

Resolution # FTC 15-02

~A Resolution Regarding the Florida Transportation Plan~

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Transportation Commission is to provide leadership in meeting Florida's transportation needs through policy guidance on issues of statewide importance and by maintaining oversight and public accountability for the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary functions of the Florida Transportation Commission is to recommend major transportation policies for the Governor's approval, and assure that approved policies are properly executed; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Transportation Commission shall periodically review the status of the state transportation system including highway, transit, rail, seaport, intermodal development, and aviation components of the system and recommend improvements to the Governor and Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Transportation Commission is required to perform an in-depth evaluation of the Florida Transportation Plan for compliance with all applicable laws and established Departmental policies; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Florida Transportation Plan is to establish and define the state's long-range transportation goals and objectives to be accomplished over a period of at least 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Transportation Plan must be developed in cooperation with the metropolitan planning organizations and in consultation with affected local officials in nonmetropolitan areas and with any affected Indian tribal governments.

WHEREAS, in developing the Florida Transportation Plan, the state shall provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, providers of freight transportation services, and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed plan.

WHEREAS, the Florida Transportation Plan must be based on the prevailing principles of preserving the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness; improving travel choices to ensure mobility; and expanding the state's role as a hub for trade and investment; and

WHEREAS, Florida's transportation system faces significant opportunities and challenges in the future including:

- Growth in population and economic expansion, leading to growth in demand for moving people and freight;
- Changing demographic patterns, including high growth of both the baby boomer and millennial populations along with a diversifying economy which will reshape the transportation needs and preferences of residents, visitors, and businesses; and,
- Changing technologies from automated vehicles to unmanned aerial vehicles to mobile commerce which will transform how we consume and provide transportation.

WHEREAS, investments in transportation infrastructure by all transportation partners will increase the safety and security of the transportation system; keep Florida's economy growing through job creation; provide transportation choices for the mobility of people and freight; and support the state's broader economic development, quality of life, and environmental stewardship goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with s. 20.23 Florida Statutes, the Florida Transportation Commission finds that the Florida Transportation Plan was developed in compliance with all applicable laws and established Departmental policies. The Commission further finds that the Florida Transportation Plan provides a policy framework to guide future investments and implementation policies to address Florida's transportation system needs in support of Florida's economic competitiveness and quality of life.

Adopted this 30th day of November, 2015.

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