



**MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

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**Commissioner Joe Durso, Chairman, presided**

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**Members in attendance:**

Councilman Jeff Rinehart for Mayor Rebecca Borders, City of St. Cloud  
Ms. Michelle del Valle for Mayor Kenneth Bradley, City of Winter Park  
Council President John Dowless, City of Edgewood  
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere  
Commissioner Joe Durso, City of Longwood  
Mayor Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry  
Commissioner Joel Keller, City of Ocoee  
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  
Mr. Steve Noto, City of Lake Mary

**Members not in attendance:**

Mayor Bill Brooks, City of Belle Isle  
Mayor Charles Lacey, City of Winter Springs

**Others in attendance were:**

Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT  
Ms. Andrea Ostrodka, LYNX  
Ms. Lee Pulham, Reedy Creek Improvement District  
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Durso called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 had no announcements. He told MAC members that as requested, Ms. Kathy Till, Florida League of Cities, was in attendance and would be providing a legislative update. Ms. Till needed to leave for a funeral so he invited her to make her presentation at this point in the meeting.

Ms. Till told committee members that her report would focus on transportation related legislation. She reported that a bill was passed preventing local jurisdictions from regulating outdoor ads on water management property. Senate Bill 218 passed and dealt with the relocation of utilities and utility lines. The bill renamed rural areas "rural areas of equal opportunity" and moved responsibility to relocate utilities and lines away from local municipalities and authorized FDOT to relocate them at their expense. In addition, the bill now allowed smaller municipalities to apply, through a competitive grant process, for \$9 million in transportation project funding. This grant opportunity previously had only been open to county government. This bill was still waiting on the Governor's signature. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles bill, a normally comprehensive bill she noted, dealt with use of red light cameras and despite many versions did not pass. Ms. Till told committee members that House Bill 7175 passed which provided for a study of parking meters on state roads in Florida. The bill prohibits local municipalities from installing new meters from July 1, 2015 through June 2015 when the study was completed. She noted that the recent legislative session was one of the better ones for municipalities. In addition to the bills mentioned she told MAC members that an ethics bill was also passed requiring elected officials to complete four hours of ethics training annually and disclose their completion of this training on their financial disclosure. Chairman Durso thanked Ms. Till for her hard work and grace in handling legislative issues. Mayor Schieferdecker asked about state quiet zone funding. Ms. Till responded that the proposed quiet zone funding was in the state budget and the Governor signed the budget, but that she had no other information at this time.

## **IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

## V. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Virginia Whittington welcomed Mr. Steve Noto, City of Lake Mary, Councilman Jeff Rinehart, City of St. Cloud and Ms. Michele del Valle, City of Winter Park. She reported that Mr. Gene Ferguson had completed his cross-training and was back as MetroPlan Orlando's FDOT liaison. Ms. Whittington told committee members that retired MetroPlan Orlando staff member, Mr. Dennis Hooker, passed away recently and his memorial service was being held Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. She informed MAC members that Ms. Nikhila Rose, MetroPlan Orlando staff member had given birth to a baby boy. In addition, she noted that the draft LRTP resolution in committee members' packets would be Resolution #14-13-MAC.

## VI. Partner Reports

### FDOT

Mr. Gene Ferguson, FDOT, told committee members that the concessionaire had been chosen for the I-4 Ultimate project and FDOT expects to have them under contract in the next few months and the project started early next year.

### LYNX

Ms. Andrea Ostrodka, LYNX, reported that LYNX has a new LYMMO line in service that has been named the "Grapefruit Line". Ridership on the Grapefruit line is currently at 1,500 riders per day. She told MAC members that MetroPlan held a very successful LRTP public hearing at LYNX Central Station the night before.

### Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

No Florida's Turnpike Enterprise representative was in attendance.

