

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2007

MEETING NUMBER 160

The one hundred and sixtieth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held Monday, March 5, 2007 at the Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida. Chairman Jim Holton called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance were: Commissioners Jim Holton, Janet Watermeier, Gabriel Bustamante, Earl Durden, Marty Lanahan, and Marcos Marchena. Commissioners Calloway, Criser, and Straz were unable to attend.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 5, 2007 Commission Meeting were approved.

Chairman Holton reported on the following:

- Welcome to the new class of PE Trainees who are in attendance today. The PE Trainee Program is an exceptional program that yields some of Florida Department of Transportation's finest engineers.
- The Governor's Office has requested that the Commission re-advertise the position of Secretary of Transportation and notice the process in the Florida Administrative Weekly publication.
- The Commission will readdress the adoption of a resolution supporting the Future Corridors Action Plan at a future meeting of the Commission.
- The Commission discussed obtaining legal counsel. It was decided that the Commission will retain services from the Office of Attorney General. Pam Leslie, General Counsel offered to represent the Florida Transportation Commission on legal matters. Commissioner Watermeier requested outside counsel from the Attorney General's Office. Commissioner Durden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Commission hosted a "Meeting of the Modes" on February 12 and 13 with various representatives from Rail, Transit, Airport, and Seaport Operators and their respective associations, along with MPO's and other interested parties. The Department also participated and provided staff support. The Commission called the meeting to listen to the participants' concerns about intermodal coordination and cooperation and to begin a dialogue between the modes on how to move forward together to create an intermodal

vision for Florida. There was a lot of great discussion and many good ideas for improvement.

- Bob Jones of the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium, facilitator for the Meeting of the Modes, will give a brief summary, issues and findings that resulted from the meeting. Please refer to the Florida Transportation Commission website (www.ftc.state.fl.us) under “Presentations Made Before the Commission at Commission Meetings” to view this presentation.
- On February 22, Commissioners Watermeier, Calloway, Criser and Marchena attended the House Committee on Infrastructure meeting and participated in a workshop at the request of Chairman Mike Davis. The workshop provided an excellent platform for the Commission to discuss the transportation policy issues that need to be addressed to not only sustain, but to improve Florida’s long term economy and quality of life.
- On February 26 & 27, Sally Patrenos attended a Trade Corridors Summit in Washington, D.C. hosted by the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors, ARTBA and AASHTO.
- CUTR Board Appointments – one important statutory function of the Commission is to review and approve appointment of members to the Advisory Board of the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida (CUTR). CUTR has requested the Commission’s approval to appoint Mr. John Forney, Manager of the National Transportation Finance Group for Raymond James and Associates and Mr. Norman Mansour, a former FTC Commissioner. Commissioner Durden made a motion to approve both appointments. Commissioner Lanahan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY REPORT

Interim Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos gave a brief update on the following:

- Assistant Secretary Ysela Llorca has accepted a position with Miami Dade County. She will be the Assistant County Manager over transportation.
- Javier Rodriguez, District Six, has accepted a position as the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority.
- Graham Fountain of Motor Carrier Compliance Office will also be leaving the Department.
- This year the Department’s legislative package consists of the unfinished business from last year. Bond Cap Increase and Fixed Guideway and Bond Surety Legislation.

STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEARING – REVIEW OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM FOR FY 2007/08-2011/12

Chairman Holton opened the Public Hearing on the Review of the Florida Transportation Tentative Work Program (TWP) for FY2007/08 through 2011/12.

Mark Reichert presented the Commission's review of the TWP. The TWP totals a record level \$38.9 billion over the five year period. It constitutes an increase of \$2.0 billion over last year's level. Also, \$33.4 billion of the work program is dedicated to Product and Product Support phases. This TWP will construct an additional 761 new lane miles of roadway, resurface/reconstruct 14,480 lane miles of existing roadway, repair 185 bridges and replace 64. Approximately \$4.8 billion is dedicated to the public transportation program.

Interim Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos gave a statewide perspective on the TWP.

Each district Secretary and the Turnpike Executive Director gave an overview of their respective district/Turnpike work programs.

Mr. Reichert concluded by stating he is confident this Tentative Work Program was developed according to Florida State laws and Departmental policies and recommended that, after any public comments, the Commission vote to accept the findings.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Lanahan moved to find the TWP in compliance and Commission Durden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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TAMPA BAY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

Joe Smith, Stuart Rogel and Amy Lettelleir of the Tampa Bay Partnership made a presentation on how the Tampa Bay area is envisioning their future transportation needs and solutions.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Sally Patrenos, Executive Director gave an update on a number of legislative bills that could impact transportation if passed during this legislative session.

2ND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REVIEW

David Tassinari, Manager of Finance and Performance Monitoring gave a brief update on the Department's production and performance through the first half of this fiscal year.

The Florida Transportation Commission meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED _____AS READ_____AS AMENDED

THIS 24th DAY OF MAY, 2007

CHAIRMAN

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