

Minutes of Meeting

Date: November 9, 2023

Time: 9:15 am

Location: FDOT Burns Auditorium, Tallahassee

Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Howse called the meeting to order.

In Attendance

Chairman Ron Howse, Vice-Chairman David Genson, Commissioners John Browning, Richard Burke, Alex Lastra, and Rusty Roberts.

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Genson and seconded by Commissioner Burke the consent agenda was unanimously approved, which included the minutes from October 26, 2023.

Miami-Dade TPO Overview and Update – Executive Director Aileen Boucle’

- Ms. Boucle’ informed the Commission that MDTPO has transitioned from the SMART Plan to the SMART Program, forecasting future transportation needs for the South Florida Region.
- Ms. Boucle’ also shared development of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan which is a federally mandated plan required of all MPOs.
- Ms. Boucle stated they have entered a MOU for a Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Florida through mutual consent and collaboration with Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties to create the South Florida Transportation Council, which identifies regional transportation priorities.
 - Commissioner Lastra stressed the importance of flexibility in how the money is allocated within the South Florida region for transportation options from roads to transit to rail.
 - Commissioner Roberts clarified the location of the North Corridor project and expressed pleasure that the Beach Corridor project was moving forward.

Recognition of Jay Trumbull

The Commission presented former Chairman & Vice-Chairman Trumbull with a plaque for his longstanding service and dedication as a Transportation Commissioner.

Florida Department of Transportation Performance and Production Review – Ralph Yoder

- Executive Director Yoder gave a brief history of the performance measures.
- Mr. Yoder presented the Performance Measure Scorecard.
- Chairman Howse and Commissioner Browning commented that some adjustments should be made to objectives that don’t reflect current business realities.
- Chairman Howse invited Secretary Perdue to respond to the Performance and Production Review as presented by the FTC Executive Director, addressing the performance measures which the Department did not meet.

FDOT Secretary's Response - Jared Perdue

- Secretary Perdue highlighted the FDOT Compass which includes the fundamental tenants of the Department.
- Secretary Perdue emphasized several challenges which directly connect to the performance and production of the Department.
- The Secretary highlighted positive performance measures with special notation of Safety and Bridge Structures.
- Secretary Perdue discussed specific performance metrics not met by the Department.
 - The construction contract amount was approximately 4% below objective due to supply chain challenges.
 - The challenges related to construction contract dollars let is indicative of the economy nationwide. The Department rejected bids for several contracts and are restructuring the projects in anticipation of improved bids.
 - The reduction in the number of construction contracts let were in response to market conditions and decisions made to move projects out to obtain the best value for taxpayer dollars.
 - The operating budget reversions were impacted by commodity supply chain issues which caused supplies to not be received on time.
 - The roll forward included federal formula funds from IIJA which often have limitations, as well as electric vehicle infrastructure funds.
- Commissioner Roberts commended the Department's incident response time and inquired if there are any requests to expand the Road Rangers.
- Chairman Howse inquired how the recruitment and retention money has assisted the Department in filling positions.
 - The additional funding has really helped to attract and maintain high quality talent for professional level positions, as well as skilled labor positions.
- Chairman Howse commented that he felt breaking the large mega projects into smaller parts, making them more biddable and predictable was helpful.
- Chairman Howse suggested Executive Director Yoder look into establishing a dashboard of cost trends to share with the Commission on a recurring basis.

Approval of the Florida Department of Transportation Performance and Production Review

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Genson and seconded by Commissioner Roberts the FY 22-23 FDOT Performance and Production Review was unanimously approved.

FDOT District Secretary Reports

District Secretaries (or their designee), as well as the Executive Director of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, presented updates on projects and construction in their respective district.

FTC Business

Executive Director Ralph Yoder reminded the Commission of their January meeting in Tallahassee.

Public Comment

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

Adjourn

With no other business to address, Chairman Howse adjourned the meeting at 1:44 pm