

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: June 23, 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:

- On a motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Vice-Chairman Trumbull, the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) unanimously approved the consent agenda, which included the meeting minutes from May 26, 2022.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Jared Perdue provided an agency update.
 - Trey Tillander has been appointed as FDOT's Executive Director of Transportation Technology.
 - Governor Ron DeSantis signed the Freedom First budget on June 2, 2022.
 - Safety on Florida's roadways is the top priority for FDOT.
 - The largest contributing factor is human behavior (94% of crashes).
 - FDOT will be partnering with local communities and researching ways to influence driver behavior.
 - Commissioner Roberts asked how often phone use contributes to crashes.
 - FDOT, along with law enforcement, are targeting phone use while driving.
 - Commissioner Browning asked if there is a breakdown of the types of crashes that make up the 94%.
 - FDOT will provide the data to the FTC.
 - Chairman Howse asked that Executive Director Yoder provide the data and related information with the behavioral data to Commissioners, once available.
- John Tyler, FDOT District 5 Secretary provided an update on the I-4 Ultimate.
 - Tolling technology is being used to help efficiently manage the new capacity added to the I-4.
 - Express lanes reduce the number of vehicles traveling in the general use lanes.
 - There is a two-minute reduction in travel time from one end of the corridor compared to travel time before construction began.
 - \$5 million in revenue was collected from the \$0.50 toll during the first three months in operation.
 - Traffic is back to pre-COVID levels.
 - A small increase in the traffic on the interstate will yield an increase in demand on the express lanes.
 - There are plans to expand the I-4 Ultimate, called Beyond the Ultimate (BTU).

- The goal is to rebuild the interstate and deliver two managed lanes in each direction.
 - Commissioner Roberts asked if there had been any issues with wrong way driving.
 - There are five direct connect ramps along the 21-mile corridor that did not exist before the express lanes were opened. There has been law enforcement presence at the direct connect ramps to help while wrong way detection technology is being installed.
- Paul Lampley, Director of Operations for FDOT District 4 provided an update on the South Florida regional managed lanes network.
 - District 4 has been working on the managed lanes network for almost 30 years since the beginning of the Sawgrass Expressway.
 - The I-95 Express is currently in phase 3 of construction.
 - Phase 3 is segmented into five construction projects.
 - Two segments have already been opened.
- Vice-Chairman Trumbull stated he is resigning from the Florida Transportation Commission, effective June 24, 2022.
 - Vice-Chairman Trumbull has served on the Commission for 11 years and has assisted the Governor's office in the appointment of five FDOT secretaries.
- FTC Executive Director Yoder provided an update to Commissioners.
 - The FTC will be meeting in Gainesville for a tour of the FDOT State Materials Office on August 25, 2022, followed by an FTC meeting on August 26, 2022.
- On a motion by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Browning, the FTC unanimously approved the renewal of the FTC's legal services agreement with the Attorney General's office.
- Commissioner Lastra provided an overview of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization 2022 SMART Trends Transportation Summit, where he served as a panelist.
- Commissioner Browning provided an overview of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) 2022 Annual State of Authority gathering.
- Chairman Howse stated he would like to have an election for vice-chair at the next FTC meeting, with the resignation of current vice-chair Jay Trumbull.

Public Comment:

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

Adjourn:

Chairman Howse adjourned the conference call at 11:12 a.m.