



MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, May 7, 2015
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando Board Room
315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 355
Orlando, Florida
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Charles Lacey, Chairman, presided

Members in attendance:

Mayor Rebecca Borders, City of St. Cloud
Council President John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere
Mayor Joe Durso, City of Longwood
Mayor Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry
Commissioner Joel Keller, City of Ocoee
Mayor Charles Lacey, City of Winter Springs
Mayor Steve Leary, City of Winter Park
Mayor A. Dale McDonald, City of Maitland
Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Town of Oakland
Commissioner Sid Miller, City of Lake Mary
Commissioner Robert "Bobby" Olszewski, City of Winter Garden

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Bill Brooks, City of Belle Isle
Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo
Mr. Roger Dixon, Town of Eatonville

Others in attendance were:

Mr. David Parks, I-4 Ultimate Public Information Officer
Ms. Mary Schoelzel, FDOT
Mr. Tony Rodriguez, LYNX
Ms. Shannon Estep, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Charles Lacey called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lacey led the committee in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lacey welcomed new MAC members Mayor Steve Leary, City of Winter Park and Mayor A. Dale McDonald, City of Maitland. He noted that Ms. Whittington met with the new Mayors prior to the MAC meeting for an orientation. Mayor Lacey congratulated Commissioner Keller on his reelection and Mayor Durso on recently being elected Mayor of the City of Longwood.

III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Lacey told committee members that the Regional Leadership Council (RLC) met on March 27th and he and Commissioner Olszewski attended the meeting. The Regional leadership Council discussed SU fund splits, use of DDR funds and allocation of the \$500,000 in Road Ranger funds. The RLC recommendations will be going to the MetroPlan Orlando Board at their May 13th meeting. Chairman Lacey reported that he also attended a meeting Congressman Mica held at MetroPlan Orlando to discuss the I-4 "Beyond the Ultimate" project.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

V. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Virginia Whittington requested that agenda item X.C. be moved up to first under Presentations/Status Reports. She reported that legislative items including the Coast-to-Coast trail project, quiet zones, and the Transportation Trust Fund all hinged on a special session that had been called for June 1st. She noted that \$10 million in funding for quiet zones was included in the state budget, if the budget gets passed. Ms. Whittington informed MAC members that SB 584 held transportation harmless thus far and increased funding for trail projects to \$25 million. She told committee members that HB 41 addressed hazardous walking conditions and provided for safe access to schools and HB 257 established freight logistics zones. Ms. Whittington called attention to items in the supplemental folders which included the air quality report and a revised copy of the Bicycle/Pedestrian section of the Prioritized Project List.

VI. Partner Reports

LYNX

No LYNX representative was in attendance at this time and the report was deferred.

FDOT

Ms. Mary Schoelzel, FDOT, reported that SunRail recently celebrated its first anniversary and both the Wekiva Parkway and I-4 Ultimate projects were on track and moving forward.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Ms. Shannon Estep, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, was presenting later in the agenda and she would provide her report at that time.

VII. Public Comments on Action Items

None.

VIII. Old Business

Ms. Whittington reported that round two of the quiet zone funding grant process is open and being handled through the local cities.

IX. Action Items

A. *Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting*

Action was requested for approval of the March 5, 2015 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the March 5, 2015 meeting minutes. Mayor Joe Durso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *Chair Appointment of Nominating Subcommittee*

The Chairman appointed a Nominating Subcommittee to recommend a slate of officers for the term July 2015 through June 2016. Due to the revised Board and Committee meeting schedule, the appointed Nominating Subcommittee met immediately following the MAC meeting. Approval of the subcommittee's recommendations will be brought before the MAC in July and the elected 2015-16 officers will assume their duties immediately upon approval. Approval of the Subcommittee membership was requested. Chairman Lacey requested volunteers to serve on the MAC Nominating Subcommittee. Council President Dowless, Mayor Borders, Mayor McDonald and Commissioner Miller volunteered to serve.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of Council President Dowless, Mayor Borders, Mayor McDonald and Commissioner Miller serving on

the MAC Nominating Subcommittee. Mayor Joe Durso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP (Tab 2)*

Ms. Mary Schoelzel, FDOT, requested the MAC to recommend that the FY 2014/15-2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to include changes to the Autotrain Gateway project and extension of Pomegranate Avenue in Sanford, as well as a rail crossing project. The amendments were described in a letter from FDOT that was provided. Ms. Schoelzel provided a brief overview of the projects to be amended.

