



Transportation Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2025 at 4:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Ruben A. Paige, Peter Gottfried, Kenneth Lineberger, Andrew Irvin, Jeffrey Sievers, and Thomas Lochrane. Staff: Director of Public Works Charles Ramdatt, Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte, Engineer Keith Moore, and Recording Secretary Noemi Schudel.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Ramdatt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- a. Staff and Board Introductions

For the benefit of new board members, staff and board member introductions were made.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion made by Jeffrey Sievers, to nominate himself as Chair, seconded by Ruben Paige. Agreed by consensus.

Motion made by Andrew Irvin to nominate himself as Vice Chair, seconded by Kenneth Lineberger. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote (Mr. Lochrane voted No).

Motion made by Thomas Lochrane to nominate himself as Vice Chair, seconded by Jeffrey Sievers. No action was taken due to approval of the previous motion.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the March 17, 2025, regular meeting minutes

Motion made by Jeffrey Sievers to approve the March 17, 2025, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ruben Paige. Motion carried unanimously 6-0

4. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)

5. Non-Action Items

- a. TAB Vision and Mission

Charles Ramdatt reviewed and summarized the mission and purpose of the Transportation Advisory Board.

- b. Review of 2023 Transportation Master Plan

Commissioner Sullivan expressed the importance of advisory boards to the city, specifically the Transportation Advisory Board.

Lucas Cruse, Chief Planner at Patel, Green, and Associates, reviewed the Transportation Master Plan, adopted in August 2023. The plan's purpose was to document the City's existing conditions, how the transportation system is functioning, and identify projects that would help fill those gaps and needs. He elaborated on the following points:

Comprehensive Plan Goals; Network Baseline; Transportation Metrics (Traffic Safety, Network Quality & Connectivity and Traffic- Travel Time Reliability); Capital Projects (Sidewalks, Shared Path & Greenway, Crossing projects, Roadway Reconfiguration & Streetscape, and Technology); Implementation Guidance (Winter Park Greenways, SUN Trail Program, Rails "with rails", and Grade-Separated Crossings).

Mr. Cruse and staff responded to questions regarding project prioritization, Morse Blvd. design and crash analysis for "hot spots" throughout the city.

- c. 2045 and 2050 Metroplan Transportation Plans, prioritized project list, and Transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Ramdatt said the board can access the Metroplan online 2045 and/or 2050, which include the prioritized project list and the transportation improvement program list for Winter Park and every jurisdiction in the tri-county area.

6. Action Items

- a. Amending the shared use path/trail portion of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

Mr. Ramdatt reminded the board that at the March 17 meeting, Mr. Lim gave a presentation on different recommendations to modify the Transportation Master Plan. Some of which were suggested by Mr. Gottfried. There was consensus from the board to amend the TMP.

Motion to approve made by Jefferey Sievers to amend the shared use path/trail portion of the TMP, seconded by Andrew Mr. Irvin. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

- b. Review of suggested Heritage/Market Trail and comparison with approved TMP elements.

Mr. Gottfried reminded the board of his presentation at the March 17, 2025 TAB meeting on the Heritage/Market Trail, which would eventually connect the West Orange Trail and Maitland at the overpass of US-1792. He provided packets regarding his proposed Market Trail to the board for review, and letters of support from the community and Mayor Buddy Dyer. He asked the board to make a recommendation to the commission to review the Heritage/Market Trail project plan, determine its feasibility, and research considerations for funding.

Motion made by Peter Gottfried for the board to recommend the City Commission conduct a conceptual study that includes alternative analysis for the Heritage Trail. That would include potential alignments, potential funding sources, and estimated cost per mile or segment, and that the City fund such a conceptual study and alternative analysis. Seconded by Andrew Irvin.

Mr. Lochrane spoke about some alternatives for connecting the Cady Way Trail to Maitland. After discussion, the motion was restated as follows:

"Motion made by Peter Gottfried that the board recommend to the City Commission that the City Commission fund a conceptual study of the proposed Heritage Trail through Winter Park that would connect Cady Way Trail and eventually the West Orange Trail. It would look at alternatives and funding sources. It would also look at right-of-way issues and would give a cost per mile." Seconded by Andrew Irvin. Motion carried 6-0 with a voice vote.

Public comment:

Forrest Michael, 358 W. Comstock Ave: spoke in support of the Heritage/Market Trail and the board's recommendation to the commission.

c. Schedule and frequency of meetings

The current meeting schedule is set for once a month. It was noted that, in the past, a number of meetings have been canceled due to a lack of agenda items for discussion. Discussion was held on adjusting the TAB meetings to be held on a bi-monthly basis (in odd months), beginning with the July 21st meeting. Agreed by consensus.

7. Staff Updates

a. Paving Schedule

Mr. Ramdatt reviewed a list of recently completed and ongoing paving projects, including future projects dependent on the FY26 budget.

b. Bollard Installations

Mr. Moore provided information on security bollards that have recently been installed at both ends of Central Park.

8. Board Comments

Mr. Ramdatt gave an update on the DOT SR 426 project. The project will go forward for funding in FDOT's new fiscal year beginning July 1st with bids expected to be advertised this fall and construction beginning early 2026. Mr. Ramdatt said the city is completing negotiations the FDOT for a local funding agreement that will be presented to the commission soon.

In response to questions regarding mid-block crossings, Mr. Ramdatt said he will provide information on the project to the board after the meeting. Mr. Lochrane emphasized the importance of the board having the most updated information on the project and spoke about traffic incidents at the corner of Courtland Avenue and 426. Discussion followed. Mr. Ramdatt will provide a schedule and list of the final set of improvements.

Additional discussion was held on traffic issues (blind spots) at the corner of Webster and Capen Avenues, the proposed railroad bridge going over 17-92, and the timeline for the Denning Drive bike trail extension.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

The city is working with a new Street sweeper contractor to create a map that breaks the city into approximately 12 zones. Once completed, the city would like to get feedback from the board on how best to work with the residents to ensure their cars are moved during cleaning hours.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully,

Noemi Schudel, Board Secretary