



Attendance

Name	Affiliation
<i>In-person</i>	
P. Brown	Foundation for a Healthier West Orange
K. Carter	Foundation for a Healthier West Orange
K. Carson	City of Winter Garden
G. Corless	City of Ocoee
M. Parker	Town of Oakland
N. Wilson	Orange County BCC
A. Albino	Orange County District 1
D. Dietzen	Orange County District 1
A. Morgan	Kittelson & Associates
M. Jackson	Kittelson & Associates
S. Larsen	MetroPlan Orlando
G. Bunton	Bike/Walk Central Florida
P. Panza	Bike/Walk Central Florida
E. Bush	Bike/Walk Central Florida
<i>Virtual</i>	
K. Ardaman	West Orange Healthcare District
T. Swanson	Foundation for a Healthier West Orange

Welcome and Introductions

- P. Panza welcomed Steering Committee members and meeting attendees

December 2024 meeting minutes

- *K. Carson motioned to approve the December 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by G. Corless. None opposed. Motion carried.*

Working group updates

- P. Panza presented updates on the efforts of the TNDWG and EWG.



Grant Program – Small Grants

- The Oakland Nature Preserve grant has been executed and FHWO's press release is coming within the next week.
- The Committee discussed some projects that would benefit from an increased maximum grant award and would apply for funding shortly after, if an increase were to be approved. The Committee then discussed points that came up in previous EC and TNDWG meetings in support of an increase and were presented with a proposal from those groups to increase the maximum award amount.
 - *G. Corless motioned to approve an adjustment to the Small Grant Category maximum award amount from \$50,000 to \$100,000 while preserving all other aspects of the grant category. Seconded by K. Carson. None opposed. Motion carried.*

Grant Program – SUN Trail Loops

- The Committee reviewed work done by the TNDWG in breaking down the proposed SUN Trail Loops vision into project segments and compiling information about those segments, noting that they have been reviewed by the partners for accuracy and have been submitted to MetroPlan for inclusion in their MTP.
- The Committee discussed strategies for moving the vision forward and increasing its chances of getting SUN Trail funding from the State. Having a feasibility study carried out on the whole proposed vision was identified as the ideal next step, with options for accomplishing this being discussed, including partial or total financing from MetroPlan or contracting an engineering firm using Grant Program money.
 - *G. Corless motioned to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee and to the FHWO Board to pursue funding for a network planning study, whether through direct funding or partnerships, for the SUN Trail Loops vision. Seconded by K. Carson. None opposed. Motion carries.*
- P. Panza presented a map depicting prioritization methodology for trail segments in the SUN Trail Loops, for which the funds in the Trail Grant Program not allocated to a planning study or Small Grants would be used on. Members were tasked with reviewing the map and providing comments over email.



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Other business

- G. Corless and K. Carson suggested that conversations about how HWOTC funding will fit into their budgets need to happen soon, with K. Carson requesting a meeting prior to May 1.

Meeting adjourned 12:33 PM