



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, April 24, 2015
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 355
Orlando, Florida 32801

Chairman Kelly Brock, Presiding

Members Present:

Mr. James Arsenault, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Brett Blackadar, Seminole County
Mr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford
Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando
Mr. Don Cochran, City of Winter Garden
Mr. Noel Cooper, City of Maitland
Mr. Jay Davoll, City of Apopka
Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Orange County
Mr. Brian Fields, City of Winter Springs
Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA
Mr. Glen Hammer, Osceola County Schools
Mr. Chris Kintner for Ms. Sheryl Bower, City of Longwood
Ms. Claudia Korobkoff, City of Orlando
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Mr. Keith Moore for Mr. Butch Margraf, City of Winter Park

Ms. Mary Moskowitz, Osceola County
Mr. Renzo Nastasi, Orange County
Ms. Andrea Ostrodka, LYNX
Mr. Corey Quinn for Mr. Glenn Pressimone, CFX
Mr. Charles Ramdatt, City of Orlando
Mr. Mike Rigby, SCPS
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Mr. Tyrone Smith, Orange County Public Schools
Mr. Matt Davidson for Mr. Brian Walker, Seminole County
Ms. Joedel Zaballero, Osceola County
Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County
Mr. Tim Wilson, City of Altamonte Springs
Mr. Randy Schrader for Mr. Bob Wright, City of Kissimmee
Mr. Bobby Wyatt, City of Oviedo

Members Absent:

Mr. Ted Garrod, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford
Mr. Fred Milch, ECFRPC
Mr. John Omana, City of Lake Mary
Hon. Lydia Pisano, City of Belle Isle
Ms. Lee Pulham, RCID (Excused)
Ms. Erin Sterk, Osceola County
Vacant, Orange County

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Mary Schoelzel, FDOT
Ms. Shannon Estep, FTE
Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lena Tolliver, MetroPlan Orlando

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kelly Brock called the Technical Advisory Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Confirmation of Quorum

Ms. Lena Tolliver confirmed the presence of a quorum.

III. Agenda Review/Staff Follow-Up

Mr. Keith Caskey reported that the presentation on Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety Program Expansion was deferred and he called attention to the revised Prioritized Project List provided in members' supplemental folders.

IV. Public Comments on Action Items

None

V. Chairman's Report

Chairman Kelly Brock called attention to the Regional Leadership Council Summary of the March 27, 2015 meeting which was provided in members' agenda packet.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. *Approval of the February 27, 2015 TAC Meeting Minutes*

A copy of the February 27, 2015 meeting minutes were provided for approval.

MOTION: Mr. Jay Davoll moved approval of the February 27, 2015 TAC meeting minutes. Mr. Glen Hammer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items

A. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP*

Ms. Mary Schoelzel, FDOT, requested the TAC to recommend approval to amend the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP to include changes to the Autotrain Gateway project and the extension of Pomegranate Avenue in Sanford, as well as a rail crossing project. Details of the amendment request were described in a letter provided by FDOT.

MOTION: Mr. Tim Wilson moved approval to amend the FY 2014/15-2018/19 TIP to include changes to the Autotrain Gateway project and the extension of Pomegranate Avenue in Sanford, as well as a rail crossing project. Mr. Michael Cash seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. *FY 2020/21-2039/40 Prioritized Project List (PPL)*

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 have been ranked in order of priority. FDOT will use the PPL in developing their FY 2016/17-2020/21 Five Year Work Program. A draft copy of the PPL was provided.

Mr. Charles Ramdatt asked about the allocation estimates for TRIP funding. Ms. Schoelzel stated that allocations should be announced in September and she added that allocations are usually about \$7 million for the district.

MOTION: Mr. Renzo Nastasi moved approval of the FY 2020/21-2039/40 Prioritized Project List. This document included a list of highway, Management and Operations, bicycle and pedestrian, and transit projects that have been ranked in order of priority. FDOT will use the PPL in developing their FY 2016/17-2020/21 Five Year Work Program. Mr. Jay Davoll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. Presentations/Status Reports

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

Ms. Jennifer Vreeland, FDOT, 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 underway to maintain traffic flow during the construction period.

Discussion followed relative to weaving issues near the southbound John Young Parkway and I-4 Interchange. Members expressed the need for safety improvements to reduce crashes at that intersection and requested that representatives from Orange County and City of Orlando meet with Mr. Frank O'Dea, FDOT to discuss the issue.

B. *Presentation on Introduction of Express Toll Lanes on Turnpike Facilities*

Ms. Shannon Estep, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), provided a presentation on the introduction of express toll lanes on Turnpike facilities in the MetroPlan Orlando area.

