

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2004

MEETING NUMBER 145

The one hundred and forty-fifth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held Thursday, November 18, 2004 at Hilton Naples & Towers, 5111 Tamiami Trail North, Naples, Florida. Chairman Durden called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Heidi Eddins.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 13, 2004 Commission Meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- **Chairman Durden** thanked Commissioner Watermeier and the Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative for hosting the meeting.
- **Chairman Durden** welcomed our special guests Thaddeus Cohen, Secretary of Department Community Affairs and Barbara Hoagland of the Governor's Office.
- On October 13th the Commission attended a dinner honoring former Commissioner David Brown with the 2004 CUTR Transportation Achievement Award. We thanked Dr. Ed Mierzejewski and the University of South Florida for their excellent work in transportation research and their support of the Florida Transportation Commission.
- Former **Commissioner Namoff** accompanied Laura Kelley to the FDOT Executive Workshop in Miami yesterday.
- **Chairman Durden** will meet with the Governor in December to discuss the Executive Compensation initiative and give a report in January.
- **Commissioner Watermeier** moderated the Transportation and Mobility Panel at the recent Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Conference on October 29th and also co-sponsored a presentation for the Greater Fort Myers Chamber entitled Growth and Development – After the Storms.
- **Commissioner Marchena** spoke to a group of local officials and citizens in Orlando about the Future of Transportation last month and also accompanied Jim Ely, Executive Director, Turnpike Enterprise on October 29th to present the Turnpike Enterprise Annual Report to Standard and Poors in Orlando.
- **Chairman Durden** discussed the Performance Measures Working Group meeting held on October 13th. The Commission is looking at changing some of the performance measures used to measure the Department and hopes to have something to report in the next few months.
- **Commissioner Lazzara** briefed the Commission on his pursuit of getting the Turnpike extended to the Georgia border.

- **Commissioner Calloway** spoke before the Southern Business Alliance last week to talk about the unmet transportation needs in Florida.
- **Sally Patrenos** attend the Rural Summit for Economic Development last month.
- **Laura Kelley** chaired the Central Florida Air Service Study this past year and attended their final meeting last week.
- **Mark Reichert** gave a brief report on the 1st Quarter Performance and Production Review. The performance is down, understandably so. The districts have been busy during the first quarter with hurricane issues. The Department should be back on track by the middle of the year.

STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN

Ysela Llorc, Assistant Secretary of Intermodal System Development briefed the Commission on the SIS Strategic Plan that will be submitted to the Governor in December. This will be brought before the Commission again at the January 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.

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE PLANNING

Thaddeus Cohen, Secretary of Community Affairs briefed the Commission on his vision for Growth Management.

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NEW CORRIDOR CONCEPTS

Members of the Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative (SWFTI) briefed the Commission on New Corridor Concepts and other local issues for the Southwest region of Florida.

Speakers were: Tom Conrecode, of the Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative; Clark Russell, Chairman of the Collier County MPO; Mark Fisher, Division Director of Development of the Lee County Port Authorities.

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TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Updates on various draft funding proposals for the next legislative session were presented to the Commission.

Doug Callaway, President of Floridians for Better Transportation discussed draft funding proposals of transportation funding with the Commission.

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Tom Barry with PBS&J spoke on funding issues before the Commission.

Howard Glassman, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) provided comments and ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert Stewart, Vice President of National Association of Railroad Passengers spoke on light rail.

Alexander Grant, owner of a pest control business spoke on light rail.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED _____ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY 2005

CHAIRMAN

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