

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: March 19, 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 March 5th conference call. The motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Burke. The motion passed unanimously.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Chief of Staff Torey Alston provided an agency update on behalf of the department.
 - FDOT is in the process of responding to Executive order 20-44.
 - An overview of Executive Orders 20-51, 20-52, 20-68 was provided.
 - Starting 3/17/2020, all FDOT services to the public will be through phone or email. All FDOT facilities will be closed to the public, but will remain open and operational to employees at this time.
 - All FDOT out of state travel and non-essential in-state travel has been cancelled and prohibited for a minimum of 30 days.
 - FDOT is currently following the Governor's guidance for maximizing telework and encouraging social distancing.
 - Rest areas, service areas and weigh stations will remain open at this time.
 - The Turnpike will process all tolls electronically, through Sunpass and toll-by-plate. Exact Coin Lanes will still be available.
 - Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) meetings have been postponed and rescheduled. The calendar will be reconfigured.
- FDOT Deputy Legislative Affairs Director John Kotyk provided a brief "final" update on the 2020 legislative session.
 - The Florida House and Senate meet today at noon to go over the budget.
 - Potential exists for a special session due to COVID-19.
- Executive Director Ralph Yoder provided a brief update on the forthcoming review of the Departmental performance metrics.

- Executive Director Yoder briefly spoke about upcoming transportation-related meetings and events.
 - The Florida Transportation Plan Steering Committee meeting on March 26th will be held virtually.
 - The Jacksonville Transportation Authority ribbon cutting previously scheduled for March 26th has been postponed.
 - The TEAMFL quarterly meeting scheduled for May 14-15 in Bonita Springs has been postponed.

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 2nd DAY OF APRIL 2020

CHAIRMAN