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## The Florida Transportation Commission Appoints Ralph Yoder as Executive Director

**TALLAHASSEE, FL –** The Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) welcomes Ralph Yoder as its Executive Director. Yoder comes to FTC from the Calhoun County School District, where he served as the elected Superintendent of Schools since 2012. He has worked in the private sector in various industries and served as the executive director of an industry association. Yoder was previously employed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and worked as an Intergovernmental Liaison.

"After a full board selection process, I am proud that we, the Florida Transportation Commission, voted unanimously to hire Ralph Yoder, a former FDOT executive who understands the dynamics and balance of growing Florida's transportation network and the needs of the community it affects," said Florida Transportation Commission Chairman Ron Howse.

The FTC serves as the citizen's oversight board for FDOT, along with the state's expressway authorities and its regional transportation authorities. The FTC also makes transportation policy recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature.

Yoder will work with the commissioners, who are governor-appointed, to provide leadership to meet Florida's transportation needs through policy guidance on issues of statewide importance, and to chart a new path forward, along with Governor DeSantis' administration. Mr. Yoder said, "I'm excited about the opportunity to work with Florida Transportation Commission Chairman Ron Howse and the FTC commissioners to champion sound transportation policy and appropriate oversight for the Florida Department of Transportation.

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I also look forward to working with FDOT Secretary Kevin Thibault to support the Department's mission to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities."