

FLORIDA FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FLFAC) MEETING

Florida Department of Transportation
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CALL TO ORDER

Project: Florida Freight Advisory Committee (FLFAC) 5th meeting

Subject: Follow Up NHFN, NHFP, Empty Backhaul, State Freight Plan

Date: Monday, May 21, 2018

Location: Go-to-Meeting Webinar

Attendees: **Brian Hunter**
Jake Swab
Gary Goldfarb
Amy Miller
Bob O'Malley
Ryan Stoeger
John Dohm

Eric Lindstrom
Robert Midgett
Diana Elsner
Stephano Miranda
Greg Stuart
Malcolm Wade
Casey Grigsby

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- Brian H.: District 7 Freight Coordinator out of Tampa Bay. Brian reviewed the main objective of revisit the table, NHFP Agenda item from the previous meeting, followed by the Roll Call, and reviewed the FLFAC Pre-Meeting Survey Results. Did not reach Civil Majority. Amy approves proceeding with the meeting.

Agenda Item #1: Proposed NHFP Priorities & Committee Recommendation

- The pre-survey results: Committee members ranked the general projects type. The results were weighted. High impacts had the largest bars.
- Follow up to May 8th meeting. Next meeting the notes will be adopted. In the last meeting, the agenda items were tabled. FDOT changed the pre-meeting survey. Which project type has the most impact on your prospective.

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- Gary G. – Questioned result #3 and #4 seem even. Wondered if there was a numerical number behind the results.
- Brian H. – Reviewed the reasoning response.
- Brian H. – Project types missing include managed lanes, truck platooning, port development, and bridge improvements to fix bottlenecks.
- Brian H. – Reviewed the top 4 results. Use ITS/other technology to improve the flow of freight (some Proposed Projects: Adaptive Signal System on US 27, I-4 FRAME, and Freight Signal Priority Pilot Expansion in Miami), Modify/add new interchanges/intersections, Address the conflicts between freight and passenger users, and Study feasibility/performance of freight infrastructure.
- Brian H. – Reviewed additional Project Types. Add capacity (add/widen lanes and shoulders), Add/modify Truck parking facilities, Lessen the environment impacts of freight movement, and Improve connectivity to/from a freight hub or generator.
- Brian H. – Reviewed the National Highway Freight Program Projects. Funding is only available until 2020.
- Amy M. – Lead the committee on the NHFP package. There is a quorum of 12 committee members.
- Draft Committee recommendation – approve the proposed NHFP package of potential projects, with priority given to project types identified by the survey participants as high impact.
- Gary G. motioned and Casey G. seconded.
- Amy M. – Open discussion to the committee
- Gary G. – He had asked for a numerical information behind the survey because he believes that a percentage needs to be added to at least the first 3 or 4 categories. For the purpose of impartiality.
- John D. – Was curious if the results were created using a statistical method.
- Diana E. - Provided the exact numbers of the results. The results are weighted averages.
- Gary G. – So, if weight were given to the top four based on the respondent, believes you will end up with a good mix such as last time.
- Amy M. – Concurred with Gary G.

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- Amy M. – based on the results, 50% of the projects should receive highest funding priority for ITS.
- Gary G. – Similar ranking, such as the ranking for impacts, should be scored the same way to allocate the greater amount of funding percentage.
- Diana E. – Project weights have been inserted onto the handout tab
- Brain H. – Conflict between freight and passenger users is greater than intelligent transportation.
- Amy M. – The idea is that the reason for the category is so that the committee isn't scoring any individual project. The committee is just providing the process to the Department, by which they rank the projects and determine funding. Amy ask Gary to recommend any changes to the motion on the floor to help codify what you are suggesting as a more appropriate process.
- Gary G. – “We believe the project needs to be scored under the same category as the survey and the survey's numerical responses. Especially to the 1st and 2nd choices. Should be used to evaluate the ranking of the project.”

Then the project selection should be done using the survey responses based on first and second choices.

- Amy M. – Understood what Gary is trying to point out.
- Brian H.??? –Most carriers have their own transportation intelligent systems. Why invest money into a FDOT sponsored program and study of ITS, when most private players are more advanced in their own software that it wouldn't be practical to use. (Minute 38 in the recording)
- Gary G. – The results on weighted on first and second choice. Conflict would be the #1 concern and Connectivity would be 2nd concern.
- John D. –As you look at 1s and 2s, truck parking moves up the ranking.
- Casey G. – The new proposal gives a better prospective from a system wide approach, rather than a modal aspect. By redoing the rankings, we are doing a bigger system wide approach of connecting the freight and multimodal aspect.
- Diana E. – The motion is that the committee approves the proposed NHFP package of potential projects, with the addendum that the projects need to be scored under the same category as the responses and the weighted averages based on the first and second choices.
- Gary G. motioned the amendment and Casey G. seconded.

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- Amy M. –All agreed and the motion carried.
- Amy M. – Moves into the public. No comments from the public.
- Brian H. – Framed the next steps. Committee membership, rolling off the committee, and new members. Post meeting survey has not been sent out yet. It will be sent out in the coming week or so. As we discussed last time, the intent of the survey is to gather the input on the committee’s organization, members and future processes.
- Amy M. – Next survey will weigh in on how long members should serve on the board. There is a desire to have an in-person meeting. Will be working with department staff to coordinate the meeting logistics.
- No comments from the members of the committee or the public.
- Meeting adjourned.