

## **FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2005**

**MEETING NUMBER 151**

The one hundred and fifty-first meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), University of South Florida, College of Engineering, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida. Chairman Holton called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members in attendance were: Commissioners Jim Holton, David Straz, and Marcos Marchena. Absent: Commissioners Earl Durden, Janet Watermeier, Sidney Calloway and Gabriel Bustamante.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Chairman Holton** reported on the following:

- The Commission has three important research projects underway:
  1. CUTR is helping to develop a report on the Impact of the Growth Management Legislation on Transportation.
  2. Transportation Policy Consultant, Inc. - Bill Ham is researching how Florida can improve highway safety, and
  3. Pavement Management, Inc. is developing a report on the Impact of Commercial Trucks on the SIS.
- The first progress report on the Truck Impact Study was sent out a few weeks ago.
- Full status reports on all three projects will be presented at the December, 2005 workshop.
- The Commission is also analyzing truck crash fatalities to determine if Florida's commercial truck hours of service limit were factors in any of the 2004 or 2005 highway fatalities in an effort to restore \$4 to \$5 million a year in federal funds to FDOT.
- Commissioner Marchena reported that he attended his first TEAMFL meeting representing the Commission in Jacksonville a few weeks ago. TEAMFL is working on putting together a Performance Based Report that they hope will come to the Florida Transportation Commission. Also, Jacksonville is looking into the feasibility of some Toll Roads in their area.

## **AGENCY REPORT**

Secretary Denver Stutler gave the following report:

Impact from Hurricane Wilma – most of the impact in District 1 was wind damage to signals. The roads fared pretty well. Districts 4 & 6 were impacted pretty substantially as the storm came right through Broward and Dade counties. The Department has concerns regarding fuel shortages for emergency equipment and also backups at the fuel pumps on the Turnpike.

Last week was Legislative Committee week. The Department will continue to work close with the Committees.

The Department hopes to announce the Strategic Intermodal System projects for the Growth Management System in the next couple of weeks.

## **CURRENT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

Senator Jim Sebesta spoke before the Commission. He discussed the rate at which Florida is growing and how the Growth Management Bill that was passed during last session will help out with the growing transportation needs of Florida.

## **TURNING AROUND A TOLL AGENCY**

Ralph Mervine, Executive Director Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority gave an update on the Expressway Authority.

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 this presentation.

## **UPDATE ON CUTR ACTIVITIES AND RESEARCH**

Ed Mierzejewski gave the Commission an update on CUTR.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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

THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2005

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CHAIRMAN

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