



MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 6, 2014

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando Board Room
315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 355
Orlando, Florida

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Joe Durso, Chairman, presided

Members in attendance:

Mayor Rebecca Borders, City of St. Cloud
Mayor Kenneth Bradley, City of Winter Park
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere
Council President John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Commissioner Joe Durso, City of Longwood
Mayor Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry
Commissioner Joel Keller, City of Ocoee
Mayor Charles Lacey, City of Winter Springs
Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Town of Oakland
Mayor Bruce Mount, Town of Eatonville
Commissioner Robert "Bobby" Olszewski, City of Winter Garden
Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo
Mayor Howard Schieferdecker, City of Maitland

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Bill Brooks, City of Belle Isle
Commissioner Allan Plank, City of Lake Mary

Others in attendance were:

Ms. Andrea Ostrodka, LYNX
Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT
Ms. Mary Raulerson, Kittleson & Assoc.
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Nikhila Rose, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Durso called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Durso led the Committee in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Durso welcomed MAC members and noted he was sorry to have missed the February meeting and the opportunity to thank Mayor Bagshaw and Deputy Mayor Lucarelli for their service.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

V. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Virginia Whittington reported that Quiet Zone plans have been finalized with FDOT and the Quiet Zones team and are under final review with FDOT. She told committee members that the final plans and cost estimates would be provided to their staff Monday, March 10th. The MetroPlan Orlando board will have a presentation on the final plans and cost estimates at the March 12th meeting and MAC members will have the information presented at their April 3rd meeting. Ms. Whittington called attention to changes in presenters which included Ms. Whittington presenting Item VIII.C., Mr. Alex Trauger presenting Item IX. A., Ms. Mary Raulerson presenting Item IX. B., and Ms. Mary Ann Horne presenting Item IX.C. She noted items in the supplemental folders included information for the SR 50 Alternatives Analysis presentation and a call for nominations for the 2014 Clean Air Award.

VI. Partner Reports

Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT representative, told MAC members that SunRail is moving along as scheduled and will begin service on May 1, 2014. A LYNX representative was not in attendance at this time. FTE representatives were not in attendance. Ms. Whittington noted, in reference to Mr. Ferguson's report, that \$63 million in funding for SunRail Phase II had been included in the President's budget that was recently released.

VII. Action Items

A. *Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting*

Action was requested for approval of the February 6, 2014 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the February 6, 2014 meeting minutes. Commissioner Joel Keller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP*

Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT, requested the MAC to recommend that the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP be amended to include a rail crossing project in Orange County and a FTA grant for LYNX. The amendments were described in the letter from FDOT that was provided. Mr. Ferguson told committee members that the funds for the LYNX grant totaled \$2.6 million with \$2.1 million going to the greater Orlando area and \$511,000 allocated to Kissimmee/Osceola County due to their recent status change to a large transportation management area.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the FDOT Amendment to FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP. Commissioner Joel Keller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. *FY 2014/15-2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program*

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested approval of the draft FY 2014/15-2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). A link to download the full draft UPWP was provided. Ms. Whittington told committee members that Mr. Gary Huttman previewed the UPWP at the February MAC meeting. She highlighted three important items that resulted from the updated UPWP. The highlighted items were a summer or fall intern will be hired to assist with bicycle/pedestrian crash typing, a current staff member's job description has been revised to emphasize transit planning and there were plans to hire a general planning consultant.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the draft FY 2014/15-2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mayor Bruce Mount seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. Presentations/Status Reports

A. *Presentation on 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan: Transit Element*

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, presented a status report on the 2040 Long

Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Transit Element. The presentation focused on the background, evaluation process, preliminary findings, and next steps. Mr. Trauger told MAC members that the 2040 LRTP bridges both policy and data, whereas the 2030 plan was policy driven. He reviewed the corridors to be included in the plan, with a comparison of corridors in the 2020 vision plan, and the modes of transit that could operate on the corridors. He noted that the local governments provide a big share of the funding. Mr. Trauger told committee members that he will be presenting the management and operations and bicycle pedestrian portions of the 2040 LRTP at the next meeting and the cost feasible plan at the April/May MetroPlan Orlando committee meetings.

B. Presentation on Results of SR 50 Alternatives Analysis

Ms. Andrea Ostrodka, LYNX, was present at this time and Chairman Durso asked if she had a partner report to present. Ms. Ostrodka told MAC members that LYNX just completed a round of outreach on the SR 50 alternatives analysis. She noted that committee members would receive additional information on the SR 50 alternatives analysis and the outreach conducted during Ms. Raulerson's presentation on the project.

