

# COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:

Wednesday, June 27, 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:

Ms. Asima Azam, Orange County

Ms. Karolyn Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando

Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs

Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County

Mr. Christopher Maier, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Robert McKey, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County

Ms. Kayla Mitchell, MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka

Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County

Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County

Ms. Carmen Rasnick MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County

Mr. Keith Trace, City of St. Cloud

Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee

# Members not in attendance were:

Fr. Jabriel Ballentine, Orange County

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole County

Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole,

MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford

Mr. Mark Loeb, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Appointee

Ms. Lisa Portelli, MetroPlan Appointee

Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County

Mr. Wade Vose, Orange County

Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee

Vacant, City of Kissimmee

#### Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jim Martin, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT

Mr. Myles O'Keefe, LYNX

Mr. Doug Jamison, LYNX

Ms. Courtney Reynolds, reThink

Mr. Gary Huttmann, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Harry Barley, MetroPlan Orlando

Mr. Jason Loschiavo, 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 9:35 a.m.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. R. J. Mueller led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Mercer welcomed everyone.

## IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert introduced Ms. Regan Jones, MetroPlan Orlando Intern for the summer. She called attention to the SunRail southern expansion service beginning July 30<sup>th</sup> and the new train schedule, which was provided. Ms. Lambert reported that Brightline, who is currently building a rail system from Miami to Orlando, has submitted an unsolicited proposal to add a connection from Orlando to Tampa. This submittal, she added, opens up the opportunity for competitors to also submit proposals for an Orlando to Tampa connection. Ms. Lambert called on Mr. Myles O'Keefe to give an update on LYNX's SR 436 study. Mr. O'Keefe reported that LYNX is nearing the end of the study, which is scheduled to wrap up in November, and currently is looking to get public input. He told CAC members that a survey is available for public comments on the four recommended alternatives. Ms. Lambert will email the survey link to committee members. She announced that FDOT will be having a ribbon cutting for their truck parking sensor project on I-4 and I-95. The sensors, she noted, will provide freight truck drivers information on available parking locations.

# 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 May 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the May 23, 2018 meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Mr. Dan Stephens moved for approval of the May 23, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Tony Tizzio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Tizzio asked about the ongoing absence of Mr. Wade Vose. Ms. Lambert explained that Mr. Vose was an Orange County appointee and Orange County would need to remove Mr. Vose and appoint a replacement.

# B. Fiscal Year 2018/19 - 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program

Action was requested by Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the FY 2018/19 - 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This document included the transportation projects in the MetroPlan Orlando region that are programmed for funding over the next five years. The draft TIP was provided. A fact sheet on the TIP, the TIP public hearing summary and the draft TIP approval resolution for the July 11th Board meeting were also provided. Mr. Rob McKey asked what the Colonial Parkway project entailed. Mr. Caskey responded that Colonial Parkway was a Florida's Turnpike Enterprise project in east Orange County.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of the FY 2018/19 - 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed

unanimously.

# VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

#### A. Update from reThink Your Commute

Ms. Courtney Reynolds, reThink Your Commute program manager, presented an update on reThink's 2018 Go DTO: Downtown Orlando Commute Challenge and its Neighborhood Outreach Pilot Program. Ms. Reynolds provided some background information on the reThink program. She reviewed the program goals and the work underway promoting transit, promoting last mile connections, bicycle commuting, and employer partnerships. Ms. Reynolds told CAC members about the Neighborhood Outreach Pilot Program in downtown Orlando and Pine Hills that encourages residents to use different transportation modes. She called attention to the upcoming GoDTO programs that will run from July to December and encourage downtown commuters to try alternate modes of transportation. Ms. Reynolds added that Waze has a carpooling app, which is currently unavailable locally, that can provide information on available rides. She noted that if enough interest is generated in having the app available locally, it could be added. Discussion ensued regarding a payment incentive for Waze app drivers, impact of

autonomous vehicles, quantifying the benefit to cost ratio for the reThink program, expanding the UCF free ride program to SunRail, SunRail access for those with alternate work schedules and implementing bike share market in Apopka. Ms. Reynolds told CAC members that there is a 9 to 1 benefit cost ratio for reThink. She noted that she will look into whether the UCF free ride program applies to SunRail and the potential bike share in Apopka. Ms. Venise White expressed thanks to reThink staff for their work organizing the Seminole County Health Department's first Bike-to-Work day. Additional discussion ensued regarding the influx of students to the planned UCF downtown campus and the need to educate the students on LYMMO and preventing thefts.

