



TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TSMOAC) AGENDA

February 26, 2021 • 8:30 A.M.



**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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DATE: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order – Chairman Doug Jamison
- II. Chairman's Announcements
- III. Agenda Review – Mr. Eric Hill
- IV. Committee Roll Call – Ms. Lisa Smith
- V. Public Comments on Action Items

Comments from the public will be heard pertaining to **Action Items** on the agenda for this virtual meeting. Public comments submitted in advance of the meeting, by email to Comment@MetroPlanOrlando.org or phone to 407-906-2347, will be read into the record by a meeting moderator. People wishing to speak

during the virtual meeting should use the Raise Hand feature on the Zoom platform, and a meeting host will unmute your microphone to speak. Each speaker should state name and address for the record and is limited to two minutes. People wishing to speak on other items will be acknowledged in the same way, under Agenda Item XII.

VI. Action Items for Review/Discussion

***Note:** The Governor's executive order allowing boards and committees in Florida to meet virtually without a quorum physically present due to COVID-19 concerns expired on October 31, 2020. At their December meeting, the MetroPlan Orlando Board approved Resolution #20-18 which enables the MetroPlan Orlando advisory committees to continue to meet virtually in workshop sessions through June 2021. This resolution supersedes Resolution #20-15. At these workshop sessions, the committees will review and discuss action items going to the Board and will provide informal consensus recommendations to the Board on the action items but will not take formal action in order that a physical quorum will not be required. The committees will then be taking formal action to ratify the Board's actions at future in-person meetings.*

A. January 22, 2021 TSMO Meeting Minutes (Tab 1)

The TSMO will review and discuss the January 22, 2021 meeting minutes provided in **Tab 1** and make a consensus recommendation. The TSMO will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to approve their recommendation.

B. *FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP* (Tab 2)

FDOT is requesting that the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP be amended to include funding for a LYNX project, two rail crossing projects, a shared use path and pedestrian improvements and a truck parking study. Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, will present an overview of the amendment request. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request is provided in **Tab 2**, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the March 10th Board meeting. The TAC will review and discuss the amendment request and provide a consensus recommendation to the Board. The TAC will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item.

C. FTE Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP (Tab 3)

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is requesting that the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP be amended to include connected vehicle infrastructure on segments of Florida's Turnpike and SR 528. Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, will present an overview of the amendment request. A letter from FTE explaining the amendment request is provided in **Tab 3**, along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff and the draft resolution to be presented at the March 10th Board meeting. The TSMO will review and discuss the amendment request and provide a consensus recommendation to the Board. The TSMO will take formal action at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item.

VII. Presentation

A. Presentation on River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (R2CTPO) Connected Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Study

Ms. Colleen Nicoulin, R2CTPO, Senior Transportation Planner, will give a presentation on the R2CTPO CAV Study that has been recently completed.

VIII. Common Presentations/Status Reports

A. Presentation on Signal Retiming Crash Impact Assessment

Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando staff, will give a presentation on the results of MetroPlan Orlando's Signal Retiming Crash Impact Assessment.

B. Presentation on Best Foot Forward

Ms. Emily Hanna, the new Executive Director of Bike/Walk Central Florida will present on the Best Foot Forward Pedestrian Safety program and discuss how the program operates, who is involved, and how they work with our regional partners to put their best foot forward.

C. Discussion on Project Prioritization & Performance Based Planning (TAC & TSMO only)

Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, will give a brief presentation and lead a discussion on MetroPlan Orlando's current procedures regarding project prioritization and performance based planning in the development of the Prioritized Project List.

IX. General Information

(Tab 4)

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area is enclosed for information purposes.

B. 2021 Board Legislative Priorities

The list of legislative priorities for 2021 adopted by the MetroPlan Orlando Board is enclosed for information purposes.

C. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

A copy of the February 10, 2021 Board Meeting Highlights is enclosed for information purposes.

D. LYNX Press Releases

A set of press releases from LYNX is enclosed for information purposes.

X. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to TSMO Members

A. Next MPO Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting will be held on **March 10, 2021**, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a hybrid meeting with a limited number of Board members, staff and members of the public attending the meeting in person in the Board Room and other Board members, staff, members of the public and the presenters joining the meeting virtually on Zoom.

B. Next TSMO Meeting

The next TSMO meeting will be held on **April 23, 2021** at 8:30 a.m. This will be a virtual workshop as described in the paragraph under Action Items for Review/Discussion on page 2. Following the April 23rd meeting, the dates of the remaining TSMO meetings during 2021 will be:

5/21/21

6/25/21

8/27/21

10/22/21

12/3/21

XI. Member Comments

XII. Public Comments (General)

General comments from the public will be heard. Public comments submitted in advance of the meeting, by email to Comment@MetroPlanOrlando.org or phone to 407-906-2347, will be read into the record by a meeting moderator. People wishing to speak during the virtual meeting should use the Raise Hand feature on the Zoom platform, and a meeting host will unmute your microphone to speak. Each speaker should state name and address for the record and is limited to two minutes.

