

## **FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2005**

**MEETING NUMBER 146**

The one hundred and forty-sixth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at the Hyatt Orlando Airport, Orlando, Florida. Chairman Durden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members in attendance were: Commissioners Earl Durden, Jim Holton, Janet Watermeier, Sidney Calloway, Gasper Lazzara, David Straz and Heidi Eddins.

Members Absent: Commissioner Marcos Marchena.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 18, 2004 Commission Meeting were approved.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Welcome and thanks to Chairman Ely and the members of TEAMFL for providing the opportunity to join them to discuss the latest toll industry innovations being planned in Florida and in Texas.
- Chairman Durden's presentation on Efficient Transportation Systems and the value of growing transportation investments in Florida was well received by the Florida Association of Community Developers on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner Watermeier gave a briefing to the Senate Transportation Committee on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Durden is scheduled to give a presentation to the House Transportation Committee next week.
- Executive Compensation Update – Commissioners Holton, and former Commissioner Bob Namoff and Chairman Durden met with Governor Jeb Bush on December 20, 2004 to make recommendations to the Governor regarding FDOT executive compensation. FTC staff is meeting with Governor's staff Friday with follow-up information. A follow-up meeting with the Governor will take place next week.
- Various transportation funding initiatives were also briefly discussed with the Governor.
- Bob Burleson, of the Florida Transportation Builders Association gave a brief report on to the Commission on the transportation funding ideas being pursued jointly with Floridians for Better Transportation.

Speakers giving the welcoming remarks before TEAMFL and the Commission were:

Orlando Mayor Richard Crotty; Jacqueline Bradley, Vice Chair, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority; and Allan Keen, Chair, Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.

## AGENCY REPORT

Secretary José Abreu reported that the Department of Transportation had a great 2004, despite four hurricanes and is looking forward to another great year in 2005. Secretary Abreu also thanked the Commission for their assistance and support.

- The agency reorganization is complete which added the third Assistant Secretary.
- The tentative work program development is moving well. Revenues increased by \$708 million on the state side and \$269 million on the federal side. Also implemented was the advance construction cash speedup method which added \$675 million. These items, when combined with the \$500 million from the former TOP (Transportation Outreach Program) program have increased the work program over \$2.1 billion compared to the adopted work program.
- The first series of bonds for the State Infrastructure Bank revolving loan program are expected to be issued in January. New SIB loans of \$128 million were awarded this cycle and will be included in the tentative work program. An emergency SIB account was established to advance funds to airports and seaports impacted by the hurricanes. About \$40 million in emergency SIB loans is expected.
- I-10 Bridge Update: The Department received the notice of eligibility for ER (Emergency Relief) funding in November to replace both bridges - \$325 million. The environmental document will be complete by the end of the month; Request for Qualifications advertisement went out the week before Christmas; firms will be short listed this month and Request for Proposals will go out in February.

Speakers before TEAMFL and the Commission were:

Jerry Hiebert, Chairman of TEAM TX – “Texas Toll Mobility Solutions”.

Florida’s Toll Mobility Solutions:

Alfred Lurigados, Director of Engineering, Miami-Dade Expressway Authority

Mike Snyder, Executive Director, Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority

Ralph Mervine, Interim Executive Director, Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority

Mike Blaylock, Executive Director, Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Jim Vest, Executive Director, Mid-Bay Bridge Authority

Carol Goldwasser, Director of Toll Operations, Lee County Department of Transportation

Jim Ely, Executive Director, Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise

Lowell Clary, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Support, Florida Department of Transportation - “FDOT Public-Private Partnership Guidelines”.

Please refer to the Florida Transportation Commission website ([www.ftc.state.fl.us](http://www.ftc.state.fl.us)) under “Presentations Made Before the Commission at Commission Meetings” to view presentations made before the joint TEAMFL/Florida Transportation Commission meeting.

Chairman Durden announced that the next FTC meeting will be held February 9, 2005 in Tallahassee.

The Transportation Commission has tentatively scheduled a Washington fly-in following their March 8, 2005 meeting to meet with members of Congress about critical Fair Share transportation bill issues.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ AS READ \_\_\_\_\_ AS AMENDED

THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005

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CHAIRMAN

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