



FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Date: November 4, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: FDOT Burns Building Auditorium, Tallahassee, Florida

1. Call to Order

- **Roll call**

- Chairman Howse called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
- In attendance was Chairman Ron Howse, Vice-Chairman David Genson, Commissioners John Browning, Barbara Haselden, Alex Lastra, Hung Mai and Rusty Roberts.

2. Reports/Presentations

- **FDOT District and Florida Turnpike Enterprise Updates – FDOT District Secretaries and FTE Executive Director**

- **Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise – Nicola Liquori, CPA, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer**

- Executive Director Liquori reported that the Turnpike met 12 of 15 performance objectives and achieved incident clearance times of under 60 minutes in FY 2025.
- She noted that recent widening projects under three construction contracts have helped relieve congestion, and that community partnerships—such as the Suncoast Parkway Extension—enabled early project completion.
- Ms. Liquori also reported that Road Ranger services provided more than 97,000 responses across the Turnpike system in 2025.
 - Commissioner Roberts commented on the figure of 397 wrong-way driving detections and requested that a statewide total be provided, and Vice-Chair Genson echoed the concern, noting that it would be helpful to better understand the causes of these incidents.
 - Commissioner Mai asked about anticipated completion timelines for the Suncoast Parkway extension segments 3A and 3B. Ms. Liquori responded that while the typical project duration is approximately five years, efforts are underway to accelerate delivery; she noted that Segment 3A is scheduled to let in FY 2025 and Segment 3B in FY 2026.
 - Commissioner Browning noted the 55 reported fatalities and requested that a future meeting includes a categorical breakdown (e.g., cable barrier, guardrail, wrong-way incidents) to identify the most common types of fatal incidents. Ms. Liquori stated that some fatalities may have been preventable with seatbelt use. Chairman Howse suggested holding a future workshop focused on safety and fatality performance metrics across roadway systems.

- **District 1 – Jamie Driggers, P.E., Interim District Secretary**



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- Interim District One Secretary Jamie Driggers, P.E., began his performance report and stated that District One met 13 of 15 performance measures.
- Mr. Driggers reported that there are 57 contracts currently under construction totaling \$306.56 million.
- He also highlighted multiple projects underway through the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative, including three I-75 projects that are in the final stages of completion or were recently completed.
 - Vice Chair Genson noted that he received a letter from the City of Bonita Springs Fire Chief requesting consideration of a median crossover following a recent incident in which a fire chief was injured. Interim Secretary Driggers stated that he also received the letter and that staff are reviewing the request to determine next steps.
 - Vice Chair Genson also asked about the status of the I-75 and Davis Boulevard (Exit 101) interchange project. Interim Secretary Driggers reported that the project is progressing well and that the \$98 million project is expected to close out by the end of the year.
 - Commissioner Lastra noted an increase in asphalt prices and asked whether there had been a corresponding increase in pavement costs. Mr. Driggers responded that the increase is an anomaly related to material availability and logistics, and that the goal is to secure materials at a better price than anticipated.
- **District 2 – Greg Evans, District Secretary**
 - District Two Secretary Greg Evans presented his performance report, noting that District Two met 8 of 15 performance measures and currently has 103 contracts under construction totaling \$3.2 billion.
 - Mr. Evans also reported that District Two developed a Geomatics Training Program, through which staff are trained by FDOT to help attract interest in surveying.
 - Commissioner Roberts commented that predicting rail traffic safety is of interest and expressed a desire for further discussion. Mr. Evans responded that he has rail safety data and noted that approximately 95% of rail-related accidents are behavioral in nature.
 - Commissioner Lastra suggested seeking feedback from the Florida Highway Patrol on texting-and-driving trends to determine whether incidents are decreasing.
 - Secretary Evans reported on ongoing community outreach efforts, noting that the District is actively using social media platforms to share important safety messages with the public.
 - Chairman Howse inquired about why the small business contracts performance metric was not met. Commissioner Browning suggested



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establishing a higher dollar threshold for small businesses on professional services contracts, noting that the annual revenue cap should be increased. Mr. Evans responded that the dollar threshold has increased over time. Chairman Howse added that the intent of the program is to allow firms to obtain their first or second contract opportunity.

