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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

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
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Jeff Piggrem for Mr. C.J. 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. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Ms. Lisa Portelli, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County
Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Jim Martin, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT

Members not in attendance were:

Fr. Jabriel Ballentine, Orange County
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole County
Mr. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole,
MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Mr. Wade Vose, Orange County
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, Alternate
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, City of St. Cloud

Mr. Bruce Detweiler, LYNX
Mr. Bob O'Malley, Brightline/Virgin Trains USA
Ms. Amanda Day, Best Foot Forward
Ms. Marilyn Crotty
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Elizabeth Whitton, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, 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 9:32 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairwoman Sarah Elbadri led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Mercer welcomed everyone. He told CAC members that TEAMFL will be holding their meeting Thursday and Friday (January 24th and 25th) in Orlando and he recommended committee members attend as a one-time invitee to see what the group does.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert noted that Mr. Kevin Thibault was selected as the new FDOT Secretary, subject to Senate confirmation. She reported that the most recent Dangerous by Design report was just released and once again designated Central Florida as the number one most dangerous. She added that the data used was from 2008 to 2017 and that there was a spike in pedestrian fatalities in 2017 and a 17.6 % drop from 2017 to 2018. Ms. Lambert told CAC members that Ms. Amanda Day would be providing a Best Foot Forward update later in the agenda and Mr. Nick Lepp will touch on pedestrian safety under his Performance Measures agenda item. She introduced Mr. Alex Trauger, new MetroPlan Orlando Senior Planner who was returning to MetroPlan Orlando after a couple of years at HDR. She told committee members that MetroPlan Orlando will begin work on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, which was being renamed the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Ms. Lambert recognized Mr. Dan Stephens for achieving his PhD and the CAC members who have had perfect attendance. She requested that the Brightline presentation, agenda item VIII. A. be taken out of order after the public comments, to allow Mr. O'Malley time to get to another meeting in Tampa.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed that a quorum was present.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

None.

Presentation on Brightline/Virgin Trains USA - taken out of order

Mr. Bob O'Malley, Brightline/Virgin Trains USA, presented a report on the latest status of the Brightline rail project. CAC members viewed a short video on Brightline. Mr. O'Malley provided background information on Brightline, existing service, the Brightline experience and transit oriented development around the current service area. He reviewed the proposed Tampa and Orlando International Airport connections, along with the benefits of the service. Discussion ensued in regards to train travel speed, ADA accommodations, availability of an app, bicycle storage, a connection to Amtrak, timeline for the Orlando connection and a possible alternate route for the Orlando connection. Additional discussion took place regarding a connection to the Orange County Convention Center and the possibility of stops on the Orlando to Tampa route. Mr. O'Malley told CAC members that speeds would vary based on safety, there were ADA accommodations and they were committed to customer service, an app was being developed and there was luggage and bicycle storage available. Construction on the Orlando to Tampa connection, he added, was planned to begin in the first quarter of 2019, the proposed route was the only one fiscally viable and staff was having discussions regarding a theme park area stop.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of November 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the November 28, 2018 meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Mr. Scott Zubarik moved for approval of the November 28, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Amendment to FY 2023/24–2039/40 Prioritized Project List

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC to recommend that the FY 2023/24–2039/40 Prioritized Project List be amended to include additional projects. An attachment was provided. Mr. Trauger reviewed background information on the Prioritized Project List (PPL), the projects included in the amendment and the future PPL adoption schedule.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of the Amendment to FY 2023/24–2039/40 Prioritized Project List. Ms. Sarah Elbadri seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Support for FDOT Performance Measure Targets and Support for LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC to recommend the re-support of FDOT's targets for Safety, Travel Time Reliability, Bridge and Pavement Condition, as well as the

targets established in the LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan. An attachment was provided. Mr. Lepp reviewed the FDOT and LYNX performance measure targets. Discussion ensued regarding lower 4-year targets, travel time as a factor in choosing where to live, travel time reliability assisting with travel planning and the zero fatality target goal. Mr. Lepp explained that the zero fatalities target was necessary due to not quantifying any allowable fatalities.

