

## FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

MEETING NUMBER 152

The one hundred and fifty-second meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority, 3790 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Miami, Florida. Chairman Holton called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE

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

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### MINUTES

Minutes from the May, September and October Commission Meetings were approved.

**Chairman Holton** reported on the following:

- Report on Workshop activities:
  - Public-Private Presentations; great briefing leading up to the joint meeting with TEAM Florida on Public-Private Partnerships in January.
  - Commercial Truck Impacts on the SIS
  - Highway Safety Measures Research
  - Evaluation of the 2005 Growth Management Legislation
- Commissioner Watermeier briefed the Commission on her involvement with the 2025 Florida Transportation Plan. She also commended the Florida Department of Transportation for all their contributions to this plan. Commissioner Watermeier believes this is a very good plan and for the very first time funding is one of the goals. Commissioner Watermeier fully supports all of the activities that went on putting this plan together.
- Commissioners received a draft Resolution to encourage the Florida Legislature to favorably consider TEAM Florida's proposed legislation to tighten enforcement of toll collections. Commissioner Calloway moved to accept the resolution as presented and Commissioner Watermeier seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
- Toll Agency Performance Measures have been drafted and reviewed by members of TEAM Florida. Commissioner Marchena serves on the TEAM Florida Board as a representative of the Commission and has reviewed the performance measures that have been drafted and approves of them.
- Commissioner Calloway informed the Commission the Broward County business community is seeking a referendum for a one penny sales tax initiative to fund transportation and transit in the County. The citizens and the business community of Broward County may need the support of the Florida Transportation

Commission to achieve this. Chairman Holton mentioned that Pinellas County is seeking the same one penny option tax and the Commission fully supports this.

## **AGENCY REPORT**

Ysela Llort, Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Systems Development gave the following Agency report for Secretary Stutler:

- The Department has been working on the Growth Management Plan and has made a lot of progress since the Commission's last meeting. In mid November the Governor announced the Strategic Intermodal System portion of that program covering six years. On the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) portion of the Growth Management Plan – several of the Districts have gone ahead and programmed the first two years. District 1, 3, 5 & 7 have either totally programmed for the first two years or have done a partial program.
- Staff changes in the Department are: Maryanne Trussell who was previously a Deputy General Council will now serve as the State Safety Administrator. Sarah Strickland, Chief of Staff will be retiring soon and Stephanie Kopelousos will serve as the Chief of Staff.
- Cost estimate increases - continues to be an issue for the Department. Secretary Stutler is thinking about having a Workshop on this issue in January.

Commissioner Calloway would like for the Department to make a presentation to the Commission on Private Public Partnerships. Commissioner Bustamante agrees with this. He would like to see the Department move forward on this issue.

## **2025 FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN (FTP)**

Ysela Llort, Assistant Secretary, Intermodal Systems Development gave a brief update on the 2025 Florida Transportation Plan.

Commissioner Calloway questioned how the funding shortfall was addressed in the plan. He suggests that sustainable funding for the future is the priority needed for the plan and behind that are safety and mobility. Commissioner Watermeier agrees, however, this is Florida's Transportation Plan. It was done by a group of people from Florida. There were many people that did not even want sustainable funding as a goal. The prioritization of the goals was a lengthy discussion and she believes the order needs to remain as it is.

Commissioner Bustamante commends them for putting safety first. He wanted to know the Department's role in the area of safety and how the different Florida agencies were going to coordinate safety. Mrs. Llort agrees that the FDOT cannot do this alone, but says the FDOT will have to aggressively work with law enforcement to get the data in a timely manner. Commissioner Bustamante wants to know if the FDOT was going to take a leadership role in getting this data sooner. Mrs. Llort is sure that Mrs. Trussell will develop an action agenda and work through it.

Commissioner Calloway is concerned that others looking at this report (the FTP) will have the opinion that we look at funding as 5<sup>th</sup> on the list of priorities.

Chairman Holton stated that the Commission has drafted a resolution and suggests that we insert language amplifying sustainable funding in the provision. Commissioner Calloway agreed. Commissioner Calloway moved that we move forward with the resolution with that insertion, Commissioner Watermeier seconded. The resolution was carried.

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 and resolution.

### **MPOAC 2006 PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Howard Glassman, Executive Director MPOAC discussed the overview of the proposed legislation with the Commission.

### **MIAMI TUNNEL PROJECT**

Johnny Martinez, District Six Secretary gave an update to the Commission on the Port of Miami Tunnel Project.

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### **KROME AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS**

Javier Rodriguez, District Six Production Manager gave an update on the Krome Avenue improvements.

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### **UPDATE ON SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSIT ISSUES**

The directors of the transit organizations in the area are here this morning to provide a briefing on their transit programs.

Miami Dade County Transit – Clinton Forbes, Assistant to the Director and Ralph Cutie, Acting Chief, Project Control Division will be speaking for Roosevelt Bradley, Director Broward County Transit - Chris Walton, Mass Transit Director  
Palm Tran - Chuck Cohen, Executive Director

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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

THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2006

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CHAIRMAN

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