

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: September 9, 2021

Teleconference Call

Attendance:

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

Call to Order and Chairman's Opening Remarks:

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

Commission Business Discussed:

- Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) Executive Director Ralph Yoder provided an update on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Professional Engineer (PE) Trainee Program.
- On a motion by Commissioner Genson and Seconded by Commissioner Lastra, the FTC unanimously approved a request for FDOT to prepare a study to:
 - assess the effectiveness of the current PE Trainee program;
 - research other national PE trainee training programs;
 - develop recommendations and best practices to enhance the department's training program; and
 - develop recommendations to establish the FDOT PE trainee program as a master's degree program at state universities in Florida.
- Chairman Howse explained that the goal would be for engineers to complete a four-year training program and obtain a master's in Transportation Engineering, or something similar.
- Executive Director Yoder provided an update on upcoming meetings and events.
 - The TEAMFL Quarterly meeting will be held on October 14-15, 2021, in Coral Gables, Florida.
 - The next in-person FTC meeting will be on November 10, 2021, in Tampa.
 - The Florida Automated Vehicles Summit is taking place November 29, 2021, through December 1, 2021, in Orlando.

Public Comment:

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

Adjourn:

Chair Howse adjourned the conference call

MINUTES APPROVED: _____ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED
THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021