XIII. Adjournment

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TAB 1





Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)
Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, January 22, 2021

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Virtual

Chairman Doug Jamison, Presiding

Voting Members Present:

Mr. Brett Blackadar, Altamonte Springs
Mr. Cade Braud, City of Orlando
Mr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry
Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford
Ms. Krystal Clem, City of Lake Mary
Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Orange County
Mr. Bob Francis, City of Belle Isle
Mr. Naseem Ghandour, City of St. Cloud
Mr. Bryan Homayouni, Central Florida Expressway Authority
Mr. Doug Jamison, LYNX
Mr. Anthony Nelson for Jean Jreij, Seminole County
Mr. Carl Kelly, University of Central Florida
Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee
Mrs. Tawny Olore for Alex Laffey, Osceola County
Ms. Kathy Lee, Osceola County
Mr. Butch Margraf, MPO Appointee
Mr. Travis Mathias, Town of Windermere
Lt. Brad McDaniel, Seminole County Sheriff's Office
Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, City of Kissimmee
Ms. Lee Pulham, Reedy Creek Improvement District
Mr. Brian Sanders, Orange County
Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Ms. Rachel Gironella for Christopher Schmidt, City of Winter Springs
Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood
Ms. Alyssa Eide for Kimberley Tracy, City of Maitland

Ms. Sara Walter, City of Winter Park
Mr. Jeff Weatherford, City of Apopka
Mr. Charlie Wetzel, Seminole County

Voting Members Absent:

Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA

Non-Voting Members/Advisors Present:

Non-Voting Members/Advisors Absent:

Mr. Eric Gordin, FTE
Mr. Glen Hammer, Osceola PS
Vacant, Orange County CTST

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Ms. Katherine Taylor, FDOT
Mr. Siasosi Fine, FTE
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Virginia L. Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lara Bouck, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando

I. Call to Order

Chairman Doug Jamison called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Chairman Jamison detailed the virtual meeting guidelines, the raise hand feature to be recognized, and the public comment procedures. He noted that the virtual meetings were accessible to all.

II. Confirmation of Quorum/Agenda Review/Staff Follow-up

Ms. Lisa Smith conducted the roll call. Mr. Hill provided an overview of the workshop format for today's meeting. Mr. Hill explained that the Governor's executive order allowing boards and committees in Florida to meet virtually without a quorum physically present due to COVID-19 concerns expired on October 31, 2020. He stated that at the September 9, 2020, meeting the MetroPlan Orlando Board approved Resolution #20-15 which enables the MetroPlan Orlando advisory committees to continue to meet virtually in workshop sessions through June 2021. He noted that a physical quorum is not required. The committees will review and discuss action items going to the Board and will provide informal consensus recommendations to the Board on the action items. The committees will then be taking formal action to ratify the Board's actions at a future in-person meeting. Mr. Hill alerted TSMOAC members that MetroPlan Orlando staff member, Lara Bouck, will be reaching out to each jurisdiction obtain data on actively managed corridors. Mr. Hill mentioned that TSMOAC members will begin receiving updates on TSMO projects that have been approved in

the region in order to see how they are meeting their targets. Also, the TSMOAC will receive a presentation at the February 26th meeting from the River-to-Sea TPO regarding their CAV Readiness Study as an information sharing item. Mr. Hill stated that MPO staff would like to convene the Workforce Task Force for a meeting in February, and will be reaching out to those TSMOAC members that volunteered to serve on the Task Force for their availability.

III. Public Comments on Action Items

None

IV. Items for Review/Discussion

A. December 4, 2020 TSMO Meeting Minutes

The TSMOAC reviewed the December 4, 2020 meeting minutes. There were no member comments or corrections on the December 4th meeting minutes. Consensus of the TSMOAC was to accept the staff recommendation of approval. Formal action will be taken at a future in-person meeting to ratify this item.

B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented an overview of the amendment request. FDOT is requesting that the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP be amended to include additional funding for the interchange improvement at I-4 and Sand Lake Road. Committee members were provided a letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request, a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff, and the draft resolution to be presented at the February 10th Board meeting. The TSMOAC reviewed and discussed the amendment request. Consensus of the TSMOAC was to accept staff recommendation for approval. Formal action will be taken at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item.

C. Support for FDOT Performance Measures Targets and for LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets

Nick Lepp, MetroPlan Orlando staff, is requesting the MetroPlan Orlando Board's annual re-support of FDOT's targets for Safety, Travel Time Reliability, Bridge and Pavement Condition, as well as the targets established in the LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan at their February 10th meeting. An attachment was provided to TSMOAC members. Mr. Lepp explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have made a push toward performance-based planning and developed a set of performance measures for Vehicular and non-motorized Safety, System Performance (reliability), Bridge Conditions, Pavement Conditions, Transit Assets and a new target for Transit Safety. He stated that MPOs are required to re-support the Safety Targets annually, and the other targets bi-annually. FDOT has taken the lead on data collection, performance measure development and target setting to address the FHWA performance measures. He said that by supporting the FDOT Statewide Targets, FDOT will provide the required performance measures, trend analysis and reporting materials. Mr. Lepp noted that the targets set by FDOT and Lynx for the Federal Performance Measures, with the targets set by MetroPlan Orlando, will be the guiding criteria for future Prioritized Project Lists (PPL) and advancement of projects into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TSMOAC reviewed and discussed the FDOT Performance Measures Targets and for LYNX Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets. Consensus of the TSMOAC was to accept staff recommendation for approval. Formal action will be taken at a future in-person meeting to ratify the Board's action on this item.

D. 2021 Board Legislative Priorities

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, presented the MetroPlan Orlando list of legislative priorities for 2021. The proposed list of priorities was provided to TSMOAC members. Ms. Whittington highlighted the top priorities that will be presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board which includes supporting legislation to expand the BFF pedestrian safety program, and that proposes to change laws adding bicyclists to the Move-Over Law. She stated that MetroPlan Orlando will continue supporting the roll-over requests put forward by the MPOAC specifically legislation that calls for adding provisions to the Sunshine Law allowing local governments to hold virtual meetings during declared states of emergency, and 90 days beyond; support legislation that protects state transportation trust fund and the TD trust fund; establishes flexible/predictable funding for transit projects; and that allows flexibility and/or expands use of local taxes. Ms. Whittington explained that there will be continued monitoring of proposed legislation that further regulates distracted driving, repeals red light camera legislation, mandates mid-block crossing designations, and supports capital/operating funding for LYNX. Consensus of the TSMOAC was to accept staff recommendation for approval. Formal action will be taken at a future in-person meeting to ratify this item.

