

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2012

MEETING NUMBER 188

The one hundred and eighty-eighth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on January 9, 2012, at the Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida. Chairman Ron Howse provided opening comments and called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Members in attendance were: Chairman Howse, Commissioners Ellington, Ferré, Frazier, Lautenbach, Maroño, Trumbull, and Tuck.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 17, 2011, were presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Trumbull made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Lautenbach seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Chairman Howse welcomed two new Commissioners, Ned Lautenbach (Naples) and Katherine Frazier (Tampa). Both Commissioners gave a brief introduction about themselves and their goals while serving on the Commission. There is one additional vacancy on the Commission which is expected to be filled in the near future.
- Chairman Howse welcomed Leann Livingston to the Commission staff as the new Special Projects Coordinator. Leann previously worked in the FDOT Right-of-Way Office.
- Elections for the FTC officers were held by teleconference on December 19. Results of the elections were: Ron Howse, Chairman; Jay Trumbull, Vice-Chairman; and Manny Maroño, Secretary.
- In November Chairman Howse, Tom DiGiacomo, Mark Reichert, Ananth Prasad, and Francis Gibbs traveled to Washington to meet with members of the Florida Delegation. Meetings were held with Senator Rubio's staff and Representatives Corrine Brown, Dan Webster, Gus Bilirakis, and Chairman John Mica regarding transportation issues.
- Commissioners Ellington and Tuck are up for confirmation in the Senate Transportation Committee meeting March 1. Commissioner Ferré's confirmation is in the second phase of the process and is up for confirmation in the Senate Rules Subcommittee on Ethics and Elections on March 7.

AGENCY REPORT: Ananth Prasad, FDOT Secretary, provided updates on the following:

- Announced the filling of significant positions within the department.
- Provided the status of key statewide vacancies within the department.
- Provided a status of the FDOT Reorganization effort.
- Updated the Commission on expectations during the 2012 Legislative Session including an overview of the department's legislative package.
- Provided an update on Federal Reauthorization.
- Discussed work related to the Port of Miami Tunnel and the status of the project.

FTC HIGHWAY SAFETY REPORT 2010:

Rick Gallant presented the results of the 2010 Highway Safety Report. After the presentation, Secretary Prasad and staff provided the department's response to the report and ongoing efforts in the area of Safety.

STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEARING AND REVIEW OF THE 5-YEAR TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM (TWP):

Mark Reichert presented the results of the FTC's Review of the Tentative Work Program. This report is one of the statutorily mandated requirements for the FTC. This annual meeting and presentation serves as the Statewide Public Hearing on the TWP.

Secretary Prasad provided comments to the Commission in response to the TWP. Following the Secretary's comments, the FDOT District Secretaries, Director of the Turnpike Enterprise, and Executive Director of the Rail Enterprise provided individual presentations on their respective portion of the TWP. It was noted that many of the Commissioners have met with the Secretary of the district in which they reside over the past month for a briefing of the work program.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM REVIEW:

Mark Reichert provided closing comments on the TWP Review. Chairman Howse provided an opportunity for anyone in the audience to comment on the TWP or any other issues or comments. No comments were received.

Chairman Howse made a motion to accept Commission staff's recommendation that the TWP was found in compliance with all Laws and Departmental Policies. Commissioner Trumbull made a motion to accept the TWP, Commissioner Lautenbach seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously accepted the 5-Year Tentative Work Program Review. The TWP will now be forwarded to the Legislature for final approval.

CONCLUSION: The next full meeting of the FTC will be held in conjunction with TEAMFL in Tampa on April 4-5, 2012.

ADJOURN: Chairman Howse adjourned the meeting at 4:45 P.M. The meeting will be followed by an FTC Workshop on January 10, 8:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. in the FDOT Executive Conference Room, Tallahassee.

MINUTES APPROVED: ✓ AS READ AS AMENDED

THIS 5th DAY OF APRIL, 2012.



CHAIRMAN

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