



# FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## Florida Transportation Commission Minutes of Meeting

Date: June 22, 2023

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams/Conference Call

### In Attendance

Chairman Ron Howse, Vice-Chairman David Genson, Commissioners John Browning, Julius Davis, Alex Lastra, Rusty Roberts and Richard Burke.

### Welcome and Call to Order

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

### Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Genson and seconded by Commissioner Lastra, the consent agenda was unanimously approved, which included the meeting minutes from April 27, 2023 and the annual legal service agreement with the Attorney General.

### FDOT Agency Update presented by FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E.

- Secretary Perdue commented on the Department's Fundamental Tenets of Infrastructure Compass (Safety, Communities, Workforce Development, Resiliency, Technology, and a Robust Supply Chain.)
- The Secretary summarized the importance of the Department's infrastructure goals by explaining Florida's population is currently experiencing the largest net migration in the country. Identifying the location of the growth and congestion areas assists in the work program planning process.
- The Secretary provided a legislative update commending Speaker Renner and President Passidomo's leadership and noted the Governor's signing of the Framework for Freedom Budget produced a 15.2-billion-dollar historic budget for FDOT.
- Secretary Purdue recognized several Commissioners who attended legislative meetings.
- The Secretary further recognized several of the District Secretaries were very involved in this legislative session.
- Secretary Purdue was reappointed by the Governor on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and confirmed by the Florida Senate on May 4, 2023.
- The Secretary expressed appreciation to the Governor and Florida Legislature for entrusting the Department with the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative mission.
- Secretary Perdue highlighted the Department's Transportation Bill (HB 1305) which among other issues, allows FDOT to fund training, testing, and licensing for employees who are required to have a Commercial Driver License, increasing Innovative

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Transportation Project contract award cap to \$200 Million, while exempting design build projects from the cap and authorizes Phased Design Build for any FDOT project.

- Further topics addressed included the Transportation Industry Bill (HB 425) providing for the expansion of Florida's Move Over Law to include disabled vehicles, workforce development funding, aggregate material allocations, the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network (Sun Trail) funding increase, as well as a direction for the Department to study the use of phosphogypsum for road base.

### **Chairman Howse then opened the meeting to questions.**

- Commissioner Roberts inquired if phosphogypsum was used elsewhere in the world.
- Commissioner Howse stated Secretary Purdue had given the Commission an assignment for the July meeting to include a discussion of items for the next legislative session.
- Commissioner Howse thanked the Secretary for this suggestion.

### **Executive Director Update**

- Executive Director Ralph Yoder introduced the new Administrative Assistant to the Commission, Karen Peddie.
- Executive Director Yoder provided a report of his representing the Commission at the SunTrax Grand Opening earlier this month and an update on the upcoming FTC meetings and industry events scheduled for Summer 2023.
- Executive Director Yoder presented the FDOT Third Quarter Scorecard.
- The Commission's next in-person meeting will be held July 20, 2023, at St. Pete Beach in conjunction with Floridians for Better Transportation's Annual Conference.
- Executive Director Yoder provided the schedule for the upcoming meetings and industry events, drawing attention to the September meeting at SunTrax.

### **Commissioner Updates**

- There were no updates.

### **Public Comment**

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

### **New Business**

- There was no new business.

### **Adjourn**

With no other business to address, Chairman Howse adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am.