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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, April 25, 2018

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32801

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Atlee Mercer presided

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem for Ms. Karolyn Campbell,
MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Mr. Robert McKey, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Ms. Lisa Portelli, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County
Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Asima Azam, Orange County
Fr. Jabriel Ballentine, Orange County
Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole,
MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Mark Loeb, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Christopher Maier, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Kayla Mitchell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Carmen Rasnick MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Keith Trace, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Wade Vose, Orange County
Vacant, City of Kissimmee

Others in attendance were:

Mr. David Cooke, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT
Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Crystal Mercedes, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

A complete listing of other attendees may be obtained upon request.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Atlee Mercer called the Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Sarah Elbadri led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Mercer commented that CFX had voted to proceed with the PD&Es for the Osceola Parkway east project and the Poinciana Parkway connection to I-4 to see if the projects are viable. He added that these projects are critical legs for the beltway around Central Florida. Chairman Mercer noted that Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will be holding a workshop on the extension to SR 50 on May 10th at the Doubletree UCF. He called attention to an Orlando Sentinel article which stated that Central Florida Expressway Authority was conducting their own study on a SR 50 extension, which seemed like a waste of resources on duplicate efforts.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert reported that under agenda item VII.C, Mr. Nick Lepp would be the presenter. She welcomed back Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT, and welcomed Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX, who was filling in for Mr. Myles O'Keefe. Ms. Lambert called attention to items in the supplemental folders which included the Air Quality report and a Travel Time Study fact sheet. Committee members, she noted also received a Florida High Tech magazine in which Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff member, was quoted.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed that a quorum was present.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. *Approval of February 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes*

Approval was requested of the February 28, 2018 meeting minutes, which were provided. Mr. Jeff Piggrem called attention to the omission of a CAC request to have an update on financials for SunRail. Ms. Lambert told CAC members that she is working on securing a presentation on SunRail for a future meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Jeffrey Campbell moved for approval of the February 28, 2018 meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested CAC recommend that the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to provide additional funding for three existing projects in the TIP and add three new projects. The existing projects included:

- railroad quiet zone project in Maitland
- Wekiva Parkway project in Seminole County
- Pomegranate Avenue safety project in Sanford

The new projects included:

- Orange County Advanced Traffic Management Phase 4
- UCF Automated Shuttle Service
- Emory Canal Bike Trail in Kissimmee

A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution which was presented at the May 9th MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting. Mr. Caskey reviewed the projects included in the request. He called attention to a typo for the UCF shuttle project noting that the amount should be \$840,000 not \$340,000. Mr. Rob McKey asked if Mr. Caskey could explain what a quiet zone was and how does it protect roadway users if no warning horn is blown. Mr. Caskey responded that the horn in a quiet zone can be sounded if there is an emergency and additional safety features are added for a quiet zone. Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT, added that the signals are updated and quad gates are installed as part of quiet zone safety features and the whistle use needs to be justified. Mr. McKey asked about ADA accommodations at the crossings. Ms. Smith responded that FDOT looks into ADA accommodations that might be needed on all projects.

MOTION: Mr. Tony Tizzio moved for approval of the FDOT Amendments to FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Tom O'Hanlon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. *Approval of Final Fiscal Year 2018/19-2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program*

Action was requested by Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the final version of the FY 2018/19 - 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP executive summary was provided, and the full document could be reviewed online at <https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/DRAFT-FY2019-FY2020-UPWP-AS-OF->

[2018-02-28.pdf](#). Mr. Lepp told CAC members that the draft UPWP had been presented at the February meeting and since then minor comments had been received from the reviewing agencies. He noted that the final approved UPWP was required to be sent to FDOT by May 15, 2018.

MOTION: Mr. Brindley Pieters moved for approval of the FY 2018/19 - 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Tom O'Hanlon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. *Preview of Performance Measures*

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of MetroPlan Orlando's transportation performance measures. This will be an action item at the May 23rd CAC meeting. Mr. Lepp reviewed the old planning process along with the new planning process for 2045, which will include the performance measures. He noted that the planning factors needed to match the goals and be consistent with the Long Range Plan. In terms of the new process, he reported that corridors will be identified first, ranked next and then projects will be looked at. Discussion ensued regarding equity issues, advancing of projects, federal versus MetroPlan measures and concerns about allocation of funding. Mr. Lepp told committee members that there will be some balancing of projects among the three counties. He noted that MetroPlan Orlando board and committees will have the opportunity to view the projects and the projects that have already started will advance. Additional discussion ensued in regards to what was environmental justice, adding language that states all will get a fair share and addressing mixed modes. Mr. Lepp explained that environmental justice addresses those that lack vehicles/transportation and movement was towards removing silos and addressing projects more holistically. He added that the goal was to not separate categories of projects, however regional trails and transit would still be separate and the same approved funding percentages would apply, but all projects would be on one list.