## VII. Action Items

### *A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting*

Action was requested for approval of the May 1, 2014 meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the May 1, 2014 meeting minutes. Mayor Howard Schieferdecker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### *B. Election of Officers*

The Nominating Subcommittee met May 19, 2014 recommend a slate of officers for the term July 2014 through June 2015. Since a quorum was not reached at the meeting, a follow up meeting was held June 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. to take formal action on the recommendation. The MAC Nominating Subcommittee recommended Mayor Ken Bradley as Chairman, Mayor Charles Lacey as Vice-Chair and

Commissioner Bobby Olszewski as Second Vice-Chair. Approval of the 2014-15 slate of officers was requested. Mayor Bruhn inquired about Mayor Borders not being recommended to move up to Chairman. Ms. Whittington responded that Mayor Borders schedule didn't allow the flexibility required to Chair MAC.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the recommended 2014-2015 slate of officers. Commissioner Joel Keller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**C. *RCID Amendment to FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP***

Ms. Lee Pulham, Reedy Creek Improvement District, requested the MAC to recommend that the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP be amended to include a new ramp at the I-4/SR 536 interchange. The amendment was described in the letter from FDOT that was provided. Ms. Pulham noted that the project was fully funded and was needed to relieve congestion on SR 536 that subsequently backed up onto I-4. In addition, she told MAC members that the project had already been approved by Federal Highway Administration. Chairman Durso asked if the Downtown Disney renovation would take two years to complete. Ms. Pulham responded that the Downtown Disney renovation would require two years to complete.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the recommended amendment to the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP to include a new ramp at the I-4/SR 536 interchange. Mayor Howard Schieferdecker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**D. *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 grant from FTA to LYNX for buses and facilities. The amendment was described in the letter from FDOT that was provided.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the recommended amendment to the FY 2013/14-2017/18 TIP to include a grant from FTA to LYNX for buses and facilities. Mayor Howard Schieferdecker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**E. *Approval of the Year 2040 LRTP and MAC Resolution No. 14-13-MAC***

The MAC was requested to recommend approval of MetroPlan Orlando's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, reviewed the draft LRTP, and Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando staff, reviewed the outcomes of the public involvement process pertaining to the LRTP. Ms. Whittington offered kudos to Ms. Lambert and Ms. Mary Ann Horne on a very successful LRTP public hearing June 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Lambert told MAC members that they participated in 48 outreach events with a combined total of 2,406 individuals

attending and 694 people signing up to receive additional information. In addition, social media goals that had been set were surpassed. Congestion was the #1 concern of participants, she noted, and a final report detailing outcomes from the outreach efforts will be included in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Lambert told MAC members that the LRTP public hearing went well and they received good input. She thanked LYNX for the use of their meeting space for the public hearing. Mayor Schieferdecker called attention to the importance of bus service connections.

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, reviewed the draft plan. Mr. Trauger noted that a revised 2040 LRTP packet was included in the supplemental folders. He told MAC members that \$15 billion in funding was projected over the lifetime of the 2040 LRTP (2019-2040) with \$7 billion of those funds allocated to transit and \$7.6 allocated to highways. He reviewed the 2040 LRTP timeline, financial resources, the transit element including regional priorities, the projected 2040 highway network and county-wide project total needs and number fundable based on projections. Mayor Schieferdecker inquired about LYNX funding levels remaining the same. Mr. Trauger responded that if the LYNX level of service remained the same, it was still projected to cost more in 2040. Mayor Schieferdecker emphasized the importance of feeder bus service and the lack of adequate service in some areas. Chairman Durso responded that committee members are aware of the feeder bus service issue. Mr. Trauger responded that additional feeder bus service requires funding and local funding contributions would be necessary to increase service. Chairman Durso added that there is a need for a new dedicated funding source for transportation. Discussion ensued regarding the status of local projects included in the LRTP. Commissioner Keller asked if there was a way to stay within the allocated budget for bus service and rework routes to better accommodate needs. Chairman Durso inquired about LYNX being amenable to changes in service. Ms. Ostrodka responded that yes LYNX would be amenable to reviewing service and they had recently completed a service analysis.

**MOTION:** Mayor Dominic Persampiere moved for approval of MetroPlan Orlando's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Councilman Jeff Rinehart seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Mayor Howard Schieferdecker moved for approval of amending the original motion to approve staff developing a statement suggesting to the MetroPlan Orlando Board and FDOT that the distribution of funding for feeder bus service be revisited with the intention of determining if the current expenditures are the most efficient expenditures. Council President Dowless seconded the motion, which passed 9:1 (Persampiere opposed).

**MOTION:** Mayor Dominic Persampiere moved for approval of MetroPlan Orlando's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) including the amendment to the original motion regarding feeder bus service. Councilman Jeff Rinehart seconded the motion, which passed 9:1 (Bruhn opposed).