#### B. LYNX Autonomous Vehicle Initiative

Mr. Doug Jamison, LYNX, presented on the Federal Transportation Strategic Transit Automation Research (STAR) program, the development of the LYNX Automated Vehicle Initiative, and some of the issues that require further research and investigation during the development of automated vehicle demonstrations and deployments. Mr. Jamison reviewed the levels of automation and the Strategic Transit Automation Research, including a timeline for the research. He also called attention to the LYNX Automated Vehicle Initiative and noted that LYNX is partnering with MetroPlan Orlando, the City of Orlando and FDOT on the initiative. Mr. Jamison presented the numerous issues that need to be explored in regard to autonomous vehicles. Discussion ensued in regards to the bus spare ratio of 20%, bus drivers being more interactive, and riders with disabilities. Mr. Dan Stephens asked if there could be a workshop scheduled to look at the many issues autonomous vehicles pose and get input. Mr. Jamison responded that LYNX will be looking at getting input from the community as they develop the program. CAC members commented on the many unknowns, in terms of autonomous vehicles, that need to be addressed. Mr. Rob McKey commented that the space agency should be included in the discussions, since they have already dealt with some issues with the Mars Rover. Mr. Jamison responded that the Central Florida AV Partnership includes representation from the Space Coast.

# C. Equity & Transportation

Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando staff, discussed the difference between equity and equality, and how equity issues can be addressed in the transportation industry. Ms. Lambert reviewed Title VI requirements from the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Executive Order 12898 which deals with environmental justice. She explained the difference between equity and equality and how it relates to transportation. Ms. Lambert encouraged CAC members to think about equity as an important issue and how MetroPlan Orlando could advance equity outcomes at the various levels.

# IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

# A. PD&E Study Tracking Status Report

A status report tracking the progress of PD&E studies in the MetroPlan Orlando region was provided.

#### B. FDOT Quarterly Variance Report

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

# C. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

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

## D. Air Quality Report

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

# E. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

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

## F. LYNX Press Releases

The latest press releases from LYNX were provided.

# G. Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities Update

The latest update on bicycle and pedestrian activities in the Central Florida region was provided.

#### H. SunRail New Schedule

SunRail has announced a new schedule starting on July 30 for the Southern Expansion. The revised schedule was provided.

## X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

## A. Next Community Advisory Committee meeting

The next CAC meeting will be on August 22, 2018. Please note that there is no July meeting. As a reminder, the dates of the remaining CAC meetings for 2018 will be (no meetings in July, September & December):

- 8/22/18
- 10/24/18
- 11/28/18

#### XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. R. J. Mueller reported that a bike share program, which included about 500 bikes, was scheduled to open at UCF in the next couple of months.

Mr. Russ Hauck inquired about the SunRail engineer vetting process information that was requested at the May meeting. Ms. Lambert responded that she will check on the status of that information.

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon asked about the status of a letter he had suggested requesting a presentation from Elon Musk on Hyperloop. Ms. Lambert suggested that Mr. O'Hanlon draft

a letter and she will forward the letter to the Hyperloop staff. She added that Dr. Radwan is currently conducting Hyperloop research, which he will provide to MetroPlan Orlando. Mr. O'Hanlon also requested and update on the status of the SR 417 negotiations between Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE). Ms. Lambert noted that presentations from CFX and FTE on their east SR 50 studies are scheduled for the July 11 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting.

Ms. Sarah Elbadri requested an update on legislative issues for the next legislative session related to scooter share programs being implemented in Florida. Ms. Carmen Rasnick reported that Miami had started a scooter share program but suspended it pending enacting legislative guidelines for the system. She added that there were issues with scooters being dropped off everywhere creating hazards.

Mr. O'Hanlon commented that very successful bike share programs have been implemented overseas.

Mr. Rob McKey commented on the use of motorized bicycles on sidewalks being hazardous.

# XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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

Approved this 22nd day of August 2018.

Mr. Atlee Mercer, Chairman

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Senior Board Services Coordinator

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