B. *Presentation on Connected and Autonomous Vehicles*

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on connected and autonomous vehicles. Mr. Hill told CAC members that safety is an important factor in connected and autonomous vehicles. He reviewed National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data on traffic fatalities, a majority of which were caused by human error. Mr. Hill noted that technology was constantly evolving. He reviewed the levels of automation, benefits these vehicles provide and federal and state legislation that has been enacted supporting connected and autonomous vehicles, along with USDOT policy guidance. In addition, Mr. Hill reviewed due diligence efforts on the part of locals; connected and autonomous vehicle efforts underway throughout the state of Florida; and some of the uncertainties associated with the technology. Discussion ensued regarding legal driver status, impact the technology could have on people's lives, the UCF shuttle test vehicles, what exemptions encompassed and privacy and litigation issues.

C. *Presentation on Bicycle & Pedestrian Crash Data Report*

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on MetroPlan Orlando's latest report on bicycle and pedestrian crash data. Mr. Wilson reviewed data on crashes over the past

ten years, crash typing, safety factors when crossing mid-block, bicyclist trends and numbers, data on safety in numbers and a proposed Safety Action Plan. He requested volunteers from CAC to serve on a Safety Action Plan Working Group. Ms. Lisa Portelli, Ms. Sarah Elbadri and Mr. R. J. Mueller volunteered to serve on the Safety Action Plan Working Group which will meet in May, July and October 2018. Mr. Doug Robinson asked if others could attend the working group meetings and Mr. Wilson indicated that non-members could attend. Requests were made for the data used in the presentation. Mr. Wilson responded that he will make the data available.

D. *Presentation on Travel Time Delay Study*

Ms. Crystal Mercedes, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on MetroPlan Orlando's FY 2016/17 Travel Time Delay Study. Ms. Mercedes told committee members that 2016/17 was the second year that MetroPlan Orlando was responsible for conducting the retiming in-house. She reported that 23 corridors were retimed in 2017 (over 58 miles) and she provided a breakdown of corridors by county. Ms. Mercedes gave a retiming benefit cost analysis, using a section of Curry Ford road as an example, and provided information on the benefit cost analysis trend data from 2010 to 2017. Chairman Mercer noted that CAC has always been supportive of signal retiming efforts. Discussion ensued in regards to posted versus average speed, use of only current infrastructure, and potential longer wait time on cross streets. Ms. Mercedes responded that actual travel time at the posted speed was used. She added that one or two additional corridors could be added in the future and the city/county engineers determined the corridors that are used. Mr. Eric Hill reported that in regard to longer wait times on cross streets, it was found that any delay on the cross street was made up by the shorter travel time on the main road.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. *FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report*

The latest FDOT monthly construction status report for the Orlando area was provided.

B. *FDOT Quarterly Variance Report*

The latest FDOT Quarterly Variance Report for the Orlando area was provided.

C. *Air Quality Report*

The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided at the meeting.

D. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights*

Highlights from the March 2018 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

E. *LYNX Press Releases*

The latest press releases from LYNX were provided for information.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. *Next Community Advisory Committee meeting*

The next CAC meeting was scheduled on May 23, 2018. As a reminder, the dates of the remaining CAC meetings for 2018 will be (no meetings in July, September & December):

- 5/23/18
- 6/27/18
- 8/22/18
- 10/24/18
- 11/28/18

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Russ Hauck commented on a Boston Globe article regarding the poor driving records of their local train engineers. He noted that this issue is something SunRail might encounter and he was curious to see how they would deal with it.

Mr. Rob McKey commented that when CAC was reconfigured, BPAC members were incorporated into the newly formed committee. He felt that there was a disconnect from bicycle/pedestrian issues and requested a regular update on bicycle and pedestrian activities at future meetings.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem reported that a Poinciana SunRail Train Tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Mercer commented on a promised bus service connection to the Poinciana SunRail station.

Ms. Lisa Portelli reported that Bike Walk Central Florida had scheduled a Bike Five Cities event for May 5th.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

Mr. David Bottomley commented that TEAM FL has an upcoming meeting scheduled where the topic will be autonomous vehicles.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem commented that a SunRail connection to Orlando International Airport had been listed as a number one priority. He added that FDOT finished their study on that connection a year ago yet the study still has not been published.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando.

Approved this 23rd day of May 2018.



Mr. Atlee Mercer, Chairman



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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