V. Common Presentations/Status Reports

A. Presentation on FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 Tentative Five-Year Work Program

Ms. Katherine Alexander, FDOT, and Mr. Siao Si Fine, FTE, presented an overview of the new FY 2021/22 - 2025/26 Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

B. Florida Sunshine Law Training

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando staff, conducted the annual training on the Florida Sunshine Law.

C. Discussion on Project Prioritization & Performance Based Planning

This presentation was postponed until the February 26th meeting.

VI. General Information

A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

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

B. PD&E Study Tracking Report

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

C. Public Meeting on SR 414 Extension Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Fact Sheet

The Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) will host an Alternatives Public Workshop for this project on Wednesday, February 10th from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting. Participants must pre-register at <http://bit.ly/SR414APWFeb2021>. (Note that the link is case sensitive.) A fact sheet about the study was provided.

D. 2020 TSMO Committee Member Attendance

A copy of the 2020 TSMO Committee Member Attendance was provided.

E. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

A copy of the December 9, 2020 Board Meeting Highlights was provided.

VII. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to TSMOAC Members

A. Next MPO Board Meeting

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B. Next TSMO Meeting

The next TSMO meeting will be held on **February 26, 2021** at 8:30 a.m. This will be a virtual workshop as described in the paragraph under Action Items for Review/Discussion on page 2.

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. Public Comments (General)

None.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Jamison adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Systems Management & Operations Advisory Committee at 9:20 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Approved this 26th day of February 2021

Mr. Doug Jamison, Chairman

Ms. Lisa Smith, Board Services Coordinator

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.

TAB 2





Florida Department of Transportation

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

719 S. Woodland Boulevard
DeLand, Florida 32720-6834

KEVIN J. THIBAUT, P.E.
SECRETARY

February 4, 2021

Mr. Gary Huttman
Executive Director
MetroPlan Orlando
250 South Orange Ave., Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Mr. Huttman:

Subject: REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests the following changes to be made to MetroPlan Orlando Metropolitan Planning Organization's Adopted Fiscal Years 2020/2021 – 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in coordination with the corresponding changes to the Department's Adopted Work Program. Please make sure that you put the amendment date on your cover page of the amended TIP and the page of the TIP that the project is listed on.

OSCEOLA COUNTY

FM#448821-1 5310 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE - THE OPPORTUNITY CENTER - NON-URBAN

Current TIP Status:

Project is not currently in the TIP for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 – 2024/2025.

Proposed Amendment:

Phase	Amended Funding Type	Amended Amount	Fiscal Year
Grants and Miscellaneous	DPTO	\$1,400	2021
Grants and Miscellaneous	DU	\$11,200	2021
Grants and Miscellaneous	LF	\$1,400	2021
	TOTAL	\$14,000	

Difference: A new capital project with funds added in FY 2021. TIP must be updated to reflect new project and added funding.

Explanation: This new capital project was awarded funding as a result of our Section 5310 grant application cycle. The Section 5310 grant program is a Federal Transit Administration program providing formula grants for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. The Opportunity Center, located in Kissimmee, FL provides transportation services to adults with disabilities in Osceola County. The preventative maintenance funds will be used on the vehicles that provide transportation services to their clients.

ORANGE COUNTY**FM#448877-1****CR-438/PLANT ST AT RR CROSSING #916803P****Current TIP Status:**

Project is not currently in the TIP for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 – 2024/2025.

Proposed Amendment:

Phase	Amended Funding Type	Amended Amount	Fiscal Year
Railroad and Utilities	RHP	\$40,483	2021
	TOTAL	\$40,483	

Difference: New Railroad and Utilities project with Phase 57 (Railroad Construction) funds added in FY 2020/2021. TIP must be updated to reflect new project and added funding.

Explanation: This project is located on CR-438/Plant St. at Florida Central Railroad Crossing # 916803P in Winter Garden and will include the installation of (2) ped gates. All work will be done in Railroad Right of way. Foundation holes will be the only dirt disturbed. Section 130 Federal funds have been secured to fund this project with no financial costs to the County.

SEMINOLE COUNTY**FM#442861-1 QUAIL POND CIRCLE CONNECTIVITY****Current TIP Status:**

Project is not currently in the TIP for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 – 2024/2025.

Proposed Amendment:

Phase	Amended Funding Type	Amended Amount	Fiscal Year
Construction	LF	\$162,395	2021
Construction	SU	\$160,619	2021
Construction	TALU	\$28,765	2021
	TOTAL	\$351,779	

Difference: A new project with funds added in FY 2021. TIP must be updated to reflect new project and added funding.

Explanation: Project includes the construction of pedestrian facilities on Quail Pond Circle between Triplet Lake Drive and the road terminus, as well as installation of a shared use path connecting the terminus of Quail Pond Circle to North Sunset Drive via City-owned property and existing right-of-way. In addition, pedestrian improvements including signing and pavement markings and curb ramp construction will be completed along North Sunset Drive associated with the proposed trail.

FM#442861-2**QUAIL POND CIRCLE CONNECTIVITY CEI****Current TIP Status:**

Project is not currently in the TIP for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 – 2024/2025.

Proposed Amendment:

Phase	Amended Funding Type	Amended Amount	Fiscal Year
Construction	LF	\$33,875	2021
Construction	SU	\$39,766	2021
	TOTAL	\$73,641	

Difference: A new project with funds added in FY 2021. TIP must be updated to reflect new project and added funding.

