

Tampa- Hillsborough County Expressway Authority
Minutes of the November 14, 2022, Board Meeting
1104 E. Twiggs Street
Tampa, FL 33602

The Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority held a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. on November 14, 2022, at THEA Headquarters, 1104 E. Twiggs Street in Tampa Florida. The following were present:

BOARD:

Mr. Vincent Cassidy, Chairman
Mr. Bennett Barrow, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ken Hagan, County Commissioner
David Gwynn, FDOT District 7 Secretary

STAFF:

Greg Slater	Frederick Pekala
Amy Lettelleir	Felipe Velasco
Jeff Seward	Judith Villegas
Sue Chrzan	Gary Holland
Brian Pickard	Lisa Pessina
Bob Frey	Shannon Bush
Andy Lelewski	Elizabeth Gray
Charlene Ponce	Brian Ramirez
Chaketa Mister	Elizabeth Dittmann
Emma Antolinez	Charles Lockridge

OTHERS:

Tim Garrett, HNTB	Tracey Sansone, KCA
Jim Drapp, HNTB	Scarlett Sharpe, WSP
Elizabeth Putnam, D Squared Infrastructure	Joseph Stanton, NMRS
Doug Draper, BofA	Matthew Sansbury, RBC
Ian Whitney, City of Tampa	Rick Patterson, Raymond James
Mari Bonbreit, HDR	Jansel Sexto, HDR
Sally Dee, Playbook	Nicole Villegas, Atkins
Sarah Lesch, Playbook	Brent Wilder, PFM
Carlos Ramos, Ballard	John Criss, Scalar Consulting
John Melendez, CDM Smith	Dwayne Kile, GPI
Branann Anderson, KCA	

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Cassidy called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Input/Public Presentations

There was no public input.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes from the October 11, 2022, Board Meeting

The Chairman requested a motion for approval. Mr. Barrow moved approval, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. Planning – John Weatherford, Committee Chair – Bob Frey, Staff

1. WSP – Trail Connections/Urban Design: Promenade, East Trail, Pond at Meridian and Cumberland (east-side), Health and Wellness

Mr. Frey discussed efforts to improve and connect THEA's trail system to community spaces and introduced task to identify gaps, connect to community activity areas, and support ongoing development by creating a pedestrian system that complements the Selmon Expressway focusing on connectivity, Vision Zero and urban travel patterns.

He requested Board approval for THEA staff to execute a task order with WSP in an amount not to exceed \$251,000 for the trail connections and urban design task.

The Chairman requested a motion for approval. Mr. Barrow moved approval, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Whiting Supplemental PD&E work – Lochner

Mr. Frey presented a supplemental task order for additional services for the Whiting Street PD&E study. The Additional Services include developing and evaluating alternative concepts, public involvement support, and revisions to the environmental document and supporting reports.

He requested board approval for THEA staff to execute a task order with Lochner in an amount not to exceed \$716,000 for the continued work to complete the Whiting Street PD&E.

The Chairman requested a motion for approval. Mr. Barrow moved approval, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Outreach and Support – Playbook Public Relations

Mr. Frey discussed the need for continued support with public involvement, outreach, website, and social media tasks related to the Whiting Study.

He requested board approval for THEA staff to execute a task order with Playbook Public Relations in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the support of the work on the conclusion of the Whiting PD&E and related studies.

The Chairman requested a motion for approval. Mr. Barrow moved approval, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. FDOT Coordination I-4 FRAME Support – HNTB

Mr. Frey presented an item to support FDOT's intercity integrated corridor management (ICM) project along Interstate 4 (I-4FRAME). The project uses Connected Vehicle and Roadside Unit technology along I-4 to manage traffic. This is a collaboration between THEA and FDOT-D7 to connect I-4 and the Selmon Expressway using arterial roads. The next step will be to collaborate with FDOT to create interoperable CV applications, as well as oversee the installation of fiber optics that will benefit both agencies.

He requested board approval for THEA staff to execute a task order with HNTB in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the support of the work with FDOT to connect to I-4 FRAME.

The Chairman requested a motion for approval. Mr. Barrow moved approval, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Operations & Engineering – Bennett Barrow, Committee Chair – Brian Pickard, P.E., Staff

1. Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) Services for the South Selmon Capacity (SSC) Design-Build Project

Mr. Pickard presented a request to procure CEI services for the South Selmon Capacity Project and asked the Board to approve the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee to shortlist Letters of Interest submittals for this project

to the next phase of procurement. Three firms submitted Letters of Interest. The Evaluation Committee recommends shortlisting the following firms:

CONSOR Engineers, LLC
HDR Construction Control Corporation
Volkert, Inc.

The Chairman requested a motion for approval. Mr. Barrow moved approval, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Shortlist Recommendations and Subsequent payment of Stipend for South Selmon Capacity (SSC) Design Build Teams

Mr. Pickard presented the shortlist of the top three (3) ranked teams authorized to go forward to prepare responses to the request for proposal. The teams not selected during the final selection process, but, shortlisted, will receive a stipend in accordance with the FDOT design build stipend calculations. The stipend amount for this project is \$500,000 each for the firms ranked 2-3 in the final selection.

He requested that the Board:

- a. Approve the shortlist selection recommendation of the top three (3) ranked firms and direct staff to move forward with the procurement process.

