

# CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

## MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING February 17, 2022

Location: Central Florida Expressway Authority  
4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL 32807  
Pelican Conference Room

### Committee Members Present:

Timothee Sallin, Lake County Representative, Committee Chairman  
Beth Jackson, Orange County Representative  
Charles Lee, Citizen Representative  
Robert Mindick, Osceola County Representative  
Brittany Sellers, City of Orlando Representative  
Richard Durr, Seminole County Representative

### Committee Member Participating by Phone:

Jim Barfield, Brevard County Representative

### Staff Present:

Laura Kelley, Executive Director  
Rita Moore, Recording Secretary/Executive Administrative Coordinator  
Diego "Woody" Rodriguez, General Counsel  
Glenn Pressimone, Chief of Infrastructure  
Bryan Homayouni, Director of Intelligent Transportation Systems

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 am by Chairman Sallin.

### **B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Rita Moore, Recording Secretary announced there was no public comment.

There were no written public comments received by the deadline.

### **C. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 19, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Mindick to approve the August 19, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously with five (5) committee members in attendance voting AYE by voice vote. One (1) committee member, Mr. Barfield voting AYE by phone. Mr. Lee was not present.

**D. AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. SR 538 POINCIANA PARKWAY EXTENSION DESIGN UPDATE**

Mr. Carnot Evans of Dewberry Engineers, Inc. and Ms. Nicole Gough of Dewberry Engineers, Inc. presented the SR 538 Poinciana Parkway Extension Design Update. He presented the regional project, the history and background of the of the project from 2018 -2020, and other studies and design projects. He detailed Project, Development, and Environmental (PD&E) study alternatives, the preferred alternative, public involvement, and stakeholder outreach.

*Mr. Lee arrived at 10:14 am*

Mr. Evans detailed two (2) design segments for SR 538. Segment 1 (538-234) US 17/92 to Ronald Reagan Parkway and Segment 2 (538-235) CR 532 to US 17/92.

Ms. Gough discussed the South Florida Water Management District involvement, permitting updates and permitting jurisdiction. She detailed the wetland impacts, mitigation, wildlife connectivity, and wildlife and listed species for the project.

Committee members asked questions which were answered by Mr. Evans and Ms. Gough.

Mr. Mindick recommended that the committee vote on the preferred alternatives.

Discussion ensued regarding voting on an item listed on the agenda as an info item.

Mr. Woody Rodriguez, General Counsel stated because this meeting has been publicly noticed and this item is on the agenda the committee can vote on this item, even with it being noticed as an info item and not an action item, if the committee feels they have enough information.

**A motion was made by Mr. Mindick and seconded by Mr. Lee to recommend to the Board the consensus of the 90% design phase on Segment 1 of the SR 538 Poinciana Parkway Extension Design Update as presented with the following additional Comments: (i) the Committee recommends the wildlife crossings are extended into the uplands.”...one of them is actually going to be extending it into the uplands in the South and the North side, it’s going to be creating that upland area to link to it, but with the caveat that it be restored with soils and vegetation to be a viable upland habitat.”; (ii) the other element was that there be careful examination of the possibility of the acquisition of that private tract as an element of the mitigation. The motion carried unanimously with six (6) members in attendance voting AYE by voice vote. One (1) member Mr. Barfield voting AYE by phone.**

## **2. SR 516 LAKE/ORANGE EXPRESSWAY UPDATE**

Ms. Nicole Gough of Dewberry Engineers, Inc. and Mr. Keith Jackson of Dewberry Engineers, Inc. presented the State Road 516 Lake/Orange Expressway Update. Mr. Jackson presented the design phase. He detailed SR 516 and bike trail and permitting jurisdiction. He outlined segment 1 and segment 2 as well as sustainability projects and in-pavement charging system.

Ms. Gough detailed permitting, permitting jurisdiction, floodplain, wetland impacts, and mitigation. She listed the wildlife and listed species. She presented wildlife corridor considerations, and wildlife underpass.

The Committee Members asked questions which were answered by Ms. Gough.

Discussion ensued on mitigation strategies for both wetlands and uplands, retention walls and burying the power lines.

Additional questions were asked by the Committee Members which were answered by Mr. Pressimone, Mr. Jackson, and Ms. Kelley.

(This item was presented for information only. No committee action was taken.)

## **3. SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVISION PROCESS UPDATE**

Mr. Bryan Homayouni and Mr. James Heeren of Dewberry Engineers, Inc. presented the Sustainability and Envision Process Update. Mr. Homayouni reiterated the findings of the sustainability study. He discussed the ongoing and completed sustainability projects from the FY 2022- 2026 Work plan on our CFX systems and the sustainability improvements we've made to CFX Headquarters.

Mr. Heeren outlined the principles of sustainability, filling the gap, and improving infrastructure integration. He explained the types of infrastructure, the ISI Envision™ Sustainability Rating System, performance and pathway contribution, strategies for changing the industry, recognizing innovation. He detailed the Envision™ Rating System, Envision™ structure, v3 Pre-Assessment Checklist, documentation needs process, and sustainable project elements.

The Committee Members asked questions which were answered by Mr. Pressimone and Mr. Homayouni.

Discussion ensued regarding the envision rating system process.

**A motion was made by Mr. Mindick and seconded by Mr. Lee to recommend to the board that CFX pursue the Envision Sustainability Rating System for all new alignment projects. The motion carried unanimously with six (6) members present voting AYE by voice vote and one (1) member Mr. Barfield voting by phone.**

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Mindick and Chairman Sallin requested a CFX landscaping presentation at an upcoming meeting from Chris Bloodwell, CFX Landscape Architect to include design, maintenance, funding, and contracts.

Chairman Sallin announced that the next Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sallin adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Minutes approved on June 23, 2022.

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