

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: March 18, 2021

Teleconference Call

Attendance:

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

Call to Order and Chairman's Opening Remarks:

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

Commission Business Discussed:

- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Assistant Secretary for Strategic Development Brad Thoburn provided an agency update.
 - Travis Humphries was appointed to District 2 Operations Director.
 - An update was provided on the 2021 legislative session, including the Department's two bills, SB 1126 and HB 1385.
 - Governor DeSantis released his plans for the federal money directed to the State of Florida through the American Rescue Plan Act.
 - Among the proposals is \$260 million for seaport relief as well as an additional \$50 million for road funding.
- District 1 Secretary LK Nandam provided a district update and an overview of current and upcoming projects including:
 - I-75/S.R. 72 Interchange (Sarasota County)
 - I-75/S.R. 951 Interchange (Collier County)
 - I-75/Colonial Boulevard Interchange (Lee County)
 - I-75/US 301 Interchange (Manatee County)
 - S.R. 80 from Dalton Lane to C.R. 833 (Hendry and Glades counties)
 - District 1 places an importance on planning and building relationships with partners (such as local Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)).
 - Priorities are placed on safety as well as helping the community succeed with the creation of the Planning Studio Department to ensure that the District's transportation projects and strategies align closely with community visions and goals.
 - The Planning Studio includes:
 - Early engagement with transportation users, local governments, residents, business owners, and other stakeholders.

- Commissioner Sarnoff asked what the Planning Studio does and how many people are in it?
 - The Planning Studio:
 - Clarifies the land use and transportation vision for communities along state roadways throughout District One.
 - Serves as the foundation for identifying supportive transportation strategies to move the community forward.
 - There are four district staff that work in the Planning Studio department.
- Commissioner Sarnoff also asked if the traffic estimates on I-75 included local and commercial traffic?
 - I-75 will be divided into multiple segments for evaluation.
- Assistant Secretary Brad Thoburn provided a general overview of modal development which included an update on the following offices:
 - Aviation, freight and multimodal operations, seaports, spaceports, and public transportation.
- Commissioner Browning recommended doing a commission meeting with individual multimodal offices to go more in depth.
- Executive Director Ralph Yoder along with Chairman Howse provided an overview of the Project Development Process from Planning to Design.
 - A future commission meeting will include a presentation on the next steps in the process (from design to right of way to construction).
- A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Trumbull and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Director Yoder reminded the Commission of upcoming meetings and events.
 - The Floridians for Better Transportation Summer Camp will be held July 7-9, 2021 in Marco Island.
 - SASHTO will take place August 1-4, 2021 in Orlando.

Public Comment:

Chair Howse asked for any public comments. No comments were made.

Adjourn:

Chair Howse adjourned the conference call.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED
THIS 1st DAY OF APRIL 2021

CHAIRMAN