Explanation: The project is to be added current year in FY 2021 in order to be let together with FM#437479-1 Casselberry Elementary/Queens Mirror Pedestrian Improvements as a 'goes-with' for construction and CEI. Project FM#437479-1 was advertised on its own unsuccessfully and by bundling the projects it may make for a more competitive and attractive option for contractors.

FM#448855-1 E LAKE MARY BLVD AT RR CROSSING #621378X

Current TIP Status:

Project is not currently in the TIP for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 – 2024/2025.

Proposed Amendment:

Phase	Amended Funding Type	Amended Amount	Fiscal Year
Railroad and Utilities	RHP	\$2,848	2021
	TOTAL	\$2,848	

Difference: New Railroad and Utilities project with Phase 57 (Railroad Construction) funds added in FY 2020/2021. TIP must be updated to reflect new project and added funding.

Explanation: This project will replace the existing 12" incandescent bulbs and lenses with LED bulbs and lenses at CSX Crossing # 621378X at MP# AU-772.51 on E. Lake Mary Blvd. in Sanford, Seminole County. No dirt will be disturbed, and all work will be completed in Railroad right of way.

DISTRICTWIDE

FM#447724-1 TRUCK AND FREIGHT ALTERNATIVE SITE ANALYSIS

Current TIP Status:

Project is not currently in the TIP for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 – 2024/2025.

Proposed Amendment:

Phase	Amended Funding Type	Amended Amount	Fiscal Year
Preliminary Engineering	ACFP	\$2,000,000	2021
	TOTAL	\$2,000,000	

Difference: New project (PD&E) and funding has been added in current year.

Explanation: This project will review, refine, and recommend truck and freight concept sites in Osceola, Orange, Seminole, and/or Volusia Counties, to address the great need for safe and adequate truck parking in Central Florida. The analysis will include extensive Public Engagement efforts, including Stakeholders, the public, and the Trucking Industry, engineering analysis and environmental assessments as part of the overall evaluation. The Right of Way and Construction phases are under 446445-1.

Sincerely,



Anna Taylor, Government Liaison Administrator
District Five

cc: Kellie Smith, Planning & Environmental Management Administrator, FDOT
Rakinya Hinson, MPO Liaison, FDOT
Jo Santiago, Transit Liaison, FDOT



Board Action Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: March 10, 2021

Agenda Item: IX.A (Tab 2)

Roll Call Vote: Yes

Action Requested:	FDOT requests approval of an amendment to the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program.
Reason:	Several new projects are being added to the TIP with funding programmed in FY 2020/21.
Summary/Key Information:	<p>Items of particular significance for our Committees and the Board are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides a total grant of \$14,000 in federal, state and local funds in FY 2020/21 for preventative maintenance for LYNX vehicles providing transportation service to adults with disabilities in Osceola County.• Provides \$40,483 in RHP funds for pedestrian gates at a railroad crossing in Winter Garden and \$2,848 in RHP funds for LED lights at a railroad crossing in Lake Mary in FY 2020/21.• Provides a total of \$425,420 in federal and local funds for the construction of the Quail Pond Circle pedestrian facilities and shared use path in Casselberry in FY 2020/21.• Provides \$2,000,000 in federal funds for a PD&E study in FY 2020/21 to identify potential locations for truck parking facilities in the MetroPlan Orlando region and/or Volusia County.
MetroPlan Budget Impact:	None
Local Funding Impact:	None
Committee Action:	CAC: To be reviewed on February 24, 2021 TSMO: To be reviewed on February 26, 2021 TAC: To be reviewed on February 26, 2021 MAC: To be reviewed on March 4, 2021
Staff Recommendation:	Recommends approval
Supporting Information:	These documents are provided at Tab 2: FDOT letter dated February 4, 2021 Proposed Board Resolution No. 21-03

Resolution No. 21-03**Subject:****Amendment to the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25
Transportation Improvement Program**

WHEREAS, the Orlando Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), d.b.a. MetroPlan Orlando, is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for the Orlando Urbanized Area, including the Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting to amend the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in accordance with the MetroPlan Orlando Internal Operating Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the requested amendments are described as follows:

Orange County

- FM #4488771 – Rail Crossing Safety Project on Plant Street in Winter Garden - Funding consists of \$40,483 in RHP funds for construction in FY 2020/21;

Osceola County

- FM #4488211 – LYNX Capital Grant for the Opportunity Center in Kissimmee for Transporting Adults with Disabilities – Funding consists of \$1,400 in DPTO funds, \$11,200 in DU funds and \$1,400 in LF funds in FY 2020/21;

Seminole County

- FM #4428611/2 – Quail Pond Circle Connectivity – Pedestrian Improvements & Shared Use Path – Funding consists of \$162,395 in LF funds, \$160,619 in SU funds and \$28,765 in TALU funds for construction in FY 2020/21, and \$33,875 in LF funds and \$39,766 in SU funds for Construction Engineering Inspection in FY 2020/21;
- FM #4488551 – Rail Crossing Safety Project on E. Lake Mary Blvd. in Lake Mary - Funding consists of \$2,848 in RHP funds for construction in FY 2020/21;

Districtwide

- FM #4477241 – Truck & Freight Alternative Site Analysis - Funding consists of \$2,000,000 in ACFP funds for a PD&E study in FY 2020/21; and

WHEREAS, the requested amendments described above are consistent with MetroPlan Orlando's project priorities and currently adopted Long Range Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the MetroPlan Orlando Board that the Florida Department of Transportation's amendments to the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program be approved as requested.