Mayor Bruhn noted that his opposition is not to the LRTP, but that the plan calls for 4-laning a road through Windermere which is inconsistent with the Town's plans. At the last meeting, the MAC expressed concern during the presentation of the transit element of the 2040 LRTP and directed staff to draft a resolution in support of additional funding for feeder bus service to serve SunRail. The resolution was presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board as part of the MAC's recommendation pertaining to the 2040 LRTP. A copy of the resolution was provided. Mr. Harry Barley told MAC members that Mr. John Lewis, LYNX, was scheduled to give a presentation on feeder bus service at the MetroPlan Orlando June Board meeting. Mayor Schieferdecker noted that he has met with Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs and Secretary Noranne Downs regarding funding, Maitland Center tenants are being surveyed regarding interest in providing feeder service to SunRail and they are also working with ReThink on a solution, he told committee members that the process is moving along slowly and there was a need to look at all possible avenues for service.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Joel Keller moved for approval of MAC resolution #14-13-MAC. Mayor Charlene Glancy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## VIII. Presentations/Status Reports

### A. *Preview of FY 2014/15-2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a preview of the new FY 2014/15-2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Copies of the FDOT highway and bicycle and pedestrian projects and the LYNX transit projects were provided. Mr. Caskey reviewed federal and state funds available, national highway system projects, surface transportation projects, management and operations projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects and transit projects in the FY 2014/15-2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), focusing on any changes or new projects. The TIP will be presented for approval at the July 2 MAC meeting. Mr. Caskey noted that a public hearing for the new TIP will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at the MetroPlan Orlando office in the David L. Grovdahl Board Room, with maps available for review at 5:30 p.m. and the formal public hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m.

### B. *Status Report on FY 2019/20-2039/40 Prioritized Project List*

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a brief status report on the new FY 2019/20-2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL) for information purposes. A more detailed preview of the PPL will be presented next month. The PPL will be presented to the committees and Board for approval in August/September and submitted to FDOT by the September deadline. A copy of the FY 2018/19-2029/30 PPL that was adopted last year and has been updated to show the latest project

phases that have been funded based on the new TIP was provided. This was being used as a starting point for developing the new PPL. Mr. Caskey told committee members that the Plans and Programs Subcommittee met the previous month and agreed to keep the funding allocation percentages at their current levels. He noted that FDOT is reviewing the TRIP funded projects, as they had not been updated since 2007. Mr. Caskey informed MAC members that he will provide a more detailed report at the July MAC meeting.

## **IX. General Information**

### **A. FDOT Quarterly Variance Report**

The Second Quarter Variance Report from FDOT was provided.

### **B. *FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report***

The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area was provided.

### **C. *Legislative Update (End of Session)***

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

### **D. *Results of Seminole County Sales Tax Referendum***

An announcement regarding the results of the Seminole County sales tax referendum was provided.

### **E. *Air Quality Status Report***

A status report on the latest ozone readings for the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided.

### **F. *Board Highlights***

Highlights from the May MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

## **X. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to MAC Members**

### **A. *2040 LRTP Public Hearing***

The public hearing for the 2040 LRTP was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at the LYNX administrative office 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room, 445 N. Garland Avenue,

Orlando, FL 32801. An open house began at 5 p.m. and the public hearing presentation began at 6 p.m.

*B. MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 11, 2014; 9:00 a.m.*

*C. FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP Public Hearing*

The public hearing for the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP was held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at MetroPlan Orlando, 315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 355, Orlando, FL 32801. Maps were available for review at 5:30 p.m. and the public hearing began at 6:00 p.m.

*D. Municipal Advisory Committee meeting - WEDNESDAY, July 2, 2014; 9:00 a.m. (Please note the July meeting has been adjusted in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.)*

XI. Public Comments (General)

None.



## XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bruhn inquired about the positive air quality report. Mr. Barley responded that weather conditions could be credited with helping ozone levels locally.

Chairman Durso thanked MAC members for the opportunity to serve as Chairman and he looks forward to supporting Mayor Bradley in his role as Chairman.

Mayor Bruhn thanked Chairman Durso for his service as Chairman.

Chairman Durso thanked Ms. Whittington for her assistance and support throughout his term as MAC Chairman. He also thanked Mr. Harry Barley for his support.

Mayor Schieferdecker and Mayor Glancy thanked Chairman Durso for a great job as Chair.

There being no further business Chairman Durso adjourned the meeting of the Municipal Advisory Committee at 11:47 a.m.

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

Approved this 2nd day of July, 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.*