



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**EXECUTIVE WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
Central Office

February 16, 2018

The Workshop began at 9:30 a.m. EST.

1. Opening Remarks: Secretary Mike Dew opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
2. Workshop Minutes: The January 2018 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Transportation Technology  
April Blackburn, Transportation Technology

April Blackburn provided the monthly update on several transportation technology projects including the Technology Strategic Plan, ROADS Initiative, Work Program Integrated Initiative and GIS System of Engagement. All projects are on schedule and trending positive.

4. Updated Technology Strategic Plan  
April Blackburn, Transportation Technology

April Blackburn presented the updated 2018 Technology Strategic Plan. April reviewed the process for updating the plan and the 4 strategic objectives. The strategic objectives are: Core Platform, Data Driven, Mobile Enabled and Process Optimized. She also provided that the weekly Chief of Transportation Technology's vLogs will be covering the plan and each of the strategic objectives in more detail in the coming weeks.

5. Road to Work  
Fae Ross and Cindy Dunkle, District 2 Innovators!

Chiefland Maintenance Engineer, Cindy Dunkle, and her Office Manager, Becky Tyson, presented a progress report to the Executive Committee on the Road to Work (RTW) Pilot Program approved for implementation during the 2017-18 fiscal year. RTW was developed to look at sustaining and securing human capital for the future of FDOT – Chiefland Maintenance. Working with D2 and Central Office, an RTW Program Handbook was developed for guidance, funding was provided to hire two students/20 hours per week, and the program was established at Chiefland High School in August 2017. Students have experienced On-the-Job Training (OJT) where their job site became an extension of “the classroom.” Ms. Tyson shared some successes and challenges students and supervisors alike have experienced through the first semester.

Ms. Dunkle relayed some of the outreaches within the community as a direct result of the RTW program initiatives. RTW has gone on the road and will be participating in their third College and Career Day at Chiefland High School in March 2018, introducing FDOT career opportunities to high school students. Beginning in May 2018, Chiefland Maintenance will be visiting local elementary schools with “Mission Orange Vest” – a program established to acquaint students with the FDOT through a curriculum geared to that age group, i.e., enforcing the importance of safety in biking, walking, swimming, and to recognize the presence of the FDOT in and around our communities by identifying workers, signs, etc. During the 2018-19 fiscal year, Chiefland Maintenance is looking at Phase II to expand the RTW program to engineering students at Trenton High School in Gilchrist County.

Additional agenda items were deferred until the March Executive Workshop. Workshop ended at 10:45.