Kiewit Infrastructure South Co.
Middlesex Corp.
Superior Construction Company Southeast, LLC/ KCA

- b. Authorize stipends in the amount of \$500,000 each to be awarded to the number 2 and 3 teams identified in the final selection.

The Chairman requested a motion for approval. Mr. Barrow moved approval, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.

Chairman Cassidy asked if a \$500,000 stipend is within range. Secretary Gwynn noted that FDOT uses a formula to determine the stipend amount. Mr. Pickard added that the \$500,000 is consistent with the formula.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Selmon West Extension – Follow Up

Mr. Pickard presented a request to utilize GEC (HNTB) to assist staff with developing a methodology to inspect the Selmon West Extension Segmental Structure.

He requested the Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a task order with HNTB for developing a methodology to inspect the Selmon West Extension Segmental Structure. Funding in the amount of \$257,668 will come from the Operations and Maintenance contingency fund.

The Chairman requested a motion for approval. Mr. Barrow moved approval, seconded by Secretary Gwynn.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Staff Reports

A. Planning & Innovation – Bob Frey

Mr. Frey presented a video on the CV Pilot and reviewed the findings from the program.

Over the course of the pilot, the system sent out:

- 3.1 billion Basic Safety Messages (BSM)
- 26.4 billion Signal Phase and Timing Messages (SPaT)
- 3.4 billion MAP messages
- 152,571 interactions between OBU-equipped vehicles

He also reviewed the safety impact, noting:

- 20,206 V2V and V2I warnings
- 17 potential crashes prevented
- 21 potential pedestrian crashes prevented
- 14 wrong-way drivers warned
- 19 red light warnings

Mr. Frey also discussed the participant survey results and THEA's commitment to ongoing CV operations.

Mr. Slater added that Mr. Frey and his team have led conversations nationally and THEA's reputation has benefitted from that. Of the three pilots – we were the only one that produced results and data and we now have great opportunities to leverage that to seek out additional grant opportunities.

B. Operations & Maintenance – Brian Pickard, P.E.

Mr. Pickard presented an update on the East Selmon slip ramp project and showed a video on the progress. The present contract amount is \$24,540,000, and we have paid them 66% of that. As of last month, we were at 58% of contract time.

C. Toll Operations – *Andy Lelewski, P.E.*

Mr. Lelewski provided an update on traffic and toll statistics for August and September. Comparing 2021 to 2022, August saw a 28% increase in transactions for the West Extension; 11.6% increase for the West Mainline; 4.4% increase for the East Mainline; and a 27.3% increase on the REL. September 2021 to 2022 experienced similar trends. For August we saw a rebound over June and July for total posted transactions processing over 6 million transactions. In September, we processed nearly 4.9 million revenue transactions. Tolls were suspended on September 26 due to Hurricane Ian. We processed 530 thousand non-revenue transactions during the time tolls were suspended. During a typical 5-day work week we process 970 thousand transactions.

Mr. Lelewski highlighted his team and the work they did during the storm, noting they did not miss a transaction on the system and the phone lines remained open.

He also discussed pre-paid versus post-paid transactions, as well as past due payments received and how those payments were received.

Finally, he touched on in-house customer service.

D. Budget & Finance – *Jeff Seward*

Mr. Seward reviewed THEA financial information for July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022. Toll revenue is in line with what we anticipated. We will see the impact of hurricane Ian next quarter, with an estimated \$6M loss in revenue. He also noted that, on the expense side, THEA is spending less than budgeted. We will come back to the board what the impact looks like and how we can mitigate it.

E. Communications – *Sue Chrzan*

Ms. Chrzan showed a video highlighting THEA and our look ahead, connecting customers to the community. She also spotlighted the Brandon Parkway and some of the environmental efforts that are underway.

VI. Executive Reports

A. Executive Director – *Greg Slater*

Mr. Slater presented one contract renewal with Bryant Miller Olive for legal support services. It's a three-year contract with 2 additional one-year renewals options. This is the first-year renewal from 5/4/23 – 5/4/24.

Next Mr. Slater provided an update on the impact of Hurricane Ian on the expressway system, noting that we saw a heavier use of the system during the toll

suspension. We're seeing an increased usage on the system in the middle of the day pushing us away from being a commuter system.

Chairman Cassidy asked about average speed during rush hour depicted on the slide. Mr. Slater noted that capacity projects and the slip ramp project will help alleviate this.

Mr. Slater mentioned THEA's recent interaction with Moody's and THEA's ability to demonstrate we have recovered from COVID.

He also discussed progress made with the City of Tampa on the Whiting PD&E; the Real Estate Advisory Services RFP that has been advertised; and the upcoming Board workshop to discuss the strategic blueprint.

Mr. Slater congratulated Emma Antolinez for being accepted into the IBTTA Leadership Program. He also commended Secretary Gwynn and his team on their response to two hurricanes, and congratulated Daniel Alvarez and Commissioner Hagan on their recent elections.

Finally, Mr. Slater recognized Bob Frey for his ten years of service to THEA.

A. General Counsel – *Amy Lettelleir, Esq.*

Nothing to report.

B. Chairman – *Vincent Cassidy*

1. Upcoming Meetings

- THEA Board Meeting – December 12, 2022

VII. Old Business

None.

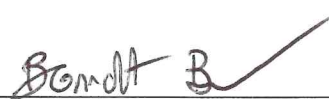
VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

APPROVED:


Vice Chairman: Bennett Barrow

ATTEST:


Executive Director: Greg Slater

DATED THIS 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.