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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, August 22, 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. Karolyn Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole County
Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole,
MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Jeff Piggrem for Mr. Christopher Maier,
MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County
Ms. Carmen Rasnick for 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. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Keith Trace, City of St. Cloud
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. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Mr. Robert McKey, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Lisa Portelli, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County
Mr. Wade Vose, Orange County
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jim Martin, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlanOrlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, 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

Ms. Theresa Mott led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Mercer welcomed everyone. He told CAC members that he rode SunRail from Kissimmee to the meeting. He noted that he enjoyed the ride and was able to make good use of his travel time. Chairman Mercer reported that he is a part of TEAMFL and the group is conducting an "Expressway is Your Friend" campaign to highlight the positive aspects of expressways. He noted that a one-page handout is being designed and he will provide a copy. Mr. Tom O'Hanlon commented that he had the opportunity to travel on the new expressway in Osceola County and it was a great timesaver. He asked when additional road projects were scheduled in Osceola. Chairman Mercer responded that Osceola Expressway Authority and Central Florida Expressway Authority are deciding what part of the beltway will be started next and they are looking at extending the Poinciana Parkway to SR 532. He added that all the projects in the Osceola Expressway Authority 2040 Plan are expected to be completed.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert called attention to the recent birth of Calina Luzia Stewart, daughter of CAC member Kayla Mitchell. She told CAC members that Mr. Harry Barley will be retiring effective August 31st and a reception is planned for him August 23rd at 2:00 p.m. CAC members are welcome to attend the reception. Ms. Lambert added that Mr. Gary Huttman would be taking over as the new MetroPlan Orlando Executive Director. She reported that building fire alarm maintenance was being conducted and if the alarm sounded it would not be necessary to evacuate the building.

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 June 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes*

Approval was requested of the June 27, 2018 meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Mr. Dan Stephens moved for approval of the June 27, 2018 meeting minutes.
Mr. Tom O'Hanlon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *FDOT Amendment to Fiscal Year 2018/19 - 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program: Roll Forward Projects*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, was requesting CAC recommend that the FY 2018/19 - 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to include projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2017/18 to FY 2018/19. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request was provided, along with the FDOT Roll Forward Report, a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the September 12th Board meeting. Mr. Tom O'Hanlon asked if the number of roll forward projects was larger this year. Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT, responded that it was the same as last year.

MOTION: Mr. Scott Zubarik moved for approval of the FDOT Amendment to Fiscal Year 2018/19 - 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program Roll Forward Projects.
Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2018/19 - 2022/23 23 Transportation Improvement Program: SunRail Roll Forward Projects*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested CAC recommend that the FY 2018/19 - 2022/23 TIP be amended to include SunRail projects that had funds that rolled forward from FY 2017/18 to FY 2018/19. A letter from FDOT SunRail staff explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the September 12th Board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding ridership numbers with the southern expansion, an increase in train issues including delays, deadline for implementing positive train control and responsibility for additional locomotives added after the original agreement. Ms. Dawn Weaver, FDOT, responded that ridership numbers the first month with the southern expansion addition were up to 6,000. She did not have figures on what the projected ridership had been, but she would research that information. Ms. Weaver added that increased delays had been the result of signal issues.

MOTION: Mr. Dan Stephens moved for approval of the FDOT Amendment to Fiscal Year 2018/19 - 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program SunRail Roll Forward Projects. Mr. Scott Zubarik seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. FY 2023/24 - 2039/40 Prioritized Project List

Action was requested by Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the FY 2023/24 - 2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL). This document includes a list of highway, Transportation Systems Management and Operations, bicycle and pedestrian, and transit projects that have been ranked in order of priority. FDOT will use the PPL in developing their FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 Five Year Work Program. The draft PPL and a fact sheet were provided. Mr. Lepp told CAC members that the current draft Prioritized Project list had been broken down based on performance measures and was reflective of the new performance based planning that was being implemented. Chairman Mercer asked on what page the John Young Parkway project that had been accelerated could be found. Mr. Lepp responded that the project was included in the State Road list. Discussion ensued regarding projects at McCulloch Road and Research Parkway, John Young Parkway and Dr. Phillips and I-4. Mr. Lepp reported that Orange County stepped up to advance the University of Central Florida section of the McCulloch Road/ Research Parkway project and the John Young Parkway/Dr. Phillips project was advanced with the hope it will support the traffic with the planned development in the area. He added that there were no changes to the I-4 projects. Ms. Kellie Smith, FDOT, informed CAC members that FDOT's Work Program currently had a \$120 million shortfall, largely due to increased right-of-way costs. Discussion ensued in regards to the revenue stream for projects and the need to address the revenue issue. Ms. Theresa Mott asked what factors are used to determine what projects were done first. Mr. Lepp responded that the original list of projects was considered first and this year projects that addressed the new performance measures were looked at as well.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of the FY 2023/24 - 2039/40 Prioritized Project List. Mr. T. J. Legacy-Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Colonial Parkway Presentation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Administrative Amendment

