

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: January 27, 2022

Teleconference Call

Attendance:

Members on the call were: Chairman Ron Howse, Vice-Chairman Jay Trumbull, Commissioners John Browning, Richard Burke, Julius Davis, David Genson, Alex Lastra, and Rusty Roberts.

Call to Order and Chairman's Opening Remarks:

Chairman Howse called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Business Discussed:

- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin Thibault provided an agency update.
 - Secretary Thibault stated that on January 19, 2022, he was selected as the preferred candidate by the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority to serve as Chief Executive Officer.
 - Secretary Thibault plans to continue serving as Secretary through the 2022 legislative session.
 - According to the Revenue Estimating Conference, revenues are rebounding at a faster rate than what was expected at the beginning of the pandemic.
 - Revenues are expected to return to pre-pandemic levels during fiscal year 2023.
 - The Turnpike system is also seeing revenues return to pre-pandemic levels.
 - The Turnpike mainline has converted to all electronic tolling (AET).
 - The 2022 Legislative Session ends on March 11.
 - The Governor's proposed budget request includes \$10.4 billion for the department. It has been referred to both appropriations committees.
- Chairman Howse asked Executive Director Yoder to outline a process for the Secretary search to present at the next conference call.
 - How wide of a search do we want to do?
- The Florida Transportation Commission is responsible for nominating three candidates for Secretary of Transportation to the Governor.
 - The Governor appoints the secretary from the three persons nominated.
- Commissioner Burke asked if there was a general job description available for the position.
 - There are statutory guidelines for the FDOT Secretary.
 - According to Florida Statute, the candidate is not required to be an engineer.
- Commissioner Genson asked if a survey has been done on the salaries for other DOT executives around the United States.
 - An industry survey has been conducted by AASHTO and will be distributed.
 - In the 2021 legislative session, approval was provided for salary adjustments for heads of state agencies.

- Chairman Howse recommended having conference calls every two weeks throughout 2022 legislative session and the search process.
- Chairman Howse asked Executive Director Yoder to begin proposing some possible timelines for the search process and to begin proposing suggested meeting sites for meetings that will take place this year.
- Commissioner Genson requested having a set meeting schedule for the year.
 - Several Commissioners agreed.

Public Comment:

- Chairman Howse asked for any public comments. No public comments were made.

Adjourn:

Chairman Howse adjourned the conference call at 10:31 a.m.