MOTION: Mayor Joe Durso moved for approval of the FDOT amendments to FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP. Commissioner Joel Keller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. *FY 2020/21-2039/40 Prioritized Project List*

Action was requested by Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the FY 2020/21-2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL). This document included a list of highway, management and operations, bicycle and pedestrian, and transit projects that had been ranked in order of priority. FDOT will use the PPL in developing its FY 2016/17-2020/21 Five Year Work Program. A draft copy of the PPL was provided. Mr. Caskey explained that the Prioritized project List is a bridge document to the Transportation Improvement Program and covers multiple modes of transportation. He reviewed the different funding categories and provided a brief overview of changes that had been made in the Prioritized Project List during the past year. He noted that the Regional Leadership Council (RLC) had recommended some changes in the use of DDR funds, allocating up to 30% of these funds to regionally transformative transit projects, as identified in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. In addition, the Regional Leadership Council, he reported, made a recommendation regarding use of SU funds allocating less funding to highway projects and a higher percentage of funds to transit and bicycle/pedestrian projects. Mr. Caskey told committee members that in previous years LYNX ranked the transit projects. For the current list, however, MetroPlan Orlando staff and LYNX worked together to reorganize the transit list. Mayor Bruhn asked if the funding splits the RLC recommended were the same as MAC had recommended at the March 5th MAC meeting. Mr. Caskey responded that the RLC took all the funding splits recommended by the committees and averaged them to arrive at the current funding allocations. Mayor Durso inquired about the \$24 million Longwood project, from Rangeline Road to US 17/92 that was ranked number one on the Highway Project/Surface transportation list. Mr. Caskey responded that the funding was for intersection improvements in that area.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the FY 2020/21-2039/40 Prioritized Project List. Commissioner Joel Keller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Partner Reports

LYNX

Mr. Tony Rodriguez, LYNX, reported that LYNX underwent some service changes on April 19th and they are currently working on evaluating service changes for August 2015. LYNX, he noted, has extended the Orange LYMMO line north on Orange Avenue to Marks Street. Mr. Rodriguez told committee members that LYNX has increased service on the Fast Lane 441 route to run all day, as opposed to only at peak commute hours. He commented that increasing the Fast Lane service has helped alleviate some of the stress on the regular service in that corridor. Ms. Whittington called attention to the upcoming groundbreaking for the new LYMMO Lime Line that will serve the western downtown area.

X. Presentations/Status Reports

A. *Presentation on Re-Adoption of 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan - taken out of order*

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a report on the need for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to go through re-adoption later this year. An information sheet was provided. Mr. Trauger explained that the LRTP is a core, visionary document that needs to be cost feasible and is required under federal law. He noted that the 2040 LRTP was adopted a year ago and usually has a five-year adoption cycle. Mr. Trauger told committee members that there was currently some more concrete data, such as for recently adopted locally preferred alternatives, for assumptions made previously on the 2040 LRTP. MetroPlan Orlando, he noted, had generated its own three-county travel demand models, while FDOT had created a district-wide model which MetroPlan would be using for their next Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Trauger informed MAC members that MetroPlan Orlando was one to one and a half years ahead of other area M/TPOs with its LRTP. Federal Highway Administration had indicated that re-adoption was a viable alternative for MetroPlan Orlando to reset the clock and adopt its LRTP in sync with the other regional M/TPOs. Work on the re-adoption will be taking place over the next six to eight months. He reported that some projects and costs will be updated along with assumptions, refreshing the transit element and separating out the environmental mitigation section. Regular updates on the LRTP, he reported, will be given throughout the year with approval of the re-adopted 2040 LRTP slated for December 2015.