Passed and duly adopted at a regular meeting of the MetroPlan Orlando Board on the 10th day of March, 2021.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified as Chairman of the MetroPlan Orlando Board certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

Honorable Viviana Janer, Chairwoman

Attest:

Lisa Smith, Sr. Board Services Coordinator
and Recording Secretary

TAB 3





Florida Department of Transportation

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

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KEVIN J. THIBAUT, P.E.
SECRETARY

February 15, 2021

Gary Huttmann, AICP
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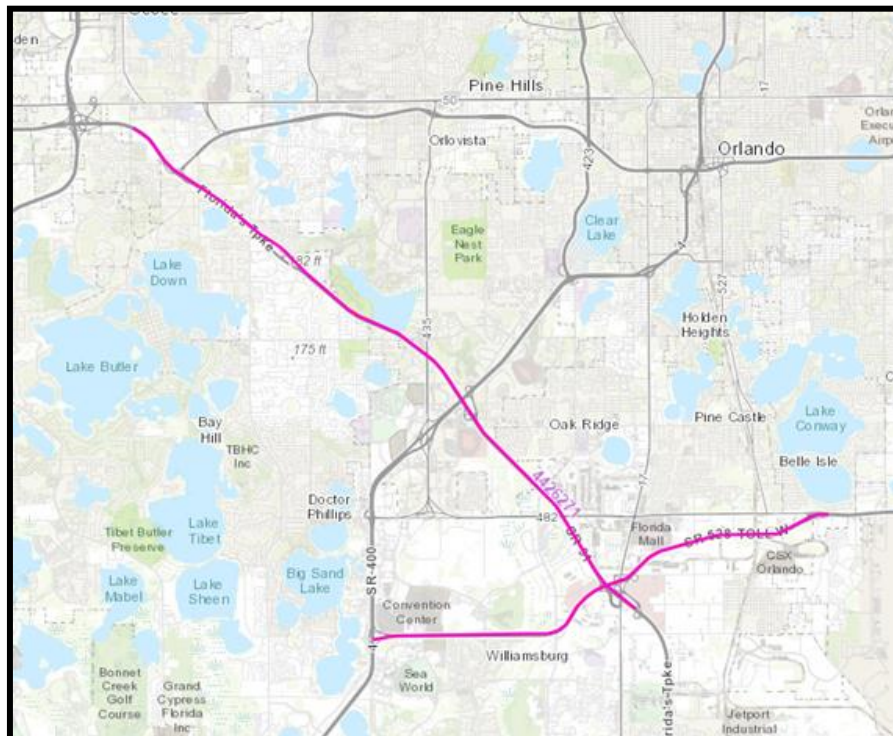
RE: Request for Amendment to FY 2020/21 to FY 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Huttmann,

The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (Turnpike) requests the following amendment to the MetroPlan Orlando FY 2020/21 to FY 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This request is being made in conjunction with the changes to FDOT's Work Program.

Toll Road Projects - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise **Orange County**

FM#442627-1 CONNECTED VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT- SR 528 (I-4 to McCoy Rd.) and SR 91/Florida's Turnpike (S. of SR 528 to N. of SR 408) – Sponsor: Turnpike



Current TIP Status:

Project is not included in the FY 2020/2021 to FY 2024/2025 TIP.

Current TIP:

Location	Phase	Original Funding Type	Original Amount	Fiscal Year
SR 528 (I-4 to McCoy Rd.) and SR 91/Florida's Turnpike (S. of SR 528 to N. of SR 408)	PE	PKYI	\$0	2020/21
	CST	PKYI	\$0	2020/21
		TOTAL:	\$0	

Proposed Amendment:

Location	Phase	Original Funding Type	Original Amount	Fiscal Year
SR 528 (I-4 to McCoy Rd.) and SR 91/Florida's Turnpike (S. of SR 528 to N. of SR 408)	PE	PKYI	\$3,938	2020/21
	CST	PKYI	\$3,022,259	2020/21
		TOTAL:	\$3,026,197	

Difference: +\$3,026,197

Explanation: Adds Item 442627-1 for connected vehicle deployment on SR 528 (I-4 to McCoy Rd.) and SR 91/Florida's Turnpike (S. of SR 528 to N. of SR 408) in Orange County. This project will deploy roadside units and other vehicle detection systems, thus providing infrastructure to facilitate communications to and from connected vehicles. Safety enhancements include curve speed warnings, queue warnings, wrong-way vehicle detection, and stopped/disabled vehicle warnings. This project will improve safety, enhance mobility, and facilitate future innovation.

FPID #442627-1 project funding for PE and CST has been added to the Adopted FDOT Five-Year Work Program. This TIP amendment request will result in consistent funding representation between the MetroPlan Orlando TIP and the Adopted FDOT Work Program.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at (407) 264-3494.

Sincerely,



Siaosi Fine
MPO Liaison

cc: Keith Caskey, Manager of Planning Services
Carol Scott, Turnpike Planning Manager
Turnpike Work Program Office



Board Action Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: March 10, 2021

Agenda Item: IX.B (Tab 3)

Roll Call Vote: Yes

Action Requested:	Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise requests approval of an amendment to the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program.		
Reason:	Funding for a new project is being added to the TIP.		
Summary/Key Information:	<p>Items of particular significance for our Committees and the Board are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides a total of \$3,026,197 in FTE (PKYI) funds for the installation of infrastructure for the deployment of connected vehicles on sections of Florida’s Turnpike and SR 528. More information on connected vehicle technology is available at: https://www.its.dot.gov/cv_basics/cv_basics_how.htm		
MetroPlan Budget Impact:	None		
Local Funding Impact:	None		
Committee Action:	CAC:	To be reviewed on February 24, 2021	
	TSMO:	To be reviewed on February 26, 2021	
	TAC:	To be reviewed on February 26, 2021	
	MAC:	To be reviewed on March 4, 2021	
Staff Recommendation:	Recommends approval		
Supporting Information:	<p>These documents are provided at Tab 3:</p> <p>FTE letter dated February 15, 2021</p> <p>Proposed Board Resolution No. 21-04</p>		