Members expressed concerns with the use of plastic delineators vs. concrete barriers and recommended that concrete barriers be used to prevent cross-over crashes and reiterated the importance of safety and the potential hazard by large vehicles weaving. Ms. Estep noted that FTE is confident in the use of the delineators based on results of a safety study that had been done. Members requested a copy of the safety study. On behalf of the Seminole County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Brett Blackadar reported that the Commission sent a letter to Secretary Jim Boxold, FDOT, expressing several concerns with the project. He stated that there is concern with the timing of the project for the Seminole County expressway which is programmed for 2016 which is during the I-4 Ultimate project where SR 417 is planned to be used as an alternative route for travelers. Mr. Blackadar also expressed concern with plans to improve a 4-5 mile section of SR 417 (Seminole County) which is not a heavily congested area and noted that there are no improvement plans for the CFX SR 408 section which is heavily congested. Mr. Blackadar asked if the project was in the original work program in December 2014 when presented to the Committee and if a TIP amendment will be requested. Ms. Estep stated that the project was not included in the work program in December 2014 and that since the project is scheduled in FY 2015/16 a TIP Amendment is not needed. A copy of the presentation and the video was requested.

Mr. Charles Ramdatt discussed the importance of Central Florida's feedback on the project and expressed concerns with the traffic flow and requested a copy of the survey report conducted by FTE. Ms. Estep will provide a copy of the report. Mr. Brian Fields requested information on the SR 417 traffic demand projections, he noted that the numbers appear to be high and requested a copy of the study. Mr. Corey Quinn stated that CFX looks forward to a coordination meeting with FTE and noted that he agrees with the comments that have been made. She also noted that a coordination meeting with CFX is scheduled.

Relative to the Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety Program Expansion presentation that was deferred Mr. Nastasi stated that a cohesive plan is needed for a regional pedestrian counter technology as MetroPlan Orlando plans to purchase the Eco-Counter technology for bicycle and pedestrian counts and that Orange County is unclear on whether this was a regional decision or not as Orange County was not part of any discussions. He noted that a meeting is needed to determine the appropriate technology for the region. Ms. Arismendi stated MetroPlan Orlando will be purchasing the Eco-Counters at the end of this fiscal year and

noted that the City of Orlando has purchased two systems with one being the Eco-Counter technology which can be shared and recommended that other jurisdictions consider using the same, and that the program will be used on FDOT roads. Ms. Arismendi further noted that regular updates were provided to all committees since 2013. Mr. Charles Ramdatt noted that Eco-Counters are being used nationwide and that he is willing to meet to further discuss the issue.

C. *Presentation on Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety Program Expansion (Deferred)*

This item was deferred.

D. *Presentation on Re-adoption of 2040 LRTP*

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. Additional information was provided in members' supplemental folders.

E. *Status Report on the US 441 Alternatives Analysis*

Ms. Gabriella Arismendi, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented a status report on the US 441 Alternatives Analysis. The report included a briefing on the work to date and the next steps anticipated for the project.

IX. General Information

A. *Florida Transportation Plan*

A link to the latest information from FDOT on the Florida Transportation Plan was provided.

B. *Air Quality Report*

A link to the latest air quality report for the MetroPlan Orlando area was provided; a copy of the report was also provided at the meeting.

C. *FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report*

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

D. *MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights*

A copy of the March 11th Board Meeting Highlights was provided for information purposes.

E. *Approved TAC Bylaws*

A copy of the updated TAC bylaws that were approved at the March 11th Board meeting was provided for information purposes.

F. Updated Board & Committee Meeting Schedule

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

X. The following upcoming Meetings of Interest to TAC Members were provided:

A. TSMO Committee Meeting

The first Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) Advisory Committee - Friday, April 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at MetroPlan Orlando. Beginning at their next meeting on June 26th, the TSMO Advisory Committee's meeting times will be 1:30 p.m. for all future meetings.

B. Regional Land Use Forum Quarterly Meeting

The Regional Land Use Forum - Friday, April 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at MetroPlan Orlando, 315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 355, Orlando, FL 32801.

C. Next TAC Meeting - June 26, 2015 (May meeting is cancelled)

XI. Other Business

Mr. Chris Kintner expressed concern that jurisdictions have been asked not to apply for TIGER grants that could compete with the SunRail project which is considered top priority. He noted that he supports SunRail but also recognize the importance of pedestrian safety to the region.

XII. Public Comments (General)

None

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Brock adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 11:25 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Lena Tolliver.

Approved this 26th day of June, 2015

Mr. Kelly Brock, Chairman

Lena E. Tolliver,
Senior Board Services Coordinator/
Recording Secretary

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.