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MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, September 3, 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
Mr. Roger Dixon, CAO, for Mayor Anthony Grant, Town of Eatonville
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
Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Town of Oakland
Commissioner Sid Miller, City of Lake Mary
Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Bill Brooks, City of Belle Isle
Mayor A. Dale McDonald, City of Maitland
Commissioner Robert "Bobby" Olszewski, City of Winter Garden

Others in attendance were:

Dr. Jim Wright, UCF
Ms. Amanda Day, Best Foot Forward
Ms. Mary Raulerson, Kittelson & Associates
Ms. Mary Schoelzel, FDOT
Ms. Carleen Flynn, LYNX

Ms. Alison Stettner, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Alex Trauger, 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 9:04 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Lacey had no announcements.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

V. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Virginia Whittington reported that agenda item XI,A, the CFMPOA Project Priority Lists, had been approved by the MetroPlan Orlando board and the approved list of projects sent to Tallahassee. She called attention to the MetroPlan Orlando Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th, immediately following the board meeting. The Executive Committee will be focusing on 2016 legislative priorities at the meeting. Ms. Whittington asked that if any MAC members had any legislative issues they would like to take to the Executive Committee, to please contact her. A draft list of 2016 legislative priorities, she noted, will be going to the committees prior to going to the board for approval in November. Ms. Whittington told MAC members that items in the supplemental folders included an infographic for the market research results, the latest air quality report, and a flyer seeking volunteers for the upcoming bicycle and pedestrian count.

VI. Partner Reports

LYNX

Ms. Carleen Flynn, LYNX, reported that the most recent service changes took place August 23rd. She told MAC members that LYNX staff met with the bus operators and everything was going fine, with only a couple of mix ups with the changes. Ms. Flynn called attention to two new Fastlink routes, the 406, from downtown Orlando to Medical City, and the 407, from Kissimmee to Orlando International Airport and Medical City.

FDOT

Ms. Mary Schoelzel, FDOT, reported that District V has a number of major projects underway. She told committee members that Central Florida Expressway Authority is planning to advertise for a contract to build Segment 2B of the Wekiva Parkway in August and updates on all the projects could be found on the Wekiva Parkway website. Ms. Schoelzel noted that SunRail is doing well and SunRail Phase II is moving ahead with stations in Deland, Orange County and Osceola County. She told MAC members that a TIGER grant had been submitted for Phase II north and District V was hoping to hear news on the awarding of that grant in October. Ms. Schoelzel reported that there will be a lot of nighttime lane closures upcoming for the I-4 Ultimate project and information on those lane closures was available on the I-4 Ultimate website. In addition, she called attention to the Coast-to-Coast Trail project which is moving forward as well and noted that she will have more information on that project for the next MAC meeting.

Mayor Gary Bruhn asked about a follow up to a discussion at the previous MAC meeting regarding debris and graffiti along the SunRail corridor and local jurisdictions getting permission to clean up those areas. Ms. Schoelzel responded that Secretary Downs had met with representatives from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding the issue and they were still working on it. Mayor Bruhn asked if there was anything that MAC members could do to support secretary Downs' effort. Ms. Schoelzel told MAC members that a letter of support for Secretary Downs to forward to FHWA might be helpful.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of drafting a letter of support for local jurisdictions getting code enforcement capability along the SunRail corridor. Mayor Joe Durso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Staff will draft the letter of support to send to Secretary Downs.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Ms. Alison Stettner, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, told MAC members that the Turnpike Mainline project is expected to be at 60% plans this month. She noted that three segments of the Mainline are scheduled for widening. Those segments include Osceola County to I-4 in spring/summer 2016, the interchange construction at SR 417 and the Turnpike should be completed in spring of this year, and the segment from the Beachline to I-4 is in design. In addition, the system interchange at I-4 will start construction in September 2015.

VII. Public Comments on Action Items

None.

VIII. Old Business

Ms. Whittington reported that in regards to Quiet Zones, the cities that had been awarded quiet zone grants should be working directly with FDOT on their respective crossings. She told MAC members that staff had been asked to coordinate a regional map showing all the crossings along the corridor and she will be reaching out to the local jurisdictions to get the information on the crossings for the map. Ms. Whittington added that she continues to try to contact Mr. Andre Goins regarding round two of the quiet zone grants, but has received no response. Ms. Schoelzel responded that she will contact the FDOT Agreement section to inquire about the grants, since the grant funds were not going directly through FDOT. She noted that there had been issues with some cities not being able to be Local Agency Program (LAP) certified, and she will see if she can add Ms. Whittington to the mailing list, so that she would get updates on the process. Council President Dowless asked if the quiet zone grant applications were for state funding and not for federal government funding and said he was under the impression that there was a \$4 million balance from the original allocation. Ms. Whittington noted that there were state funds left over and she has not received any information regarding the awarding of the round two quiet zone grants. Council President Dowless inquired about the criteria for applying for round two grants. Ms. Whittington responded that applications for round two quiet zone grant funds needed to be submitted by June 2015 and the same criteria that was used in round one was being used for round two. Ms. Schoelzel responded that she would check on the status of the round two grant awards. Ms. Whittington reported that a request for an additional \$10 million in quiet zone funding had been made during the 2015 legislative session, however, the Governor line item vetoed that request. She added that MetroPlan Orlando was preparing to develop their 2016 legislative priorities and a request would go to the board to include seeking additional quiet zone funding since SunRail Phase II was not included in the original ask.