Resolution No. 21-04**Subject:****Amendment to the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25
Transportation Improvement Program**

WHEREAS, the Orlando Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), d.b.a. MetroPlan Orlando, is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for the Orlando Urbanized Area, including the Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) is requesting to amend the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in accordance with the MetroPlan Orlando Internal Operating Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the requested amendment is described as follows:

Orange County

- **FM #4426271 – SR 528 from I-4 to McCoy Road; and Florida's Turnpike from S of SR 528 to N of SR 408 - Connected Vehicle Technology Deployment - Funding consists of \$3,938 in PKYI funds for design and \$3,022,259 in PKYI funds for construction in FY 2020/21; and**

WHEREAS, the requested amendment described above is consistent with MetroPlan Orlando's project priorities and currently adopted Long Range Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the MetroPlan Orlando Board that the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise amendment to the FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program be approved as requested.

Passed and duly adopted at a regular meeting of the MetroPlan Orlando Board on the 10th day of March, 2021.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified as Chairman of the MetroPlan Orlando Board certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

Honorable Viviana Janer, Chairwoman

Attest:

Lisa Smith, Sr. Board Services Coordinator
and Recording Secretary

TAB 4





Florida Department of Transportation

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

719 S. Woodland Boulevard
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KEVIN J. THIBAUT, P.E.
SECRETARY

Orange/Osceola/Seminole County Project Status Update as of January 22, 2021

The following is a brief status update on major FDOT road construction projects in Orange and Osceola counties as of the January cutoff. The next cutoff date is February 21, 2021. Information is also available on www.cflroads.com. For questions, please contact Anna Taylor at 386-943-5499 or via email at Anna.Taylor@dot.state.fl.us.

Upcoming projects:

439237-1 & 441146-1 S.R. 535 (Apopka-Vineland Road) Resurfacing from south of International Drive to south of Hotel Plaza Boulevard

- Contract E5Z93
- Contractor: The Middlesex Corporation
- Project Cost: \$9.3 Million
- Estimated Start: February 2021
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2022

439880-2 Orange County Pedestrian Lighting Bundle B

- Contract E50A5
- Contractor: Chinchor Electric, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$319,000
- Estimated Start: February 2021
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2021

439880-7 Orange County Pedestrian Lighting Bundle G

- Contract T5638
- Contractor: Powercore, Inc.
- Project Cost: \$394,000
- Estimated Start: January 2021
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2021

Current projects:

239496-3 S.R. 423 (John Young Parkway) Widening from S.R. 50 to Shader Road

- Contract T5538
- Project Start: January 2018
- Estimated Completion: Early 2021

- The contractor continues to work on asphalt corrections and paving intersections and turn lanes. There are also crews working on permanent sign installation, final punch list items, striping and pavement markings.

239714-1 S.R. 600/U.S. 17-92 Widening from west of Poinciana Boulevard to Ham Brown Road (C.R. 535)

- Contract E5Z33
- Project Start: February 2019
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2022
- Contractor is working on the excavation and embankment on retention pond 2, mixing stabilized/rough subgrade throughout the project, and surcharging.

240196-1 Widening U.S. 17-92 from Shepard Road to Lake Mary Boulevard

- Contract T5557
- Project Start: May 2016
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2021
- Paving is continuing at various locations throughout the project (Ronald Reagan Boulevard and Lake Mary Boulevard).

407143-4, 407143-5 & 407143-6 S.R. 482 (Sand Lake Road) from west of International Drive to east of Florida's Turnpike and International Drive from Jamaican Court to north of Sand Lake Road

- Contract T5552
- Project Start: October 2016
- Estimated Completion: Early 2021
- Contractor continues to work on paving friction course on Sand Lake Road and International Drive. Signal work at John Young Parkway, Universal Boulevard and International Drive is ongoing. Crews also continue to work on addressing final punch list items.

424217-1 Widening S.R. 414 (Maitland Boulevard) from S.R. 400 (I-4) to C.R. 427 (Maitland Avenue)

- Contract T5625
- Project Start: February 2019
- Estimated Completion: Early 2021
- Paving is completed and the contractor will be cutting signal and traffic monitor loops.

434931-1 S.R. 436 from Boston Avenue to Anchor Road Improvements

- Contract T5680
- Project Start: May 2020
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2021
- No lane closures recently for this project.

437341-1 S.R. 435 (Kirkman Road) Resurfacing from north of S.R. 482 (Sand Lake Road) to south of S.R. 408 (excluding north of International Drive to Major Boulevard)

- Contract T5628
- Project Start: August 2019
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2021
- Contractor continues to work on sidewalk/curb removal and replacement. Trench drain installation in the MetroWest area began and will continue in the next couple of weeks. Additionally, crews are working on paving and truncated domes.

437543-1 U.S. 441 Resurfacing from north of Tyson Creek Bridge to U.S. 192

- Contract E50A4
- Project Start: May 2020
- Estimated Completion: Early 2021
- Contractor is installing rumble striping, placing pavement markings, replacing bridge joints, and finishing miscellaneous punch list items.

439133-1 S.R. 15 (Conway Road) and S.R. 552 (Curry Ford Road) Intersection Improvements

- Contract E50A0
- Project Start: August 2020
- Estimated Completion: Early 2021
- Contractor is finishing up pedestrian signals, curb ramps and drainage and they will be working on completing paving and striping as the project wraps up.

439885-1 Osceola County Pedestrian Lighting Bundle A

- Contract T5645
- Project Start: June 2020
- Estimated Completion: Early 2021
- Contractor is installing foundations for light poles and erecting light poles at various intersections along U.S. 192.

