



FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Location: TEAMS Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Howse called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

In Attendance

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

Consent Agenda Items

- On a motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Browning, the consent agenda was unanimously approved, which included the minutes from January 8, 2024.

FDOT Agency Update, Leda Kelly, Chief of Staff

- Chief of Staff Kelly expressed appreciation for all FDOT engineers in recognition of National Engineers Week.
- Chief of Staff Kelly provided a synopsis of legislative priorities including workforce development, truck parking, advanced air mobility, supply chain resiliency and the Governor's creation of the Supply Chain Innovation Grant partnership between the Department of Transportation and Department of Commerce.
- Chief of Staff Kelly and Assistant Secretary Watts recognized FDOT District 2 team member Randy Lawn who was killed in the line of duty.
- Chief of Staff Kelly updated the Commission on recent events and meetings in which Secretary Perdue participated.
- Chief Kelly briefed the Commission on the award of the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant through USDOT for over 900 truck parking spaces

Workforce Development Update, Will Watts, Assistant Secretary

- Assistant Secretary Watts highlighted the \$15.6 billion Focus on Florida's Future Budget Proposal and the \$64.9 billion Five-Year Work Program budget.
- The Assistant Secretary outlined the Workforce Development Mission, Program Pillars and the Goals and Objectives for ensuring program success.
- Assistant Secretary Watts provided an update on the breakdown of workforce development placements from across the program including adult and student-targeted activities.

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- The Assistant Secretary provided an update of the work program and bids, bid pricing and bidding capacity.
- Assistant Secretary Watts provided a breakdown of the successful workforce development placements of 2,025 individuals from across the program including:
 - 38 Veteran initiative hires
 - 55 Group construction training & hiring initiative hires
 - 220 OnBoard4Jobs Construction Careers hires
 - 20 Correctional Transition initiative hires
 - 570 Student Internship placements
 - 1,177 Contractors Job-Readiness Hiring & Training initiative hires
- The Assistant Secretary described the construction industry career pathway for individuals to build successful careers in the construction industry.
- Assistant Secretary Watts introduced the use of technology for allowing people to simulate what can be done with heavy equipment for training and creating interest in the field.
- Assistant Secretary Watts detailed career and job fairs and other initiatives in which the FDOT has participated. These include immediate on the spot hiring which other industries have been doing for years.
- The Assistant Secretary ended his presentation with testimonials from the 2023 Workforce Development Internship Program.

MPOAC Overview and Update, Mark Reichert, Executive Director, MPOAC

- Executive Director Reichert provided an explanation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) and the statutory requirement contained in HB 425 (2023) to report annually to the Commission.
- Director Reichert defined the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) and provided an updated schedule for the agencies.
- The Executive Director reviewed the Florida Transportation Plan Schedule and goals.
- Director Reichert updated the Commission on the LRTPs alignment with the FTP.
- Executive Director Reichert reported the majority of the MPOs will have completed their 2050 LRTPs by the time the FTP is updated.

Executive Director Update Ralph Yoder, Executive Director

- Executive Director Yoder provided a brief update to the Commission.

Vice-Chairman Genson requested an update from FDOT at the next FTC meeting regarding the ruling from the Federal Courts related to EPA's delegation of 404 program.

Chairman Howse also requested an update on the recently-passed legislation related to nutrient loading.

Commissioner Browning requested a complete Legislative Update of all bills which passed and failed.

Public Comment

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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 10:59 am.