IX. Action Items

A. *Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting*

Action was requested for approval of the July 2, 2015 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the July 2, 2015 meeting minutes. Mayor Joe Durso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *FDOT Amendments to FY 2014/15-2018/19 and 2015/16-2019/20 Transportation Improvement Programs*

Ms. Mary Schoelzel, FDOT, requested the MAC to recommend that the FY 2014/15-2018/19 and 2015/16-2019/20 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) be amended to include projects pertaining to the I-4 westbound rest area, the Spring Lake Elementary School sidewalks and the Colonial pedestrian overpass.

Due to the emergency nature of these amendments, the Chairman of the MetroPlan Orlando Board signed the amendment resolution on August 17th in order for FDOT to be able to allocate the funds for the projects included in the amendment request in a timely manner. This amendment request was ratified by the Board at its September 9th meeting. The signed resolution and the letter describing the amendments were provided. Ms. Whittington explained that MetroPlan Orlando had this process in place in order to get TIP amendments approved and not jeopardize funding, if there was no board meeting scheduled. Mayor Bruhn asked why immediate approval was necessary. Ms. Schoelzel responded the funding for the projects was in the current fiscal year and since no amendments could be done in September, FDOT needed to get approval in August in order to not lose the funds.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the amendments to the FY 2014/15-2018/19 and 2015/16-2019/20 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs). Commissioner Sid Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. *Public Involvement Plan for 2040 LRTP Re-adoption*

Action was requested by Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando staff, to recommend approval of the Public Involvement Plan for the re-adoption of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Public involvement is a federal requirement for the development of the organization's long range plan. The required 45-day public comment period for the draft Public Involvement Plan opened on July 23, 2015. The draft Public Involvement Plan for the re-adoption of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was provided. Ms. Lambert told MAC members that the 2040 LRTP had been approved in 2014 and normally there would be a three to four year time frame to adopt a new LRTP. The current re-adoption process is an administrative update, she noted, and will reset the clock on adoption in line with other local MPOs. In addition, a regional model will be used for the next LRTP, which will provide a cost savings. Ms. Lambert reported that extensive public outreach was conducted for the 2040 LRTP and the information still stands, however, the re-adoption builds on the previous version with some technical updates. She reviewed the objectives in the draft Public Involvement Plan and added that staff is looking to wrap up the re-adoption process by December 2015.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the Public Involvement Plan for the re-adoption of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mayor Joe Durso seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

X. Presentations/Status Reports

A. *Presentation on Transportation Issues Public Opinion Survey Results*

Dr. Jim Wright, University of Central Florida, will present the results of the MetroPlan Orlando/UCF 2015 public opinion survey on transportation issues. An infographic of eight key survey findings could be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/1TRWvEP>

The full research report could be viewed here: http://www.metroplanorlando.com/files/view/public_opinion_research_2015.pdf

Dr. Wright provided a brief background on the research efforts with MetroPlan Orlando and thanked his collaborators at UCF. He reviewed the survey methodology, noting that phone surveys had become more difficult over time and some questions that always had the same response had been eliminated. A majority of respondents, he reported, indicated that current transportation was not adequate and transportation funding needed to increase. Dr. Wright called attention to a change in funding preference to more positive responses for gas and sales tax increases, while a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) option was not popular. He told committee members that transit had received more support than ever before and 93% of respondents felt Central Florida needed a more balanced transportation system. SunRail, he indicated, was a popular transit option among respondents and 95% felt that local government should invest in weekend service for SunRail. Dr. Wright told MAC members that the full report was available online and he provided his contact information if members had any questions. Commissioner Keller asked if the 455 volunteer survey participants were more likely to have a positive response to the gas tax option, because they were more aware of transportation funding issues. Dr. Wright responded that the 455 volunteer survey participants were not included in the results presented.