Ms. Abra Horne, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), gave a presentation on the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study that FTE currently has underway on the Colonial Parkway project. FTE was requesting an amendment to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) regarding the Colonial Parkway project. Ms. Horne told committee members that the study is on a fast track schedule and public meetings had already been held. She provided renderings of the proposed project, information on future traffic needs and the PD&E schedule. Ms. Horne noted that additional information on the project was available on the website. Discussion ensued regarding improving the Colonial/SR 434 ramp, the status of the Central Florida Expressway Authority study, the level-of-service forecast process, the SR 50/SR 408 connection and the cost to install delineators. Ms. Horne reported that the Central Florida Expressway Authority project study was on hold and the level-of-service projects were just a snapshot in time and they did not know the projections past 2045. She added that alternatives for the SR50/SR408 connection could be viewed on the website.

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested approval of a request from Florida's Turnpike Enterprise for an administrative amendment to the 2040 LRTP to update the project phases for the Colonial Parkway project from SR 408 to SR 520 to add design, right-of-way and construction. The amendment also added a PD&E study of Colonial Parkway from SR 520 to SR 528. Additional information on this request was provided. Mr. Stephens noted that he did not support the project because he felt it contributed to sprawl.

MOTION: Ms. Theresa Mott moved for approval of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise's administrative amendment to the 2040 LRTP. Mr. T. J. legacy-Cole seconded the motion, which passed 17:2 (O'Hanlon and Stephens opposed).

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. *Presentation on Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities*

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, presented detailed information on pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities. Data was based on 402 pedestrian crashes from 2011 to 2017, and 115 bicyclist crashes from 2008 to 2017. Discussion ensued regarding the potential effect of the opioid crisis on statistics, day versus night analysis, motorcycle statistics, positive versus negative messaging and recession data compared to current economy data.

B. *Executive Director Farewell*

Mr. Harry Barley, retiring MetroPlan Orlando executive director, spoke briefly and thanked the committee for all its hard work.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. *FDOT Emergency TIP Amendment*

An emergency TIP amendment to change the funding for the traffic operations improvement at US 17/92 and Airport Boulevard was approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board Chairman in July and will be ratified by the full Board at their September 12th meeting. A copy of the FDOT letter requesting the amendment, a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and Resolution No. 18-09 were provided.

B. *FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report*

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

C. *Air Quality Report*

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

D. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights*

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

E. *LYNX Press Releases*

The latest press releases from LYNX were provided.

F. *Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities Update*

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

G. Central Florida Mobility Week 2018

FDOT's Central Florida Mobility Week will be held from October 27 – November 3, 2018. More information on this event was provided at <http://fdot.gov/projects/mobilityweek/>

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. Next Community Advisory Committee meeting

The next CAC meeting will be on October 24, 2018. Please note that there is no September meeting. As a reminder, the dates of the remaining CAC meetings for 2018 will be (no meetings in July, September & December): 10/24/18 and 11/28/18.

B. Reception to Honor Retiring Executive Director Harry Barley

An informal reception will take place on Thursday, August 23, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. to honor our Executive Director Harry Barley, as he prepares to retire. We will also honor Gary Huttmann, who will take over as Executive Director on Sept. 1. RSVPs by Aug. 20 are appreciated: <https://metroplanorlando.org/meetings/reception-to-honor-retiring-executive-director-harry-barley-08-23-18/>

C. Save the Date: Volunteer Appreciation Event

Save the date for the MetroPlan Orlando volunteer appreciation event, which will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018.

Ms. Lambert noted that there was no September CAC meeting scheduled.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. R. J. Mueller told CAC members that Duke Energy offered University of Central Florida free EV stations and they had additional stations to offer other agencies, companies, apartment complexes, etc. Committee members asked that Duke Energy's contact information be forwarded to them. He noted that Lime Bike went live on Monday on campus and students were actively using the bicycles.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem called attention to SunRail Phase III being number one priority on the Project Priority List and still unfunded. He noted that a 2^{1/2} year study was conducted and study documents just recently released revealed a recommended alternative at a cost of \$257 million. Mr. Piggrem reported that an engineering report released indicated that \$66 million could be saved by modifying the design and a decision was made to not modify the design with no reason given. He added that future ridership projections were greater than SunRail South however a decision was made to expand capacity 500% more than demand. He asked that the MetroPlan Orlando Board discuss these issues. Mr. Harry Barley commented that he had spoken to Board members about SunRail issues at the July 11th meeting and it was agreed that the issue would be addressed at the Executive Committee level in December. He added that a new set of agreements was needed and SunRail needed a regional solution. Mr. Barley felt that the proposed alternative was not cost effective and alternative solutions needed to be looked into.

Ms. Carmen Rasnick commented that reThink had presented at the previous meeting and as part of the DTO Challenge they had spoken about were offering free SunRail tickets on Friday.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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

Approved this 24th day of October 2018.

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Mr. Atlee Mercer, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Goldfarb", written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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