

# FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: October 29, 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 October 1, 2020, conference call. The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Trumbull and seconded by Commissioner Genson. 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.
    - On November 12, 2020, the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) will receive the final reports from the three M-CORES task forces.
    - On November 15, 2020, the final task force reports will be submitted to the Governor and Legislature.
  - Tolls have been suspended on the Garcon Point Bridge through 6:00 a.m., Friday, November 13, 2020.
  - FDOT is working to improve the traffic flow along the Pensacola Bay Bridge detour routes.
  - Hurricane Zeta caused no damage to District 3 facilities, although some power outages affected traffic signals.
- Stacy Miller, FDOT Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration provided a departmental budget and finance update.
  - The FY 2020/21-2024/25 Work Program was approved during the 2020 legislative session by the Florida Legislature and was based on January 2020 estimated revenue projections.
  - In August 2020, the Revenue Estimating Conference released revenue projections that are significantly lower than the January figures, due to the impacts of COVID-19.
  - Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-275, which suspends statutes that prohibit FDOT from rebalancing funds within the work program.

- With decreased current and projected revenues preserving executed contracts, debt service payments, planned safety projects and planned preservation-related projects remains a FDOT priority.
- FDOT must rebalance and finalize its Work Program Budget by December 31, 2020.
- District Secretary Jim Wolfe provided an update on District Six projects, including:
  - Golden Glades Multi-Modal Transportation Facility Design-Build Project
  - SMART Plan South Corridor Rapid Transit Project
  - S.R. 90/US HWY 41/Tamiami Trail Design Build
  - I-395/S.R. 836/I-95 Design Build Project
  - S.R. 5/US 1/Cow Key Channel Bridge Rehabilitation Design Project
    - FTC Chairman Ron Howse recommended having a workshop regarding this and other similar transportation-related funding challenges.
- Commissioner Sarnoff stated that with the population in Key West is increasing, transit is important. Commissioner Sarnoff also asked District Secretary Wolfe to expound on the Golden Glades Interchange Enhancement Projects.
  - District Secretary Wolfe stated that construction started in 2018 and is expected to be completed in May 2021.
- Dana Reiding, FDOT Intergovernmental Program Administrator for the office of Policy and Planning provided the Commission with a Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) update.
  - The FTP consists of four elements and is centered around seven goals.
  - The committee is currently working on the policy element which focuses on 12 key strategies.
  - The last meeting scheduled for this year, A Safety Subcommittee Meeting, is scheduled for November 4, 2020.
  - The FTP Virtual Room, where people can “walk through” the seven goal stations and provide input on the draft strategies is now open.  
<http://virtualroom.floridatransportationplan.com/>
- Commissioner Genson thanked Stacy Miller for serving as the FTP Steering Committee Chair. He also stated that the targeted strategies go well with the newly adopted FTC Performance and Production Review metrics.
- Executive Director Ralph Yoder provided a commission update.
  - The draft M-CORES reports have been released and final reports 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 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2020

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CHAIRMAN