B. *Presentation on Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Program Expansion*

Ms. Amanda Day, Bike/Walk Central Florida, gave a presentation on the effort to expand the Best Foot Forward Pedestrian Safety Program in the MetroPlan Orlando area. Ms. Day reviewed the history and provided some background information on the Best Foot Forward program. She provided information on why

the Orlando area is ranked number one most dangerous for pedestrians. She provided statistics on pedestrian fatalities locally and the areas considered most dangerous. Ms. Day told MAC members that Best Foot Forward's vision was to cut pedestrian injuries in half by 2020 and they hoped to achieve this by getting more drivers to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks through enforcement, education and engineering improvements. Mayor Durso asked about addressing issues with pedestrians, as well as motorists. Ms. Day responded that pedestrian laws allow for crossing outside of a crosswalk under some circumstances and Orlando Police Department and Orange County Sheriff's Department will issue warnings to pedestrians if they do violate the law. She provided data on the progress that had been made from June 2012 to December 2014 and enforcement efforts that have been conducted. She called attention to three questions that Best Foot Forward was focused on which included what is the greatest need, what was needed to make the greatest impact, and what resources were available and provided a response to each. Ms. Day also detailed Best Foot Forward's objectives for 2016 which included focusing on zip codes with the highest number of injuries and fatalities in Orange County and City of Orlando, expanding into Seminole and Osceola Counties, focusing on the top zip codes, magnifying the iYield4Peds driver facing message to reach more motorists, developing a "people on foot" focused education campaign, first targeting transit riders, and developing a bicyclists outreach program parallel to Best Foot Forward.

C. *Status Report on Re-Adoption of 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan*

Ms. Mary Raulerson, Kittelson and Associates, presented a status report on the process for the re-adoption of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan later this year. Ms. Raulerson told committee members that the re-adoption was administrative and involved a small change to the transit element, based on some new information. She reported that there were three areas of focus for the re-adoption, which included improving documentation on environmental mitigation, adding more flexibility, and additional focus on the transit element. The environmental mitigation information, currently interspersed throughout 2040 LRTP, she noted, would be separated out into its own section for emphasis. Ms. Raulerson told MAC members that the transit element would be updated based on some recent transit corridor studies and the plan would look to see how to build on current transit investments and how to position the area for more transit. She explained the differences between the Federal Transit Administration project development process, which measures transit performance, and the Federal Highway Administration process which is formula driven. Ms. Raulerson told committee members that, based on more current information, the US 441 Enhanced Express Service would be moved off the 2040 LRTP cost feasible transit list to the list of all other LYNX transit improvements. She provided information on the timeline for re-adoption which included an overview and public partner review in October/November 2015, with adoption slated for December 2015. Prior to adoption, she noted, public input would be

solicited.

D. *Presentation on Traffic Signal Retiming Results*

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, gave a presentation on the results of traffic signal retiming in the MetroPlan Orlando area during FY 2014/15. Mr. Hill told MAC members that local signals are retimed on a yearly basis and Kittelson and Associates conducted the current retiming study. He noted that the before and after retiming data is collected at peak times on the selected corridors. He reviewed the study objectives, what signal retiming is, corridors included in the study and the data collection methodology through Bluetooth technology. Mr. Hill provided information on the average corridor travel time and the retiming savings along with the benefit/cost analysis and how it is computed. This year, he noted, they also looked at how retiming affected side street queuing, which was found to vary, but showed no significant increase in wait time. He told committee members that due to increased volume, retiming needed to be done every three years and aspirations are to increase the number of corridors to 273 by 2016. Funding currently is only available for 150 corridors, he reported, so a phased approach will be used in the hopes of acquiring funding for additional corridors, in later phases. Mayor Dominic Persampiere asked about the use of auto traffic signalization. Mr. Hill responded that because the data is collected through Bluetooth technology FDOT and local engineers are looking at adaptive signal control through demand as opposed to time of day. He noted that this would allow signals to respond to changes that may occur, such as side street diversion, due to a collision. Mayor Persampiere added that the City of Oviedo is currently in an auto traffic signalization pilot program and it will be interesting to see the results of the program.

XI. General Information

A. *Adopted CFMPOA Regional Prioritized Project List*

The Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Regional Prioritized Project List that was approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board on July 8th and by the CFMPOA Board on July 10th was provided.

B. *Air Quality Report*

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

C. *FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report*

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

D. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

Highlights from the July MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

XII. Upcoming Meetings of Interest

A. MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting

The MetroPlan Orlando Board will meet on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 9 a.m.

B. Municipal Advisory Committee meeting - Thursday, October 29, 2015; 9:30 a.m.*
(*Note: Meeting date adjusted due to Veteran's Day holiday).

XIII. Public Comments (General)

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lacey asked MAC members if they would be agreeable to moving the MAC start time to 9:30 a.m., due to traffic issues with the 9:00 a.m. start time. MAC members were all in agreement to the time change, effective for the October 29, 2015 meeting.

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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

Approved this 29th day of October, 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.