

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF December 5, 2012

MEETING NUMBER 193

The one hundred and ninety third meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on December 5, 2012, at the Florida Department of Transportation, State Materials Office, 5007 N.E. 39th Avenue, Gainesville, 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, Kigel, Lautenbach, Maroño, Trumbull, and Tuck.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- The Chairman addressed the Commission's workshop held in October, (on the Draft Expressway Authority Efficiency Study).
- Commissioner Tuck attended the FDOT Freight Leadership Forum in Orlando in October.
- The Chairman mentioned his participation in the MPOAC Regional Governance Workshop in October, (Commissioner Tuck and Mark also attended).
- He commented on his speaking at the Florida Public Transportation Association Annual Conference in Daytona Beach.
- Commissioners Frazier and Tuck attended the CUTR Dinner to honor Jose Abreu, ex-FDOT Secretary and retiring Director of Miami International Airport.
- A letter was sent to U.S. DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano regarding the Customs and Border Protection staffing levels. (FTC staff provided a status report.)
- Commissioner Ferré was asked to share his experience at the ITS World Congress in Vienna, which he attended.
- Chairman expressed the need to finalize the FTC meeting calendar for 2013, and ask FTC staff to provide details.
- The Chairman requested nominations to the positions of officers, for the 2013 calendar year. Conclusion: Chair – Howse; Vice – Trumbull; Secretary - Maroño

AGENCY REPORT:

Secretary Prasad is on a trade mission with Gov. Scott to Columbia. Brian Blanchard was present to give the Agency Report on the following:

- Announce the filling of significant positions
- Status of key vacancies—Statewide
- Plan for addressing Federal HTF shortfall in 2014
- Expectations for 2013 Legislative Session
- Status of Expressway Authorities consolidated backroom operations
- Status of All Aboard Florida
- Update on First Coast Outer Beltway

- Update on Freight Mobility and Trade Plan
- Innovators Task Team: Purpose and Function
- Meetings/Conferences attended

STUDY OF COST SAVINGS FOR EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITIES:

- Allen Rutter is the Project Manager for Cambridge Systematics, who has been contracted to produce the Study.
- Allen presented a report on the status of the Study, which was followed by a discussion which included Commission members and Staff.

NORTH FLORIDA TPO:

- Jeff Sheffield is the Executive Director for the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization.
- Sheffield presented a report on the transition to Regional Entity and the development of Freight Plans.

FDOT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE:

- Art Wright is the Manager for the FDOT Equal Opportunity Office.
- Wright was asked to address the concerns expressed by some of the Commissioners, regarding the lack of opportunities for small engineering firms to obtain work through the Department. (A discussion followed, which included Commission members and Staff.)

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

CONCLUSION: The next FTC workshop and meeting will be held on January 24-25, 2013 in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with TeamFL.

ADJOURN: Chairman Howse adjourned the FTC meeting at 4:05 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2013.

CHAIRMAN

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