MOTION: Mr. Atlee Mercer moved for approval to re-support FDOT's targets for Safety, Travel Time Reliability, Bridge and Pavement Condition, as well as the targets established in the LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan. Ms. Sarah Elbadri seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. *Presentation on Brightline/Virgin Trains USA - taken out of order*

B. *Sunshine Law Training*

Ms. Marilyn Crotty, former director of the John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government at UCF, conducted a training session on the Florida Sunshine Law. Ms. Crotty told CAC members that she was presenting a refresher on Florida Sunshine Law. She reviewed what defined a meeting, requirements for a meeting location, requirements for minutes, voting and public participation and the sanctions for violating the Sunshine Law. In addition, Ms. Crotty informed committee members what qualified for an exemption from the law. Discussion ensued in regards to meeting venue capacity issues, who is considered the public and a third party acting as a conduit.

C. *Update on Best Foot Forward*

Ms. Amanda Day, Best Foot Forward, presented a report on the latest status of the Best Foot Forward pedestrian safety program in the MetroPlan Orlando region. Ms. Day recognized CAC member, Lisa Portelli, who also serves on the Bike Walk Central Florida Board. She reported that the Dangerous by Design report from 2011 was the impetus for Best Foot Forward and the most recent report once again designated Central Florida as the number one most dangerous. Ms. Day noted that pedestrian safety is an issue throughout the entire country and speed and carelessness are major contributing factors. Best Foot Forward, she added, is a grassroots coalition that came together to work as one voice to address the pedestrian safety issue. She explained what legal crossings issues are and called attention to the improvement in driver yield rates that have been a direct result of enforcement efforts. Ms. Day told CAC members that Best Foot Forward already has a presence in Orange and Osceola Counties and will launch their program in Seminole County in February, and the media has been a great partner in their efforts. She told committee members she has been contacted by people from across the country regarding the Best Foot Forward initiative. Discussion ensued regarding results of improvements long Pine Hills Road, crosswalk signal timing, White Cane Law education, yield rates in Massachusetts, pedestrian counts to justify pedestrian amenities, partnering with White Cane Day, ambiguous use of colored lights and rules for disembarking school and transit buses and the need for additional crosswalks. Ms. Day commented that the Pine Hills Road pedestrian improvements were not effective. She added that Orange Blossom Trail/SR 441 improvements were not as well, in fact enforcement was not possible on SR 441 due to the risk factor.

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. *Variance Report on Currently Adopted and New Tentative Five Year Work Programs*

A report from FDOT that included projects from both the FY 2018/19–2022/23 Adopted Five Year Work Program and the FY 2019/20–2023/24 Tentative Five Year Work Program was provided. This report identified the projects that were either advanced, deferred, deleted, or moved out during the four common years (FY 2019/20–2022/23) of the two Work Programs.

D. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights*

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

E. *LYNX Press Releases*

The latest press releases from LYNX were provided.

F. *Approved 2019 Board Legislative Priorities*

The list of legislative priorities for 2019 adopted by the MetroPlan Orlando Board was provided.

G. *Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities Update*

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

H. *Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Tracking Report*

A report providing the latest status of the PD&E studies currently underway in the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. *Next Community Advisory Committee meeting*

The next CAC meeting was scheduled on February 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon provided a report on the Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Readiness Study Selection Committee. He told CAC members that the committee held their first meeting to review the seven vendors that submitted proposals. They reviewed the proposals and short-listed them down

to three who will be presenting at the next meeting January 24th. He noted that with a new FDOT Secretary, he hoped there would be some movement in terms of a SR 417 swap to enable widening of that road. Mr. O'Hanlon commented on the positive reactions from people who have driven his Tesla.

Ms. Theresa Mott commented that she drove Tom's Tesla and it was impressive.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem expressed his concern regarding Brightline using the SR 417 route, which previous studies had shown was not the best alternative for the region.

Ms. Karolyn Campbell asked where the Brightline figures and cost estimates were derived from.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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

Approved this 27th day of February 2019.



Mr. Atlee Mercer, Chairman



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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