Ms. Mary Raulerson, Kittleson & Associates, gave a presentation on the results of the SR 50 alternatives analysis. Ms. Raulerson told committee members that an Federal Transit Administration grant provided funding for the project. She briefly explained the purpose and history for the study and reviewed funding sources and possible alignments. Ms. Raulerson noted that local service would remain and the proposed alternatives would be in addition to that service. She told MAC members that a number of factors were looked at for the study including corridor use today, number of people served by the route, future development, and highest transit activity locations. In addition to the public meetings that have been held, she reported that a diverse group of representatives from the transportation sector, local governments and the local business community have served on advisory committees for the project. An important outcome from the input received was that 80% of participants felt that improving walkability should be the number one goal. Commissioner Olszewski asked who represented Winter Garden on the advisory committee. Ms. Raulerson responded that Mr. Mike Bollhoefer, Winter Garden City Manager, was the representative.

C. Presentation on MetroPlan Orlando/UCF Focus Group Results

Ms. Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on the results of focus groups conducted by MetroPlan Orlando in conjunction with the University of Central Florida Department of Sociology. These sessions were a follow-up to the 2013 public opinion telephone survey. Ms. Horne told committee members that with data that had been collected, they were now able to track trends over a decade. She reported that they held four sessions of three groups each totaling twelve sessions and the three sessions specifically for seniors focused on transit. The sessions were 1.5 to 2 hours long and the 82 participants were compensated

for their time. Ms. Horne reviewed the major issues identified by the participants in regards to transit and funding. She noted that educating citizens on funding and helping riders have a more positive experience were important outcomes of the focus groups.

D. Bicycle & Pedestrian Crash Trends

Mr. Mighk Wilson, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a presentation on bicycle and pedestrian crash trends from 2007 to the end of 2013 in the three-county area. He noted that the biggest increase over the time frame studied was in bicycle injuries mainly among adult bicyclists age 65 and over. The month of October, he told committee members, was the month with the largest increase and a vast majority of the crashes were solo cyclists. Mr. Wilson told MAC members that the next step in studying bicycle and pedestrian crash trends was to hire on an intern for the summer or fall semester to look into more detailed crash typing. Mayor Persampiere asked if there were any significant amount of crashes for large bicycling groups. Mr. Wilson responded that there are no significant amount of crashes with large groups and that the majority of crashes involve bicyclists and one or more motor vehicles.

IX. Discussion Item

A. Voting Membership on the MetroPlan Orlando Board

At the February meeting, Municipal Advisory Committee members asked that time be allotted on the March agenda for a discussion of voting membership on the MetroPlan Orlando Board. Ms. Whittington called attention to an excerpt from the December 11, 2013 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting which had been requested and noted the excerpt included the outcome of the proceedings. She reported that a bill had been filed by Senator Brandes to increase the MPO board caps statewide. The increase in the board cap, she told MAC members, was a legislative initiative on the part of MPOAC. Discussion ensued in regards to the MetroPlan Orlando board vote, who supported or didn't support the increase in the board cap and why, and the number of constituents represented by MAC. After discussion, MAC members felt that they should seek support from the Florida League of Cities on the issue. They also felt there was a new opportunity for this initiative at the state level with proposed legislation (SB 1272 introduced by Senator Brandes) and it would be beneficial to show MAC's support for the bill.

MOTION: Mayor Ken Bradley moved for approval of the Municipal Advisory Committee endorsing SB 1272. Mayor Bruhn seconded the motion.

After discussion, Commissioner Olszewski proposed amending the motion to include endorsement of any companion house bill raising the MPO board cap that may be introduced.

MOTION: Mayor Ken Bradley moved for approval of the Municipal Advisory Committee endorsing SB 1272 and any companion house bill raising the MPO board cap that may be introduced. Mayor Bruhn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Bruhn suggested that MAC members may want to re-lobby MetroPlan Orlando board members who voted against raising the board cap. He reported that those board members were Commissioner Brummer, Mr. Kruppenbacher, Mayor Land, Commissioner Dallari, Mayor Swan, Commissioner Henley, Commissioner Lynum, Commissioner Thompson and Mr. Batterson.

X. General Information

A. *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan: Community Outreach Event Report*

The latest community outreach report for development of the 2040 LRTP was provided.

B. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting Highlights*

Highlights from the February MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

C. *Legislative Update*

An update on the latest transportation-related activities by the Florida Legislature was provided.

XI. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to MAC Members

A. *Plans & Programs Subcommittee*

The Plans & Programs Subcommittee held a meeting on Friday, **March 7, 2014** at 9:00 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room to continue updating the list of candidate projects for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funds.

B. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 12, 2014; 9:00 a.m.*

C. *Municipal Advisory Committee meeting - April 3, 2014; 9:00 a.m.*

XII. Public Comments (General)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chairman Durso adjourned the meeting of the Municipal Advisory Committee at 10:20 a.m.

The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Cathy Goldfarb.

Approved this 3rd day of April, 2014.

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.