



**AGENDA**

**June 2, 2015 Open Discussion  
Board of County Commissioners Chambers  
201 S. Rosalind Ave., Orlando, FL 32801**

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- 1. Commissioner Edwards, District 5, would like to discuss Metroplan, Infrastructure and Public Records.**

**COMMISSIONER S. SCOTT BOYD, DISTRICT 1**

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**NO ACTION**



To: Mayor Teresa Jacobs  
From: Commissioner Ted Edwards, District 5  
Date: May 20, 2015  
Re: **Open Discussion Items.**

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At the next open discussion for commissioners, I would like to discuss the following:

1. **Metroplan.** The reasoning behind staff supporting potentially reallocating 30% of state gas taxes to transit projects which amounts to more than \$20 million a year. I was disappointed discussion was limited at Metroplan and have been informed by Mr. Harry Barley that due to busy agendas Chairman Swan has limited time for discussion of important issues such as this one. As a result, it appears to me more decisions are being made at the committee level. I also have a concern of Metroplan not following parliamentary rules of procedure for its meetings and how to address this issue. I also believe when significant issues are being considered at the committee level, the BCC should be informed as to the same. Currently, we are only being advised as to matters immediately appearing on the agenda for Metroplan.
2. **Infrastructure.** As you know, I have been concerned about the state of Orange County's transportation infrastructure for some time. In January, I requested the Board be briefed on transportation deficiencies across the county which amount to hundreds of millions to over \$1 billion. We have also been briefed as to the infrastructure needs for the fire department. Now that potentially fewer funds will be available for roads, I am curious as to whether any recommendations have been formulated for addressing these infrastructure needs as part of the budgeting process or otherwise.
3. **Public Records.** I understand Orange County has been ordered to pay \$118,775.44 in attorney fees and costs to a constituent arising from a public records request pertaining to animal services that resulted in an appeal deemed frivolous by the Fifth District. I want to know how this occurred and what is being done to prevent it from occurring in the future. The \$118,775.44 awarded to the constituent is a significant sum of tax dollars for which the public will receive no benefit. Although mistakes may occur, this appears to have been a major breakdown in the system.

Thank you for your consideration of discussing these issues.

Cc: Board of County Commissioners  
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Jeffrey Newton, County Attorney  
James Harrison, Assistant County Administrator

COMMISSIONER TED B. EDWARDS, DISTRICT 5

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