Mr. John Wayne Smith and Ms. Angela Drzewiecki, Peebles, Smith and Matthews, provided a report on action related to MetroPlan Orlando legislative priorities during the recent legislation session in Tallahassee. Mr. Smith reported that the session is over and one of the positive outcomes is that a robust budget was passed that incorporated both the Governor's and the House priorities. He noted that as a result of the recent elections there were a large number of new legislative representatives. Mr. Smith called attention to a bill that would change the make-up of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority board which failed and a Miami Dade Expressway Authority bill which passed and involves a five-year plan to eliminate that agency and for FDOT to take over some of the responsibilities. In

addition, he noted Senate Bill 7068 which called for three new tolled roadways to be constructed connecting Collier County to Polk County, Suncoast Parkway to the Turnpike and Citrus County to Jefferson County, with the three becoming part of the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise system. Ms. Angela Drzewiecki provided a report on public safety legislation. She reported that the texting while driving bill passed making texting while driving a primary offense with the addition of hands free school and work zones. In addition HB 611 increasing the criminal penalty for motor vehicle racing passed, while legislation allowing drone use for specific purposes did not pass. Mr. Smith added that a legislative report he forwarded to Ms. Whittington is a draft template at this time and a more in depth final report tailored to MetroPlan Orlando will be forthcoming.

**XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**

Mr. David Bottomley commented on the lack of adequate truck parking and suggested looking at how Hillsborough County has addressed the problem.

**XIV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m. The meeting was transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 12th day of June 2019.

  
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Commissioner Betsy VanderLey, Chairwoman

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

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