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## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 24, 2019

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

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

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*Chairman Atlee Mercer presided*

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Members in attendance were:

Ms. Asima Azam, Orange County  
Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, Seminole 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. Robert McKey, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County  
Mr. Jeff Piggrem 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  
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County  
Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT  
Ms. Tomika Monterville, LYNX  
Dr. Dean Bushey, Voyage

Members not in attendance were:

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. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford  
Ms. Lisa Portelli, MetroPlan Appointee  
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee  
Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County  
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Vacant, Orange County  
Vacant, Alternate  
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee  
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee  
Vacant, City of St. Cloud

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 9:35 a.m.

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Mercer welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about the proposed tax referendum effort in Osceola County. He told CAC members that Mr. O'Hanlon had a short video on Autonomous Vehicles that committee members viewed. Mr. O'Hanlon spoke briefly about the cost savings of electric cars.

#### **IV. AGENDA REVIEW**

Ms. Cynthia Lambert reported that the Colonial Overpass has opened. She thanked retiring CAC member, Mr. Rob McKey, for his many years of service. Ms. Lambert told CAC members that Mr. Tony Tizzio was ill and unable to attend, so she would be providing the report on the New Member Subcommittee recommendations.

#### **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 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes***

Approval was requested of the February 27, 2019 meeting minutes, which were provided.

**MOTION:** Ms. Theresa Mott moved for approval of the February 27, 2019 meeting minutes.  
Mr. Tom O'Hanlon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2018/2019-2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested the CAC to recommend 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. Mr. Jeff Piggrem asked whether the West Colonial crossing project was being coordinated with the City of Orlando's quiet zone project. Ms. Rakinya Hinson reported that the project included signal enhancements. A request was made for staff to research whether coordination is being done on this project.

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of the FDOT Amendment to FY 2018/2019-2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program with the request that information be provided on FDOT/City of Orlando coordination efforts on the West Colonial crossing project. Mr. Scott Zubarik seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**C. CAC New Member Recommendations**

Action was requested to recommend four new members for vacant MetroPlan Orlando appointee seats on CAC: three voting multimodal advocates (Henri Hodge, Nilisa Council, Theo Webster) and one non-voting alternate (Douglas Henley). The CAC New Member Application Review Subcommittee met on April 10, 2019 to review applications and make recommendations to the CAC. Two items were provided: 1) Applications for the four recommended new members; and 2) A memo that was sent to the subcommittee on April 3, which included all new member applications that were received. Ms. Lambert reported that the Subcommittee met on April 10<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the application based on demographic needs for CAC. The recommended candidates, she added, fit the diversity needs that would help make CAC more inclusive. The new member recommendations would go to the MetroPlan Orlando Board for approval at the May 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of the recommendations for new CAC multimodal advocates and one non-voting alternate. Ms. Theresa Mott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS**

**A. Presentation on Voyage (Door-to-door Autonomous Taxi Service)**

Dr. Dean Bushey, Voyage, gave a presentation on Voyage, which brings communities together with self-driving cars by enabling residents to summon an autonomous vehicle and move effortlessly from point A to point B. Prior to expanding to The Villages in Sumter County, Voyage operated a handful of self-driving cars in a San Jose, California-based retirement community. Dr. Bushey provided an overview of a current demonstration project in The Villages (Florida), home

to over 125,000 residents. Dr. Bushey reported that Voyage provides an alternative means of transportation for those who cannot or choose not to drive. He provided background information on the program including the staff team, benefits of the service, technology, safety measures and staff contact information. Discussion ensued regarding lack of diversity, rider assistance, ADA compliance, and cost for the service, liability issues, storage on board and availability of a bike rack.

**B. *Follow-Up: Information on Kirkman Road Extension***

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented information that was requested at the February 27<sup>th</sup> Community Advisory Committee on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan modification related to the Kirkman Road extension. Mr. Trauger provided information on the project limits, including the actual termini at Destination Parkway. He told CAC members that connection to Destination Parkway was included Orange County's LRTP for 2030 and that a study would kick off soon for the extension, which would connect to a proposed Intermodal Center.

**C. *Presentation on Silver Star Road Corridor Study in Ocoee***

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.

**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. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights***

Highlights from the March 2019 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

**D. *LYNX Press Releases***

The latest press releases from LYNX were provided.

**E. *Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities Update***

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

**F. Report on 2019 Legislative Session**

A report on the 2019 session of the Florida Legislature is enclosed.

**X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

**A. Next Community Advisory Committee meeting**

The next CAC meeting will be on May 22, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. As a reminder, the dates of the remaining CAC meetings for 2019 are: 6/26/19, 8/28/19, 10/23/19, 12/4/19. (There are no meetings scheduled in July, September or November.)

**XI. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. R.J. Mueller commented that Lime Bikes will be leaving UCF at the end of the semester and they will be looking for a replacement bike share program on campus. He noted that bike litter was an issue with the dockless bikes and electric scooters were not a good option due to speed issues.

Mr. Nick Lepp addressed the railroad crossing question from the TIP amendment discussion. He told committee members that Quiet Zone funding focused on SunRail, whereas the TIP amendment funds were being used on other crossings outside the SunRail corridor.

Ms. Theresa Mott reported that the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival was scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and she encouraged CAC members to attend.

Mr. Rob McKey asked about any plans to widen the section of the Turnpike from Oakland tp I-75. Staff will look into this question and respond.

Ms. Cynthia Lambert told CAC members that she recently met with a representative from JUMP, Uber's electric bike share division, and they may be entering the local market.

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon thanked Mr. McKey for his service.

Ms. Karolyn Campbell reported that the Bike Five Cities event was May 4<sup>th</sup> and participants could bike the entire route or start at any of the participating cities.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem commented that he appreciates Nick and Alex's efforts. He questioned whether work widening Sand Lake Road at Kirkman Road was going to be eliminated once the Kirkman Road extension was constructed resulting in funding being wasted. Mr. Piggrem wanted to know how this issue could be mitigated by FDOT in the future.

Ms. Venise White commented that Seminole Health Department recently held their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K, Live, Work, Move, and she offered kudos to the City of Casselberry for their complete street efforts.

Ms. Sarah Elbadri called attention to MetroPlan Orlando's Corrine Drive public meeting being held May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**

Mr. David Bottomley commented that the dockless bicycles are left scattered around and there needs to be a clear four foot path to meet ADA requirements. In addition, he commented that by his interpretation of section four of the CAC bylaws a quorum should be sixteen and that quorum has not always been met. Ms. Lambert reported that there is a phone number to call to have improperly placed dockless bicycles picked up.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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

Approved this 22nd day of May 2019.

  
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Chairman

  
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,  
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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