B. *Presentation on I-4 Maintenance of Traffic Plan*

Mr. David Parks, I-4 Ultimate Public Information Officer, provided an overview of the implementation of the I-4 Ultimate Project from west of Kirkman Road to east of SR 434 and reviewed the activities under way to maintain traffic flow during construction. Mr. Parks provided an overview of the project including the building team and the four segments it has been divided into. He noted that the I-4 Ultimate website is the best source for updates on the project and that an enhanced mobile app is being developed. Email and text alerts are also available, he reported, and they can be tailored specifically to an area that you travel. Mr. Parks told MAC members that coordination efforts with local

jurisdictions on the I-4 project continue, as well as public outreach, including a weekly outreach recap. He reported that an information meeting will be held the end of May in Maitland at the RDV Sportsplex and anyone is welcome to attend. MAC members, he noted, could let Mr. Parks know if they would like to be added to the list to receive updates. Mayor Durso asked if the Mr. Park's I-4 presentation would be available for distribution to others that were interested in the I-4 Ultimate project. Mr. Parks responded that there is a wealth of public outreach information available on the website and he explained where to access that information. Ms. Whittington asked if FDOT staff could assist with a link to the I-4 website for local municipalities. Mr. Parks responded that they could provide a link and the information on I-4 Ultimate was beneficial not only to those who use I-4 but other travelers as well. Mayor McDonald inquired about the start date for the alerts. Mr. Parks responded that the email alert started April 10th but they were looking at additional software that would push out notifications when an area was approved for construction. He noted that FDOT would also reach out to impacted municipalities.

C. *Presentation on the Introduction of Express Toll Lanes on Turnpike Facilities*

Ms. Shannon Estep, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, gave a presentation on the introduction of express toll lanes on Turnpike facilities in the MetroPlan Orlando area. A fact sheet was provided. Ms. Estep explained that Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is using the FDOT guiding principles which state, "When adding capacity to an existing limited access facility on the State Highway System (SHS), Express Lanes shall be implemented across the state, where deemed appropriate through the transportation planning process" and "each region of the state shall develop a Regional Concept of Transportation Operations (RCTO) based on the area's express lane network long term vision." She provided a video and information detailing the benefits of express lanes and locations where the new express lanes will be added locally, including the Turnpike Mainline, the Beachline and the Seminole Expressway. She cited Miami as an example of the successful implementation of express lanes in Florida. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of left lane crashes on congestion, construction on SR 417 while it is needed as an alternate to I-4 during the I-4 Ultimate construction, and potential bottlenecks on the north and south termini of the SR 417 project. Ms. Estep responded that it was projected that only 1,000 to 1,500 cars would divert to SR 417 as an alternate to I-4 and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is coordinating with CFX on the SR 417 project. A meeting with staff from FTE and CFX is scheduled for the end of May.

D. *Status Report on US 441 Alternatives Analysis*

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a status report on the US 441 Alternatives Analysis. This included a briefing on the work to date and the next steps anticipated for the project. Ms. Whittington reviewed the corridor which would provide transit connections between Orlando and Tavares. She told MAC members that ten original alternatives had been narrowed down to three and the three alternatives included commuter rail to SR 429 then express bus service into Lake County, commuter rail the entire way from Orlando to Eustis and the third was express bus along 441 with queue jumps or express bus

via limited access roads (441, 19, 414, and 429). Ms. Whittington reported that after analysis, it was determined that the project would not compete at this time. The next step, she reported, will be for FDOT to consider Transportation System Management alternatives to improve the level of service on the corridor. In June, FDOT will be presenting the solution they have arrived at for the corridor that will allow it to better compete for FHWA funding. Ms. Whittington called attention to the project website <http://www.us441corridor.com/>.

XI. General Information

A. SunRail Ridership Report

There was no SunRail ridership report available.

B. Florida Transportation Plan

The latest information from FDOT on the Florida Transportation Plan could be found at <http://floridatransportationplan.org/>. An overview of the plan will be presented at the MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting on May 13th.

C. Air Quality Report

The latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided.

D. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

The latest FDOT construction status report was provided.

E. Updated Board & Committee Meeting Schedule

The updated 2015 meeting schedule for the MetroPlan Orlando Board and advisory committees was provided.

F. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

Highlights from the March 11 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

G. Regional Leadership Council Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the March 27th Regional Leadership Council meeting were provided.

XII. Upcoming Meetings of Interest

A. MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting

The MetroPlan Orlando Board held a meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 9 a.m.

B. Municipal Advisory Committee meeting - Thursday, July 2, 2015; 9:00 a.m.

XIII. Public Comments (General)

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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

Approved this 2nd day of July, 2015.

Chairperson

Witness

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.