➤ **District 3 – Tim Smith, P.E., District Secretary (attended virtually)**

- District Three Secretary Tim Smith, P.E., presented his performance report, noting that District Three met 12 of 15 performance measures.
- Mr. Smith reported that District Three received awards for the underground pedestrian tunnel project at Inlet Beach in Walton County.
 - Commissioner Haselden inquired about the safety of the underpass, and Mr. Smith stated that the facility is well lit both inside and outside
- Mr. Smith briefed the Commission on District Three’s focus on workforce development.
 - Chairman Howse asked about workforce outreach efforts in District Three and which positions are being targeted for hiring. Mr. Smith responded that the District is hiring across the board for multiple positions.

➤ **District 4 – Steven C. Braun, District Secretary**

- District Four Secretary Steve Braun presented his performance report, noting that District Four met 14 of 15 performance measures.
- Mr. Braun reported on District Four’s workforce development efforts, including a recent recruitment and construction career day at which two individuals were hired on the spot, and noted that the vacancy rate has declined since 2022.
 - Chairman Howse commented on the reduction in the vacancy rate and inquired about the efforts contributing to this improvement. Mr. Braun responded that the district is focused on retaining existing staff and has successfully promoted and hired employees to fill vacated positions.
 - Commissioner Lastra asked Mr. Braun whether District Four is experiencing fatalities involving e-scooters or e-bikes. Mr. Braun responded that such fatalities have occurred, but that specific data distinguishing between e-bikes and e-scooters is not currently available

➤ **District 5 – John E. Tyler, P.E., District Secretary**

- District Five Secretary John E. Tyler, P.E., presented his performance report, noting that District Five met 9 of 15 performance measures.
- Mr. Tyler reported that between 2015 and 2025 there were five fatalities and six serious injury crashes at SR 11/Cody’s Corner and noted that a roundabout has since been added to improve safety.
- He also highlighted the Smart Driving College Challenge, which engaged more than 750 students and received recognition from AASHTO.



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- Mr. Tyler reported that the DeLand SunRail Station has opened, expanding SunRail service to 17 stations across four counties. He noted that the station recorded more than 50,000 riders in 2024 and that ridership is expected to increase by approximately 10% as 2025 concludes.
 - Commissioner Roberts expressed encouragement with the DeLand SunRail Station ridership figures and noted his interest in continued growth of the system, including the potential for future expansion to Lakeland.
 - Commissioner Mai asked about Flow Labs and the use of AI-powered capabilities in the Orlando area. Mr. Tyler responded that he is not familiar with the initiative and would provide additional information at a later time.
 - Commissioner Mai also asked whether I-4 warrants consideration of a dedicated truck lane. Mr. Tyler responded that providing dedicated truck lanes on I-4 would be challenging due to access and egress constraints
- **District 6 – Daniel Iglesias, P.E., District Secretary**
 - District Six Secretary Daniel Iglesias, P.E., presented his performance report, noting that District Six met 14 of 15 performance measures.
 - Commissioner Lastra welcomed Mr. Iglesias to the Commission, commended his performance across the metrics, and emphasized the importance of coordinating closely with local municipalities, law enforcement, and communities, particularly with respect to bridge-related projects
- **District 7 – Justin Hall, District Secretary**
 - District Seven Secretary Justin Hall, P.E., presented his performance report, noting that District Seven met 9 of 15 performance measures. He reported that wrong-way driving remains a challenge within the district, and that safety has been enhanced through positive navigation, deterrence measures, and coordination with law enforcement; he noted that approximately 75% of wrong-way driving incidents self-correct due to the interstate system.
 - Commissioner Haselden thanked Mr. Hall for his presentation and commended his cooperation and leadership during Hurricane Helene.
 - Commissioner Mai asked about the timeline for the I-4 project, and Mr. Hall responded that the project is expected to be advertised next year and let in 2027.
- 3. **Executive Director Update – Ralph Yoder, Executive Director**
 - Mr. Yoder shared informational updates, including the proposed 2026 FTC meeting schedule, the 2025-2026 interim committee week schedule, and other upcoming events.
- 4. **General FTC issues/business**
 - **FTC action items – Ron Howse, Chairman**



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- **Approval of the Florida Department of Transportation Performance and Production Review**
 - On a motion by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Haseldent the FY 24-25 FDOT Performance and Production Review was unanimously approved
 - No additional items were raised for discussion.

5. Public Comment and Adjournment – Ron Howse, Chairman

- Chairman Howse opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM.