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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, June 26, 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:

Mr. Jeffrey Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Karolyn Campbell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Nilisa Council MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Gregory Eisenberg, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Russ Hauck, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Douglas Henley for Mr. Henri Hodge,
MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Brady Lessard, City of Sanford
Mr. Hector Lizasuain, Osceola County
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County
Ms. Kayla Mitchell, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Gigi Moorman, Orange County
Ms. Theresa Mott, City of Apopka
Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Seminole County
Mr. Brindley Pieters, Seminole County
Mr. Jeff Piggrem, Alternate
Ms. Marissa Salas, MetroPlan Appointee
Dr. Dan Stephens, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Tony Tizzio, Seminole County
Mr. Adam Valencic, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Theo Webster, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Venise White, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Scott Zubarik, MetroPlan Appointee

Members not in attendance were:

Ms. Asima Azam, Orange County
Mr. Edmund Cid, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Bill Dehlinger, MetroPlan Appointee
Ms. Sarah Elbadri, City of Orlando
Mr. Tyghe (T.J.) Legacy-Cole,
MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. R.J. Mueller, MetroPlan Appointee
Mr. Casmore Shaw, Osceola County
Vacant, MetroPlan Appointee
Vacant, Orange County
Vacant, City of St. Cloud

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Mr. Bruce Detweiler, LYNX
Ms. Emily Brown, CFX
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

Chairman Atlee Mercer led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Mercer welcomed everyone.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cynthia Lambert welcomed new CAC member Gigi Moorman. She called attention to the Virgin Trains groundbreaking for the Orlando extension to Orlando International Airport, which is scheduled for completion in 2022. Ms. Lambert reported that there are two current job openings at MetroPlan Orlando for a TSMO Transportation Planner and a Communications Coordinator. She noted that copies of the air quality report and the PD&E update were included in the supplemental folders. Ms. Lambert added that there is no July CAC meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for August 28th.

V. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb confirmed that a quorum was present.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

Mr. John Puhek, Sierra Club, commented that there are a number of transit projects both already in service and proposed but there is insufficient funding for projects. He added that the Sierra Club supports local efforts to secure a transportation funding source and adequate transportation options are needed to grow and attract businesses.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of May 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the May 22, 2019 meeting minutes, which were provided. Chairman Mercer noted that Dr. Stephens was listed as Mr. Stephens under attendees. The approved minutes will be revised to reflect that change.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of the May 22, 2019 meeting minutes as amended. Dr. Dan Stephens seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Approval of FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program

Action was requested by Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 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 could be reviewed at <https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/TIP-2024-Draft-6-20-19.pdf>. A fact sheet on the TIP, the TIP public hearing summary and the draft TIP approval resolution for the July 10th Board meeting were also provided. Mr. Caskey told CAC members that the TIP public hearing was held June 17th and a number of public comments were received. A summary of the public comments was provided.

MOTION: Mr. Tom O'Hanlon moved for approval of the FY 2019/20 - 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Brindley Pieters seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Approval of FY 2024/25 - 2039/40 Prioritized Project List

Action was requested by Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the FY 2024/25 - 2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL). This document included 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 2020/21 - 2024/25 Five Year Work Program. A fact sheet was provided and the draft PPL document can be reviewed at: https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/MetroPlanOrlando_PPL_2024_25_DRAFT_FINAL_061919.pdf. Mr. Lepp noted that this was the first Prioritized Project List that included the new performance measures and he reviewed what the performance measures were. He reported that changes in the current draft PPL included the SR 434 project which had been divided into two segments, Osceola County had provided some updates on their projects and multimodal projects that are funded were highlighted. Mr. Lepp told CAC members that presentations on the Sand Lake Road and SR 528/SR 441 interchanges are planned for a future meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Theresa Mott moved for approval of the FY 2024/25 - 2039/40 Prioritized Project List. Mr. Tom O'Hanlon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Approval of FY 2024/25 - 2039/40 Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Prioritized Project List

Action was requested by Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the FY 2024/25 - 2039/40 Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Regional Prioritized Project List. This document included a list of Strategic Intermodal System highway projects, regional

trail projects and regional transit projects for the six MPOs and TPOs in the CFMPOA region. An attachment was provided.

MOTION: Dr. Dan Stephens moved for approval of the FY 2024/25 - 2039/40 Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Regional Prioritized Project List. Mr. Tom O'Hanlon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. *An Introduction to the Central Florida Expressway Authority*

Ms. Emily Brown, Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) public affairs manager, provided an overview of CFX's role in the transportation landscape and shared highlights from its five-year work plan. Ms. Brown played a video on the Central Florida Expressway Authority and spoke about their role in the community. She reviewed information on CFX's five-year work program, Master Plan and EZ Pass toll program. Discussion ensued regarding SR 417 ownership, communication efforts for EZ Pass, capacity management, mobile payment options, advertisement for new products and a timeline for the SR 528/Orlando International Airport project. Ms. Brown told committee members that talks continue on SR 417, there is a website for all CFX products and the SR 528 project is a Florida's Turnpike Enterprise project. She noted that she will send the product website information to Ms. Lambert.

B. *Presentation on Northeast Connector Expressway Extension Concept Feasibility and Mobility Study*

Mr. Ralph Bove, Volkert, gave a presentation on the CFX Northeast Connector Expressway Extension Concept Feasibility and Mobility Study that is currently underway. Mr. Bove provided some background information and history on the project. He reviewed the project development phases, goals, methodology and project schedule. Mr. Bove called attention to public involvement efforts, as well as agency coordination efforts. He added that CFX's Environmental Advisory Group assisted with environmental constraint issues. Mr. Bove provided information on what a typical section would look like, project segments, corridor alternatives and next steps. He noted that the Northeast Connector Feasibility Study would be a foundation for future studies.

C. *Presentation on MetroPlan Orlando's Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Action Plan*

Mr. Travis Hill, Kittelson & Associates, and Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando, gave a presentation on MetroPlan Orlando's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan. Mr. Hill reviewed the study area and main goal which was to "develop safety action plans to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists by linking countermeasures to crash types through Critical Safety Success Factors (CSSF)." He detailed the main approach to achieve the goal, the composition and role of the Working Group and the project schedule. Mr. Hill also reviewed the data collection information, crash analysis and typing, corridors used for the project and the corridor issues. Mr. Mighk Wilson reviewed the Critical Safety Success Factors and countermeasures along with the next steps. Discussion ensued regarding mitigation efforts used elsewhere, use of signage, and behavioral changes fitting into the 3 E (Education, Engineering and Enforcement) approach.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) Study Tracking Report

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

B. FDOT Quarterly Variance Report

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

C. FDOT Construction Status Report

The latest construction status report from FDOT was provided.

D. Air Quality Status Report

The latest air quality status report was provided.

E. LYNX Press Releases

The latest press releases from LYNX were provided.

F. MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the June 2019 MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting were provided.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. Next Community Advisory Committee meeting

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

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Tom O'Hanlon commented that signage is needed to address drivers making a right on red not yielding to those drivers making a U-turn with the green arrow.

Mr. Jeff Piggrem commented that CFX broadcasts their meetings live and MetroPlan Orlando would have greater visibility if they also live broadcast their meetings. In addition, he commented that Virgin Trains should have a stop at the Orange County Convention Center, as he thought that is the best connectivity route as opposed to SR 417.

[*AMENDMENT to above paragraph made on October 21, 2019 as requested by Mr. Piggrem at the August 28, 2019 CAC meeting: Mr. Piggrem noted it was not his personal opinion, but that he referenced the following studies: 2001 Cross-State Rail Feasibility Study, 2004 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and 2010 re-evaluated FEIS.]

Mr. Douglas Henley expressed thanks for the resolution of the hanging light issue he spoke about at the May CAC meeting.

Ms. Theo Webster commented that MetroPlan Orlando is conducting a Strategic Plan update and asked if CAC members would be interviewed as part of the Plan update. Ms. Lambert told CAC members that a Strategic Plan update presentation is scheduled for the October CAC meeting to inform CAC members on the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Venise White commented that the Seminole County Health Department is accepting applications for their Healthy Community recognition through August 15th.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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

Approved this 28th day of August 2019.



Ms. Sarah Elbadri, Vice Chair



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

As required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, MetroPlan Orlando hereby notifies all interested parties that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by MetroPlan Orlando with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.



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October 21, 2019

TO: Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
FROM: Nick Lepp, Director of Transportation Planning
SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes modification

The purpose of this memo is to address the Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes for June 26, 2019 (as discussed at the August 28, 2019 meeting), and the modification request made by Mr. Jeff Piggrem, MetroPlan Orlando's appointed CAC member. Mr. Piggrem requested that the meeting minutes reflect that it was not his personal opinion that State Road 528 is the preferred alternative alignment of a High Speed Rail connecting Tampa to Orlando, rather, it was the preferred alternative identified by studies performed with taxpayer dollars.

The referenced studies [2001 Cross-State Rail Feasibility Study, 2004 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and 2010 re-evaluated FEIS] are outdated. The alternatives would each need to be reevaluated based on the significant changes in the State Road 528 corridor and the period of time that has lapsed between the 2010 Record of Decision (ROD) in the FEIS and today. Further, the Federal Rail Administration concluded in 2009 that, *"While there have been no major changes to the project location and design, several years have elapsed since the publication and triggered a reevaluation."*

Since the 2010 FEIS reevaluation, the following significant transportation projects would need to be included for MetroPlan Orlando's and the region's official acceptance of a preferred alternative alignment for High Speed Rail connecting Tampa to Orlando:

- Inclusion of SunRail – The 2001 FEIS and 2010 reevaluated FEIS did not include SunRail and the connection to the Orlando International Airport (MetroPlan Orlando's top transit priority).
- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Completed and Planned Projects - The express lanes on State Road 528 and South Orlando Interchange (SR 528 / Florida Turnpike / US 17/92) use a significant portion of the available right-of-way (ROW) identified in the FEIS.
- I-4 Ultimate and Beyond the Ultimate – ROW related to the I-4 project will also impact the alternative evaluation of the FEIS.

To date, no preferred alternative has been presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board for action. While we have amended the CAC minutes as requested, in order for the minutes to accurately reflect the status of the region's preference for a high speed rail alignment, the above information must also be noted. A copy of the amended minutes are provided for information, and a copy of this memo will also be included as part of the record for clarification.