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MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2018

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

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Council President John Dowless, Chairman, presided

Members in attendance:

Mayor Nathan Blackwell, City of St. Cloud
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere
Mr. Roger Dixon, CAO, for Mayor Eddie Cole, Town of Eatonville
Council President John Dowless, City of Edgewood
Mayor Charlene Glancy, City of Casselberry
Mayor Charles Lacey, City of Winter Springs
Mayor Steve Leary, City of Winter Park
Mayor Ben Paris, City of Longwood

Members not in attendance:

Commissioner Joel Keller, City of Ocoee
Mayor A. Dale McDonald, City of Maitland
Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Town of Oakland
Commissioner Sid Miller, City of Lake Mary
Mayor Dominic Persampiere, City of Oviedo
Mayor Lydia Pisano, City of Belle Isle
Vacant, City of Winter Garden

Others in attendance were:

Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX
Mr. Brian Stanger, FDOT
Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Elizabeth Whitton, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for former Eatonville Mayor Bruce Mount, who passed away recently.

III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dowless welcomed new MAC member, Mayor Ben Paris, City of Longwood.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Goldfarb confirmed a quorum was present.

V. PARTNER REPORTS

LYNX

Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX, reported that LYNX continues their Route Optimization Study which will assist with drafting a long term plan. After getting feedback on the long term plan, LYNX will put together a ridership forecast that they will use to refine their network. He added that the LYNX Board will be updated on the project and approve it and a public hearing will also be held to get input from the public. Mr. Robinson told MAC members that LYNX continues to work with partners on bus feeder service for SunRail Phase II with service expected to begin July or August 2018. He noted that Gertude's Walk will be opening in March. In addition, he reported, that the SR 436 study is in the Tier 2 phase, which will involve the ridership forecast, and LYNX is working with University of Central Florida on a Health Impact Assessment for the corridor.

FDOT

Mr. Brian Stanger, FDOT, told MAC members that he had no project updates at this time. He called attention to two staff changes at FDOT. Mr. Mike Shannon, he reported, was the new District 5 Secretary and Ms. Loreen Bobo was the new Transportation Development Director.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), spoke briefly about FTE's truck platooning project and provided a short video demonstrating the project. Discussion ensued regarding platooning more than two trucks and what was the fuel savings. Ms. Scott told committee members that the project only involves two trucks at this time but there was the possibility of more than two in the future. She added that fuel savings was more for the lead truck, about 9%, and the savings average was 6%.

VI. AGENDA REVIEW/FOLLOW-UP

Ms. Virginia Whittington welcomed new MAC member, Mayor Ben Paris, City of Longwood. She noted that she had met with Mayor Paris prior to the MAC meeting for an orientation. Ms. Whittington reported that concepts have been released for the Corrine Drive Corridor Study that MetroPlan Orlando is conducting in coordination with Orange County, City of Orlando and City of Winter Park. She added that the public can provide their input on the concepts through the NeighborLand website for the project. Ms. Whittington called attention to the addition of Agenda Item IX.C. which was a presentation on the Prioritized Project List.

VII. Public Comments on Action Items

None.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Approval was requested of the December 7, 2017 meeting minutes, which were provided.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the December 7, 2017 meeting minutes. Mayor Charles Lacey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested MAC recommend that the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP be amended to include a change to the project limits for the access management improvements project on US 17/92 in Winter Park. 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 February 14th Board meeting. Mr. Caskey told MAC members that the amendment did not require any additional funding.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval of the amendment to the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP. Mayor Nathan Blackwell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. FDOT Interim Transportation Performance Measures & Targets

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested approval of FDOT's interim transportation performance measures and targets to be included in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in order to meet the new federal requirements in the FAST Act. An attachment was provided. Mr. Lepp told committee members that the deadline for some of the performance measures is approaching and the Performance Measures

Working Group that had been formed continues their work. He informed MAC members that the safety target is Vision 0. Mayor Leary asked if FDOT's goal was Vision 0. Mr. Lepp responded that FDOT's goal was Vision 0.