440821-1 Ped/Safe Greenway Development ITS Communication

- Contract T5639
- Project Start: September 2019
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2021
- No lane closures recently for this project.

441021-1 S.R. 53/U.S. 192 Resurfacing from west of S.R. 417 to Bamboo Lane

- Contract E51A5
- Project Start: January 2021
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2022
- Contractor is working on installing advanced warning signs, station boards and erosion control devices. Crews are already working on drainage structures and resurfacing bus bays.

441211-1 Countywide ATMS-DMS Phase 1 Seminole County

- Contract E5Z94
- Project Start: May 2019
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2021
- Contractor has been removing existing message board signs and placing uprights at various locations.

441365-1-52-01 S.R. 436 (Semoran Boulevard) at Howell Branch Road Intersection Improvements

- Contract T5701
- Project Start: January 2021
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2021
- The project recently started and road widening construction is underway.

2021 Legislative Priorities and Positions

ADOPTED February 10, 2021

Top priorities:

- Seek funding for further expansion of the Best Foot Forward pedestrian safety program
- Change existing laws to include bicyclists as vulnerable road users (cyclists) in current Move Over Law (316.126 F.S.)

We support legislation that:

- Adds an exception to F.S. 934.50 which authorizes use of drone technology for traffic incident management and/or emergency response.
- Protects the State Transportation Trust Fund.
- Protects Transportation Disadvantaged funding for paratransit (ACCESS LYNX) service.
- Establishes flexible and predictable funding for transit projects (capital and operating) identified through the metropolitan transportation planning process by removing various funding limitations for the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF).
- Provides flexibility in the use of local option discretion taxes such as Charter County & Regional Transportation System Surtax and the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax.
- Allows Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funds to be used on roads and other transportation facilities not designated on the SIS if the improvement will enhance mobility or support freight transportation on the SIS. *(NOTE: This item also includes consideration of TSMO projects that enhance mobility.)*
- Funds the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) at a predictable level of \$250 Million per year.
- Supports the advancement of innovative transportation mobility solutions and policies that make Florida the national leader in creative approaches to addressing transportation needs, including Autonomous, Connected, Electric, and Shared vehicle technology.
- Adds provisions to Florida's Sunshine law that allows public meetings to be conducted virtually during a declared state of emergency.

Monitor legislation that:

- Regulates distracted driving by prohibiting the use of handheld two-way electronic wireless communications devices and other similar distracting handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle on any roadway. (SUPPORT)
- Seeks to alter, revise, or rescind Red Light Camera legislation (OPPOSE)
- Seeks to mandate changes to mid-block crossing designations. (NO POSITION TAKEN)
- Seeks to diminish the role of Regional Planning Councils (OPPOSE)

Executive Agency Action Item(s):

- Staff to work with DFS and FDOT to cooperatively resolve concerns with the state practice that recognizes that federal metropolitan transportation planning funds be regarded as state funds for purposes of expenditure.

Contact(s):

Gary Huttman, Executive Director, (407) 481-5672 x319

Virginia L. Whittington, Director of Regional Partnerships, (407) 497-1536

Board Meeting Highlights – February 10, 2021

- **Chairwoman's Announcements:** Commissioner Viviana Janer opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Mayra Uribe led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Janer officially welcomed new members Commissioner Ricky Booth (Osceola County) and newly appointed members Commissioners Jim Fisher (City of Kissimmee) and Maribel Gomez-Cordero (Orange County). She welcomed Representative Fred Hawkins (former Osceola County BCC member) and thanked him for his service on the MetroPlan Orlando Board. Commissioner Uribe provided a report from the January 28 Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) meeting. Commissioner Dallari provided a report from the February 4 Commuter Rail Commission meeting.
- **MetroPlan Orlando Executive Director's Announcements:** Mr. Gary Huttman thanked board members for helping to ensure a quorum for the hybrid meeting. He reviewed the hybrid meeting procedures and noted that no alternates were in attendance. Mr. Huttman reported on the legislative action on an Omnibus Funding bill. He called attention the virtual NARC conference happening February 8-12 and meeting he attended with FDOT leadership. In addition, he noted the MPOAC Institute will be offered in March and April in an online format. Mr. Huttman reported on the Best Foot Forward program, Brightline, legislative items, and he reminded board members to complete the strategic plan survey. He announced the hiring of Transportation Planner Taylor Laurent.
- **Agenda Review:** Mr. Huttman reported there were no changes to the agenda, and they were ready to move forward.
- **Public Comments:** None.
- Unanimously **Approved** Consent Items: A-G
- **Approved** the **FDOT Amendment to FY 2020/21 - 2024/25 TIP** with a 15:3 (Dallari, Smith, and Zembower voted no) vote (Roll call vote conducted)
- Unanimously **Approved** to support the **FDOT Performance Measures and Targets**
- Unanimously **Approved** the Regional TSMO Program
- **Approved** the 2021 Legislative Priorities and Positions including expansion of the Executive Committee's role during legislative session. The board also passed a motion to authorize the Chairwoman to sign a letter opposing SB 62 which seeks to diminish the role of regional planning councils. The motion passed 10:9 (Demings, Good, Nelson, Uribe, Zembower, Bates, Booth, Gomez-Corder, and Siplin voted no) vote (Roll call vote conducted)
- **Other Business:** Presentations included, **FDOT, District 5 Work Program** (Ms. Katherine Alexander) and **FDOT Florida Turnpike Enterprises** (Mr. Siaosi Fine)
- **Board Member Comments:** None.
- **Public Comments:** Ms. Cynthia Lambert, MetroPlan Orlando staff, read an emailed public comment into the record from Mr. Eric Young, who provided suggestions to assist future transportation needs.
- **Next Board Meeting – March 10, 2021**



LYNX to Hold Public Workshops and Hearings for April 2021 Service Proposal

ORLANDO, Fla. (Feb. 11, 2021) – The Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX) has proposed making system-wide efficiencies effective April 25.

