# FTC Expressway Authority Cost Savings Study

Presented to: Florida Transportation Commission Expressway Authorities

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# **Presentation Outline**

#### **Overview/Orientation to Report Sections**

**Discussion on each Section** 

**Next Steps** 

#### **STUDY REVIEW**

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# Objective

Analyze, assess and recommend opportunities for cost savings and efficiencies from sharing resources among Florida Expressway Authorities

# **Study Elements**

Design/Project Development

Construction

Maintenance

Operations

Executive Summary will be added based on FTC and agency comments in the Final Report Draft due November 1

#### **SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS**

# Overarching Issue: Authority Distinctions

Authorities operate differently

- Scale of operations lane miles maintained
- Geographic diversity
  - FTE provides systems statewide
  - Authorities focus on regional services
- FTE relationship to FDOT
  - Operations and system reporting is fundamentally different than Authorities

Scale of operations, geographic coverage and reporting differences makes direct comparisons difficult



# Common Performance Measures Needed

Performance measures should be defined and developed that allow for better tracking of cost-effective service delivery

All Authorities should report the same measures that provide a logical basis to identify efficiencies in service delivery

Measures should be built on equivalent information that support continuous improvement -

- Increase in cost efficiencies
- Improved customer experience
- Improved service delivery



Resource Sharing is Common, Internalized among Authorities

- Authorities share common customers
- Authorities share consultants, common practices
- Authorities sharing development of next generation toll collection back office



# Centralized Customer Service System (CCSS) Represents Significant Efficiencies for all Agencies

Improved performance system for reliable, costeffective transaction processing and seamless customer service

Greater efficiencies (time and cost) in financial settlement between agencies

Participating agencies should continue to encourage progress in ILA, third party procurement process, implementation, operation and monitoring

#### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

# **Product Development Overview**

#### Work program analysis

Project development activities

**Resource sharing** 

Project development coordination

Recommendations



# Work Programs





# Project Development Resource Sharing

| Agency                         | Project  | Description   | Sharing<br>Arrangement                                 |
|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| FTE/OCX                        | Osceola Parkway<br>Extension                   | Project Management being performed by FTE   | Sharing In-House or<br>Consultant resource             |
| FTE/MDX                        | HEFT Widening SR 874<br>Ramp Connector Project | FTE to include design and<br>construction of the SR 874<br>extension over HEFT into<br>FTE Design Build project | "Piggy Backing" on<br>project development<br>contracts |
| THEA/FDOT District 7           | Ongoing proposal<br>development and review     | THEA routinely seeks<br>FDOT District 7 expertise in<br>consultant selection                                    | Sharing In-House<br>resource                           |
| OOCEA/FDOT                     | Permitting Provision                           | FDOT District 5 provides<br>permitting services for<br>OOCEA avoiding<br>duplication of staff                   | Sharing In-House or<br>Consultant resource             |
| MDX/FDOT                       | SR 826/SR 874<br>interchange                   | Co-Funded \$60 Million<br>improvement with FDOT   | Joint Participation<br>Agreement – pooled<br>financing |
| MDX/FDOT                       | SR 826/SR 836<br>Interchange                   | MDX co-funded \$200<br>Million project with FDOT  | Joint Participation<br>Agreement – pooled<br>financing |
| MDX/FDOT/Miami-<br>Dade County | Airport Central Boulevard<br>Project           | Partnered with FDOT and<br>Miami-Dade County - Co-<br>funding   | Joint Participation<br>Agreement – pooled<br>financing |



# Project Development Coordination Summary

| Agency | Legislative<br>Authority                                   | FDOT District<br>Secretary                             | Authorization to Construct a<br>New Project   | Provisions for Cooperation<br>with Local Governments  | Type of Entity                             | MPO<br>Affiliation         |
|--------|--|--|---|---|--|----------------------------|
| FTE    | FDOT – F.S.<br>20.23<br>FTE – F.S.<br>338.22               | Executive Director<br>member of FDOT<br>Executive Team | Inclusion in FDOT Work<br>Program, legislative approval,<br>financial tests.                                    | Inclusion in Fla. Transportation Plan,<br>metro areas long-range plans,<br>nonmetro County notification                                   | FDOT - State<br>Executive<br>Department    | Through<br>Districts       |
| MBBA   | Ch.2000-411<br>Laws of<br>Florida                          | Member of MBBA<br>Board ex-officio<br>nonvoting        | Mid Bay Bridge, approaches and other facilities   | County budget review and approval-<br>County sits on MPO Board  | County<br>dependent<br>special district    | Okaloosa<br>County on TPO  |
| MDX    | Florida<br>Expressway<br>Act F.S.<br>Chapter 348<br>Part I | Member of MDX<br>Board ex-officio<br>nonvoting         | Add facilities with the prior<br>express written consent of the<br>Board of County<br>Commissioners             | Expenditures are consistent with MPO<br>adopted long-range plan. Voting seat<br>on the MPO Board with two FDOT<br>reps (nonvoting)        | Independent<br>Special<br>District – State | Miami-Dade<br>MPO          |
| OCX    | F.S.<br>Chapter 348<br>Part V                              | Member of OCX<br>Board ex-officio<br>nonvoting         | Add facilities with the prior<br>express written consent of the<br>Board of County<br>Commissioners             | Same as Part I authorities –<br>Expenditures are consistent with MPO<br>adopted long-range plan County on<br>MPO Board – no seat for OCX  | Independent<br>Special<br>District – State | Metroplan<br>Orlando       |
| OOCEA  | F.S.<br>Chapter 348<br>Part III                            | Member of OOCEA<br>Board ex-officio<br>voting          | Expressway System in Orange<br>County, extensions, and new<br>facilities at the invitation of<br>another County | Voting seat on the MPO Board with<br>FDOT District Sec. (nonvoting advisor)   | Independent<br>Special<br>District – State | Metroplan<br>Orlando       |
| THEA   | F.S.<br>Chapter 348<br>Part II                             | Member of THEA<br>Board ex-officio<br>voting           | Expressway System in Hills.<br>County   | Collaboration/Consultation Hills. Co.<br>Planning Commission. Voting seat on<br>the MPO Board with FDOT District<br>Sec. (nonvoting adv.) | Independent<br>Special<br>District – State | Hillsborough<br>County MPO |