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved for approval to support FDOT's interim transportation performance measures and targets. Mr. Roger Dixon, CAO, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS

A. Request for Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task Items

Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando staff, issued a request for potential projects to be included in the new FY 2018/19 – 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Huttman provided some background information on the UPWP, which is a two-year document that is MetroPlan Orlando's working budget. He noted that four years ago MetroPlan Orlando staff modified and simplified the UPWP and committee and Board members have three opportunities to review the document prior to approval. Mr. Huttman reviewed the estimated revenues, estimated funding to LYNX, the UPWP sections and appendices. Local government work and planning activities, he added, are included in the UPWP for information and any local and FDOT projects could be submitted to be included in the document. Mr. Huttman told MAC members that approval of the draft UPWP will be requested at the next MAC meeting and the document will be forwarded to Federal Highway Administration, FDOT, and the Federal Transit Administration for their review. Mayor Leary inquired about the corridors that are included in the traffic synchronization project. He noted that Winter Park now has a fiber optic network and he would like to see where they could link into the larger network. Staff responded that they have that information and can provide it. Mayor Bruhn asked if the Old Winter Garden Road four-laning project was in the UPWP. Staff responded that the Old Winter Garden Road project was included in the Prioritized Project List as well as the UPWP.

B. Legislative Session Update

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided a brief update on the 2018 Florida Legislative session. She reported that House Bill 33, which would make texting while driving a primary offense, would likely pass. Data, she added, would be collected the first year to help mitigate racial profiling and civil liberties violations. Senate Bill 90 was the companion texting while driving bill in the Senate. Ms. Whittington told MAC members Senate Bill 116/House Bill 117 had been introduced which would amend the "Move Over" law to require motorists to vacate the lane/slow down for bicyclists, who would be considered vulnerable users. House Bill 6001/Senate Bill 4 she noted, were filed in an attempt to repeal red light cameras by 2021. The bill was passed on the House side. Ms. Whittington reported that House Bill 535/Senate Bill 1200 sought to create the Statewide Alternative Transportation Authority. She added that of the \$60 million that would normally be allocated to the agency, the bill proposes that \$25 million of those funds would be going to TBARTA and \$25 million possibly going to Miami-Dade, with only \$10 million in funding left for the rest of the state. She added that the bill passed its first Senate committee 6:1 and staff will be monitoring it. Ms. Whittington noted that House Bill 575 had been

submitted that dealt with MPO board restructure and setting caps and term limits on board members. MetroPlan Orlando, she reported, was not in support of this legislation as written. Ms. Whittington added that a local referenda bill had been filed dealing with sales tax, Charter County and local option tax, which would be required to be on the ballot at a certain time of year and changing the voter threshold. Legislation was also being proposed regarding expanding the tourist development tax to include use for transportation.

C. Prioritized Project List

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided information on how projects advance through the process. He noted that there are two ways projects can advance which were inclusion on the UPWP and the Prioritized Project List, which is generated from the Long Range Plan. Mr. Lepp called attention to a handout where with a status update on current projects which were color coded with green indicating the projects were fully funded and programmed, red indicating questions about the project and yellow indicating the projects that could advance if FDOT's Work Program opens up in July. He requested that committee members review the projects on the list and let staff know if there were changes in the status of the projects before the end of March.

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

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

B. FDOT Quarterly Variance Report

The latest FDOT Quarterly Variance Report for the Orlando area was provided.

C. PD&E Study Tracking Report

A report providing the latest status of the Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) studies currently underway in the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided.

D. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

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

E. Corrine Drive Complete Streets Study

An attachment describing progress on MetroPlan Orlando's Corrine Drive Complete Streets Study was provided.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

A. MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting – February 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

B. Next Municipal Advisory Committee meeting – March 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Roger Dixon thanked MAC members for their kind comments on Former Eatonville Mayor Bruce Mount, who passed away recently.

Chairman Dowless called attention to SunRail transitioning from FDOT to local governments in 2021 and the need for a funding source after the transition. He suggested looking at an Uber/Lyft user fee as a funding source for SunRail and LYNX. Additional discussion at a later date regarding this option was suggested.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Gary Bruhn moved to adjourn the February 8, 2018 MAC meeting. Mayor Steve Leary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Municipal Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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

Approved this 8th day of March 2018.


Council President John Dowless, Chairman


Ms. Cathy Goldfarb,
Senior Board Services Coordinator

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