The LYNX Board of Directors will vote on the service proposal at their March 25 meeting in the LYNX Central Station 2nd Floor Board Room.

- Schedule adjustments will include Links 34, 51, 55, 56 and 104.
- Route and/or schedule improvements will include Link 10.
- Bus stop changes are proposed for LYMMO Lime and LYMMO Grapefruit.

The public comment period will begin Feb. 17. Comments will be accepted at public workshops and hearings.

Public Workshops/Hearings

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 2
4-5 p.m. (Workshop), 5-6 p.m. (Hearing)
LOCATION: LYNX Central Station – Board Room
455 North Garland Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801

Passengers should use any of the 31 Links serving LYNX Central Station, LYMMO (Orange Downtown, North Quarter, and Lime Lines), or SunRail.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Mar. 3
5-6 p.m. (Workshop), 6-7 p.m. (Hearing)
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting (more information will be available on golynx.com.)

Public comments also will be accepted through 5 p.m. March 15 at golynx.com on the “contact us” page, by mail or delivered to:

LYNX Central Station
455 N. Garland Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801
Attention: Service Change

Interested parties may view the proposed service change information at the LYNX Central Station 1st Floor Security Guard Post 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For additional information contact Bruce Detweiler, Manager of Service Planning, at (407) 254-6136.

Maps and schedules are being drafted and once complete will be posted on golynx.com.

Apr. 25 Service Proposal*

SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

- **Link 34** – North U.S. 17-92/Sanford. (Seminole County) – Minor schedule adjustments.
- **Link 51** – Conway Road/OIA (Orange County) – Minor schedule adjustments.
- **Link 55** – West U.S. 192/Four Corners (Osceola County/Lake County) – Minor schedule adjustments.
- **Link 56** – West U.S. 192/Magic Kingdom (Osceola County/Orange County) – Minor schedule adjustments.
- **Link 104** – East Colonial (Orange County) – Minor schedule adjustments.

ROUTE and SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

- **Link 10** – East U.S. 192/St. Cloud (Osceola County) – Minor schedule change to reflect new routing. Buses will no longer enter the Walmart parking lot and will operate along U.S. 192, Commerce Center Drive, Old Canoe Creek, U.S. 192 and then regular routing.

BUS STOP CHANGES

- **Link 61** – LYMMO Lime (Orange County) – Move bus stop at North Garland Avenue/West Robinson Street to North Garland Avenue/West Jefferson Street permanently.
- **Link 62** – LYMMO Grapefruit (Orange County) – Consolidate bus stops at West Central Boulevard/Orange Avenue and East Central Boulevard/Magnolia Avenue into one new stop at East Central Boulevard/South Court Avenue.

* *Subject to change.*

-LYNX-

For more information please contact Matt Friedman, Director of Marketing Communications, at 407-254-6206 or mfriedman@golynx.com.

Lisa Smith

From: Cynthia Lambert
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 8:23 AM
To: AllStaff
Subject: FW: For Immediate Release - LYNX and Orange County Government Announce FREE Rides for Seniors to the Convention Center Testing Site
Attachments: LYNX Vaccination Transportation - Spanish.png; LYNX Vaccination Transportation.png

FYI.

From: Kelly.Finkelstein@ocfl.net <Kelly.Finkelstein@ocfl.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 5:44 PM
Subject: For Immediate Release - LYNX and Orange County Government Announce FREE Rides for Seniors to the Convention Center Testing Site



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 11, 2021

LYNX and Orange County Government Announce FREE Rides for Seniors to the Convention Center Testing Site

Orange County, FL - Seniors who are unable to drive themselves to the Orange County Convention Center vaccination site may have some transportation options, thanks to Lynx. Residents who are 65 and older, who have obtained an appointment for a COVID-19 shot and do not have a way to transport themselves to the Convention Center site can call Orange County customer service by dialing 3-1-1 to find out how to qualify for a ride.

"We understand not everyone has the means to drive to the Convention Center," said Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings. "By partnering with Lynx, we hope this will be a viable option for a vulnerable senior to get vaccinated."

Orange County Government's [3-1-1 customer service](#) will coordinate with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in Orange County to find transportation options for vulnerable seniors in need of a vaccination.

Lynx needs at least a **48-hour prior notice** to schedule a ride through the OEM. Since OEM does not operate on weekends, any ride needed for a Saturday or Monday, must be made the **prior Thursday at the latest** during regular business hours.

"Transit and transportation is all about providing opportunities to those who need to get around, and moving thousands of people each and every day is what we do," said Lynx CEO Jim E. Harrison. "Nothing makes us

happier than removing mobility hurdles by providing trips to those who need to get around and, in this case, access to the vaccine, a key component in crushing COVID-19.”

When the ride is scheduled, the Lynx driver will pick up the senior at their residence and drive to the Convention Center. The Lynx driver will then wait in the vehicle line with the senior through the entire vaccination process, and then take the rider directly back to their home.

To qualify, the senior must be able to prove they have a valid vaccination appointment. A family member or caregiver may also ride along. **Masks will be mandatory for the duration of the ride.**

This is for the Convention Center site only. Lynx can transport qualified seniors from Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties to the Convention Center site.

If you live outside Orange County, 3-1-1 can be accessed by calling 407-836-3111.

In addition, LYNX will still be able to take ACCESS LYNX clients from their homes to a vaccination site and back. Again, the service will wait in line with the passenger and let a health care worker enter the vehicle to administer the vaccine. **ACCESS LYNX clients can make a reservation by calling the ACCESS LYNX customer service center at (407) 423-8747, option #4.**

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