# Project Development Performance Indicators

Data for agencies collected and reported differently

Agencies under current FTC oversight are required to report different metrics

Agencies without large capital programs at the current time have little data to report



# Project Development Recommendations

Standardize reporting requirements

 Metrics for agencies be standardized; new reporting requirements documenting actions to improve collaborations be implemented

Establish regular forum for discussing project development opportunities

#### **CONSTRUCTION**

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# **Construction Programs Vary**

Total contract lettings (2007-2012 totals) varies from \$1,044 M to \$72M

Annual numbers of contracts completed per year (2007-2012 average) varies from 17 to 0.3

This means that performance measures can be difficult to compare across Authorities

# **Construction Data Vary**

Definition of construction completion

- Definition of substantial completion varies between Authorities and FTE
- Recent economic downturn skews contract letting
- Accommodating technology and other changes may extend contract but provide efficiencies missed by this single metric

# **Construction Issues**

Construction projects sized to practical limits to allow maximum competition

Design/Build is used differently, Authorities seek to reduce project delivery times

Project time management most prominent, through contract specs and bidding



# **Construction Efficiencies**

Project coordination and cost sharing

CEI consultant pools shared

Authorities share best practices

# Recommendations

Project revenue estimates to consider acceleration bonuses

New performance measure for total project delivery time

Construction project cost estimate calibration

#### MAINTENANCE

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# Maintenance Overview

# Review of asset maintenance contracts for FTE and authorities –

#### Analysis of Routine Maintenance Costs



### Asset Maintenance Contracts/Bridge and Roadway Maintenance Service

- All Authorities use asset management contracts
- FTE also provides conventional maintenance on two geographic zones
- OOCEA uses two firms for its system
- MBBA part of FDOT District Asset Mgmt contract
- All asset management contracts (except OOCEA) use similar MRP sampling practices



### Maintenance Rating Programs

All authority asset management programs reach 90-92 overall MRP (except MBBA)

Contract terms tie payment to asset management conditions



Maintenance Cost per Lane Mile (\$000s)





### Maintenance- Recommendations

**Standardized Performance Metrics** 

 Maintenance performance measures for all agencies should be established with common targets

Track FTE Maintenance Costs and Performance Metrics by Maintenance Zone

#### **OPERATIONS**

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# Customer Accounts and Transaction Volumes

|        | Customer             | Accounts     | 2011 Total Transactions (000s) |         |  |
|--------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| Agency | Accounts             | Transponders | ETC <sup>a</sup>               | Total   |  |
| FTE    | 4,100,000            | 7,800,000    | 543,982                        | 732,056 |  |
| OOCEA  | 291,208              | 513,553      | 220,437                        | 295,598 |  |
| LeeWay | Less than<br>100,000 | NA           | 9,803                          | 17,199  |  |
| MDX    | NA                   | NA           | 223,093 <sup>b</sup>           | 232,655 |  |
| THEA   | NA                   | NA           | 31,635°                        | 31,635  |  |

- <sup>a</sup> ETC transactions include transponder and image (Toll-by-Plate) transactions.
- <sup>b</sup> Approximately 85% of ETC transactions are SunPass customers.
- <sup>c</sup> Approximately 80% of ETC transactions are SunPass customers.



# Florida Home and Client Agencies

#### Figure 4.1 Florida Home Agencies



#### Figure 4.2 Florida Client Agencies



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# Example of Current ETC Transaction Flow

#### Figure 4.3 Example of Current Interoperable Transaction Flow



Interagency Electronic Toll Collection Interoperability and Reciprocity Agreements define transaction processing and settlement procedures





Status of the Centralized Customer Service System (CCSS)

MOU complete among participating agencies (FTE, MDX, OOCEA, THEA)

System design goals established

Participating agency business rule and technical requirements meetings initiated

Development of the overall project schedule underway



# **Operations- Recommendations**

Establish FTC briefing on program status

- Issues and resolutions
- Overall system design
  - Transaction processing
  - Interagency settlement processes
  - Customer interaction

Ensure customer interaction is fully developed

- Clarity of customer account management
- Focus on ease of use and interaction

Establish common performance measures for reporting on system performance based on CCSS goals

#### **NEXT STEPS – PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**

# Schedule



Draft Report Submitted To FTC Draft Report Workshop

Final Draft Report to FTC

Final Report Transmitted to Legislature

### **Next Steps**

Complete detailed review with FTC and the agencies

- Fill in missing data as appropriate
- Address all comments

Complete all edits and refinements to the report for final draft distribution on November 1, 2012

Receive comments and produce final report by November 15, 2012