

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: August 20, 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 June 25th conference call. The motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Sarnoff. The motion passed unanimously.
- During his opening comments, Chairman Howse recognized Secretary Thibault and the Department for their ongoing efforts in assisting the consulting and construction industry managing through the COVID-19 pandemic. As a commissioner, he has not heard of a single complaint coming from the industry.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault provided an agency update.
 - The Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) has three task force meetings scheduled for August.
 - The Southwest-Central Florida Corridor Virtual Task Force is meeting on August 25, 2020.
 - The Northern Turnpike Corridor Virtual Task Force is meeting on August 26, 2020.
 - The Suncoast Corridor Virtual Task Force is meeting on August 27, 2020.
 - Secretary Thibault provided an update on the Roosevelt Bridge, located in District 4.
 - Traffic is open on the northbound portion of the bridge.
 - Design plans have been completed to restore six lanes of traffic and construction has begun.
 - Work on the project will be conducted seven days a week and is expected to be completed by the end of December.
 - The estimated cost of the project is \$9.3 million.

- Samples of the bridge material have been collected and are in the process of being analyzed to determine the cause of the corrosion.
 - Secretary Thibault discussed some of the financial impacts of COVID-19.
 - The recent Revenue Estimating Conference determined that the overall revenues flowing into the State Transportation Trust Fund through FY 2025-26 were decreased by an estimated \$1.4 billion.
 - FDOT received two regional awards from the Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) as part of their annual America's Transportation Awards competition.
 - S.R. 82 Widening Project
 - SunTrax Phase 1
 - Commissioner Sarnoff asked the Secretary if there would be any federal dollars coming from any relief bills.
 - Nothing has been passed yet on the federal level.
- Executive Director Yoder provided an executive summary of the review of the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) Performance and Production Metrics.
 - Section 334.045, Florida Statutes, authorizes the FTC to develop and adopt measures for evaluating the performance and productivity of the department.
 - The Performance and Production Review Measures were last updated in 2014, and many of the measures were "past their prime."
 - The scope of the review was to:
 - Reduce the number of measures in favor of simple, understandable, and meaningful measures.
 - Focus on measures that move the needle in key performance areas.
 - Where possible, align measures to the Governor's Transportation Priorities and Department's Vital Few.
 - Seven virtual meetings were held with workgroup members.
 - Recommendations included:
 - FTC concurrence on new and improved Performance and Production Review Measures, as well as informational items
 - Annually assess measures for relevance and effectiveness
 - Present informational items on an as requested basis
 - The Workgroup reduced the number of performance measures from 17 primary and 18 secondary measures to 15 measures.
 - The Workgroup also developed numerous informational items.
 - Informational items are topics that may be presented to the Commission in various forms.
 - Some may develop into performance measures in the future.
- Commissioner Burke asked if these measures align with the Department's mission and internal measures.

- Secretary Thibault stated that the department is currently reevaluating their performance measures as well. The Department worked with the Workgroup to make sure they are aligned.
- Chairman Howse entertained a motion to approve the revised Performance and Production Review Measures. The motion was made by Commissioner Davis and was seconded by Commissioner Sarnoff. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Executive Director Yoder stated that the next step is to begin developing a reporting dashboard.
 - Commissioner Genson recommended that everyone look at the Virginia Department of Transportation's Performance Reporting System for Projects and Programs as an example.
- Ongoing coordination between FTC staff and FDOT on performance measures and informational items, as well as monthly FTC updates will also be conducted.
- Commissioner Sarnoff provided an update from the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) Advisory Board meeting.
 - CUTR Director Rob Bertini announced he will be leaving effective late August and will begin his journey as Head of the School of Civil and Construction Engineering and Professor of Civil Engineering at Oregon State University.
 - The College of Engineering's Associate Dean of Research Fred Mannering will serve as the interim director of CUTR, with the assistance of Transit Safety and Workforce Development Program Director Lisa Staes as associate director.
 - In 2019, CUTR received a \$7.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to investigate innovative solutions to traffic congestion.
 - CUTR awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to students at last year's Transportation Achievement Awards.
- Commissioner Sarnoff also provided an update from the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) meeting.
 - The FTP Vision Element is the first of four elements to be updated and defines long-term vision and goals for the next 25 years.
 - Next to be updated is the Policy Element which describes how the vision and goals will be accomplished.
 - The Implementation Element details how implementation will be accomplished during the next five years.
 - The Performance Element reports how the system performs on key measures of safety, asset condition, and mobility.

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 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020

CHAIRMAN