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MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, December 7, 2017

LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando Board Room  
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200  
Orlando, Florida 32801

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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Council President John Dowless, Chairman, presided

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Members in attendance:

Mayor Nathan Blackwell, City of St. Cloud  
Council President John Dowless, City of Edgewood  
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  
Mayor Lydia Pisano, City of Belle Isle

Members not in attendance:

Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere  
Mayor Eddie Cole, Town of Eatonville  
Vacant, City of Longwood  
Mayor Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry  
Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo  
Vacant, City of Winter Garden

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX  
Mr. Brian Stanger, FDOT  
Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
Ms. Mary Brooks, Quest Corporation of America, Inc  
Mr. Stephen Abel, Global 5  
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando  
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, MetroPlan Orlando

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman John Dowless called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Dowless led the committee in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Dowless reported that he is unable to attend the December 13<sup>th</sup> MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting and he has requested that Mayor Persampiere attend as his alternate.

**IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

**V. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP**

Ms. Virginia Whittington reported that the presenter for the LYNX Update would be Ms. Tiffany Homler Hawkins, LYNX CAO, and the presenter for the Safety and Technology Grant would be Mr. Stephen Abel, Global 5.

**VI. PARTNER REPORTS**

**LYNX**

Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX, deferred his report to Ms. Tiffany Homler Hawkins who would be giving the LYNX Update presentation later in the agenda.

**FDOT**

Mr. Brian Stanger, FDOT, referred to a map that was presented and detailed sections of I-4 Beyond the Ultimate projects and their status. He reviewed the sections and the information provided for each of them.

**Florida's Turnpike Enterprise**

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), reported that the Turnpike's Tentative Five-Year Work Program had been submitted to the FDOT Secretary and their projects looked to be in line to be programmed July 2018.

**VII. Public Comments on Action Items**

None.

**VIII. Action Items**

**A. Approval of November 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Approval was requested of the November 2, 2017 meeting minutes, which were provided.

**MOTION:** Mayor Dale McDonald moved for approval of the November 2, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Joel Keller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program: TSMO Projects, Railroad Crossing Projects, & Ronald Reagan Blvd.**

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the MAC to recommend the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP be amended to include new funding for two TSMO projects, five railroad crossing projects, and improvements to CR 427/Ronald Reagan Blvd. in Longwood. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request was provided, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the December 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Joel Keller moved for approval of the amendments to the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP. Mayor Nathan Blackwell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**IX. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS**

**A. Presentation on Wekiva Parkway Project**

Ms. Mary Brooks, Quest Corporation of America, Inc., gave a presentation on the current status of the Wekiva Parkway project. Ms. Brooks provided background information on the 25 mile, \$1.6 billion project, which will complete the beltway around the Orlando area. She noted that the project includes all electronic tolling and there will be non-tolled roads running parallel for local access. Ms. Brooks reviewed the sections of the Wekiva Parkway project, which agency is responsible and the status of the sections. She detailed efforts to protect wildlife in the area and aesthetics that would be included. Mayor McDonald inquired about Michigan Left intersections being proposed in Lake Mary. Ms. Brooks did not have information regarding those intersections, but would get information from FDOT and forward it to Mayor McDonald.

**B. Presentation on Current LYNX Activities**

Ms. Tiffany Homler-Hawkins, CAO of LYNX, gave a presentation on the latest LYNX activities that are underway. She told MAC members that Mr. Edward Johnson took over as CEO of LYNX in May 2016 and he has worked on developing areas of major emphasis for 2017. Ms. Homler-Hawkins outlined the five areas of emphasis which were to enhance communications, improve service efficiency, establish more partnerships, improve customer confidence in the system and increase brand recognition and community involvement. She noted that major corridors remained the same in LYNX's 2030 Vision Plan as they had since 1989. Ms. Homler-Hawkins provided information on the LYNX Forward Transit Development Plan and Route Optimization Study, as well as the Mobility Management Plan for paratransit. She called attention to new technology that LYNX has developed including the bus tracker app and mobile payment option. LYNX, she noted, is looking to form additional community partnerships in the future.

**C. Presentation on Safety & Technology Grant**

Mr. Stephen Abel, Global 5, gave an overview of the \$11.9 million grant recently received by Central Florida to advance several intelligent transportation system technologies. A fact sheet was provided. Mr. Abel explained the difference between connected and autonomous vehicles. He told MAC members that the grant was a collaborative effort between FDOT, MetroPlan Orlando and the University of Central Florida. Mr. Abel reviewed the four main components of the grant which included SunStore, which exists currently, PedSafe, Green Way and Smart Community and how they will be tested and integrated locally. Mayor Leary noted that 5G is standard based on legislation and asked about connected vehicles requiring additional cellular antennas. Mr. Abel responded that connected vehicles will require some antennas and the goal is to combine as much as possible. Mayor Leary expressed his concern with the implementation of multiple small cell networks at the local level.

**IX. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report**

The latest FDOT monthly construction status report for the Orlando area was provided.

**B. Variance Report on Currently Adopted and New Tentative Five Year Work Programs**

A report from FDOT showing projects included in both the FY 2017/18 – 2021/22 Adopted Five Year Work Program and the FY 2018/19 – 2022/23 Tentative Five Year Work Program that were either advanced, deferred, deleted, or moved out during the four common years (FY 2018/19 – 2021/22) of the two Work Programs was provided.

**C. FY 2016/17 Federally Funded Projects**

A list of the highway, transit and aviation projects in the Orlando Urban Area for which Federal funding was obligated during FY 2016/17 was prepared in order to meet the

federal requirement for MPO's. This document could be found on the MetroPlan Orlando website here: <https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/Federally-Funded-Transportation-Projects-FY-2016-17.pdf>

**D. Comparison of 2016 & 2017 BEBR Population Estimates for Central Florida**

A comparison of the 2016 and 2017 Central Florida population estimates from the University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) was provided.

**E. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights**

Highlights from the November 2017 MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting were provided.

**F. Approved 2018 Board/Committee Meeting Schedule**

The approved 2018 MetroPlan Orlando Board and Committee Meeting Schedule was provided.

**G. 2018 Calendar**

A memo from Mr. Barley dated November 2017 along with a copy of MetroPlan Orlando's 2018 appreciation calendar was provided at the meeting.

**X. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

**A. MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting – December 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**

**B. MetroPlan Orlando Holiday Drop-In Reception & Toy Drive – December 14, 2107; 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**C. Next Municipal Advisory Committee meeting – February 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.**

**XI. MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)**

None.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mayor Nathan Blackwell moved to adjourn the December 7, 2017 MAC meeting. Mayor Dale McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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

Approved this 8th day of February 2018.



Council President John Dowless, Chairman



Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,  
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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