

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: October 1, 2020

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:

- The Commission approved the meeting minutes from the September 17, 2020 conference call. The motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Sarnoff. The motion passed unanimously.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Chief of Staff Torey Alston provided an agency update.
 - The draft Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) taskforce reports were posted online on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.
 - The final taskforce meetings will be held the third week of October.
 - The Southwest-Central Corridor task force meeting will be on October 19, 2020.
 - The Suncoast Corridor task force meeting will be on October 20, 2020.
 - The Northern Turnpike Corridor task force meeting will be on October 21, 2020.
 - On November 12, 2020, the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) will receive the final reports from the three M-CORES task forces.
 - September 21-27, 2020 FDOT joined other organizations nationwide to recognize Rail Safety Week.
 - FDOT highlighted Operation Stride progress throughout the state.
 - Brad Thoburn has been selected to serve as FDOT's assistant secretary for strategic development.
- District Three Secretary Phillip Gainer provided an update on the Pensacola Bay Bridge.
 - Hurricane Sally dumped approximately 30 inches of rain in the Pensacola area.
 - Damage assessment teams began surveying damage and clearing roads.
 - Garcon Point Bridge was also impacted but was opened back up following extensive safety inspections.

- A repair schedule and timeline for the Pensacola Bay Bridge should be available shortly.
- Commissioner Sarnoff asked if the department has a policy on securing barges ahead of storm events, and where the damage assessment teams come from.
 - District Secretary Gainer stated that the contractors are responsible for securing their barges.
 - Many of the damage assessment teams are made up of local employees, but employees from other districts typically assist when needed.
- Vice-Chairman Trumbull asked if anything is being done to help local businesses that have been interrupted.
 - District Secretary Gainer stated that they are planning to have a listening session next week to hear from local businesses.
 - They are also exploring options for shuttles, or a ferry service that could assist.
- Executive Director Ralph Yoder provided a commission update.
 - The Commission will continue to have updates from District Secretaries and transportation partners during some of the upcoming bi-weekly conference calls.
 - FDOT will provide a presentation on the Florida Transportation Plan during the October 29, 2020 conference call.
 - The draft M-CORES reports have been released and will be presented to the Commission on November 12, 2020.
 - The Performance and Production Review meeting will be held virtually this year and is scheduled for December 3, 2020.

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 29th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

CHAIRMAN