## CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**Authority Board Members** 

FROM:

Joseph A. Berenis, Deputy Executive Director

DATE:

January 6, 2015

RE:

Staff's Report

Below is the Staff's Report for the January 8, 2015 Board Meeting.

## Engineering, Operations, Construction & Maintenance

- Staff is working with All Aboard Florida (AAF) on a potential rail alignment along a portion of SR 528.
- We have completed the 60% plans for the Innovation Way Interchange Project. We are proceeding to 90% plans.
- Wekiva Parkway:
  - Completed 100% plans for the two sections north of US 441.
  - Project 429-202 has been submitted to FHWA as required per TIFIA loan.
  - Right of way acquisition for the first two sections is proceeding on schedule.
    - The Right of Way Certificate for Project 429-202 has been issued by FDOT.
- 2040 Master Plan Update:
  - Individual meetings with Board Members will be scheduled.
  - Phase I involving data gathering and meeting with other public agencies is complete. We may need to update the information.
- OOCEA's Traffic & Revenue Consultant has begun the Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report.
- The Authority has received proposals to replace toll collection equipment in the lanes.
- The Authority has received Letters of Interest and shortlisted for the following projects:
  - o Improvements to SR 408 from SR 417 to Alafaya Trail
  - Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study of SR 408 extension from the existing east terminus east to SR 520
  - We are coordinating with the Turnpike for the work required to replace speed limit signs on SR 417 and SR 429.

## **Finance and Administration**

- The Director of Human Resources is currently recruiting for the position of Office Coordinator for the Finance and Accounting Department.
- A draft merit pay plan is being developed by the Human Resources Director for the Board's consideration. The draft plan will be presented to the Operations Committee and the Finance Committee in the near future.
- CFX staff is in the final stages of acquiring a USDOT Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan for Section 2 of the Wekiva Parkway. Negotiation of the loan terms is expected to begin soon. The loan will advance the project 1½ years and save approximately \$120 million in financing costs over a 35 year period.
- CFX, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) and Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) staff have been working for over a year on a joint CCSS governance agreement. The draft agreement is expected to address all matters relating to the joint oversight and management of the CCSS consultant. The Central Florida Expressway Authority submitted a draft agreement to the other agencies for comment in August, 2014. The Authority incorporated comments from MDX and THEA. The Authority is waiting to receive comments and suggested revisions from Florida's Turnpike so that negotiations can be finalized. This agreement is necessary for the CFX, MDX and THEA to participate in the CCSS.
- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has indicated that they expect to begin negotiations with the top ranked consultant, Xerox, for the Centralized Customer Service System (CCSS) contract on behalf of the four participating agencies this month. Lisa Lumbard, Interim CFO will attend the negotiations on behalf of CFX.
- CFX staff presented to the following groups:

Kiwanis Club of Umatilla
Orlando Breakfast Rotary
Rotary Club of Ocoee
Round Lake Elementary School PTO/SAC (Wekiva Parkway)
Sunrise Rotary of Leesburg
Orlando Evening Rotary
South Orlando Kiwanis

**End of Report**