

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2003

MEETING 139

Regular Meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held Friday, October 17, 2003 at the Jacksonville City Chambers in Jacksonville, Florida. Chairman Durden called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. This was a joint meeting with TEAMFL (Transportation and Expressway Authority Membership of Florida).

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance were: Commissioners Earl Durden, Jim Holton, Janet Watermeier, David Brown, Gasper Lazzara, Sidney Calloway, Norman Mansour and Bob Namoff.

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 10, 2003 Commission Meeting were approved.

Chairman Carlos Penin, Chairman of TEAMFL went over TEAMFL business.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Durden reported:

- He attended the Transplex 2003 (transportation planning exchange) on September 24. He gave the opening address and participated in a panel with a number of key leaders from Washington on the Reauthorization of TEA-21.
- Commissioner Watermeier was also a featured speaker on a panel for Statewide Transportation issues at Transplex 2003.
- Commissioner Watermeier has also completed the Strategic Economic Development Planning meetings that were being held around the state. **Commissioner Watermeier** briefed the Commission on the Strategic Planning issues.
- Commissioners Namoff and Calloway talked with congressmen and rail executives at the Florida East Coast Railroad Freight Event held in Miami on September 29. **Commissioner Calloway** stated that he and Commissioner Namoff rode the train from the Hialeah Rail Yard in Miami through West Palm Beach. On the train were a lot of the business, community, and other public officials. **Commissioner Namoff** stated that he and Commissioner Calloway had the opportunity to speak to Congressmen Lincoln and Mario Diaz-Balart on the trip.
- Commissioner Mansour attended the Florida Department of Transportation Executive Board Workshop on October 15th. **Commissioner Mansour** mentioned that Secretary Abreu has plans to hold those meetings around the state in the various districts. **Commissioner Mansour** strongly encouraged each Commissioner to try to attend the Board Meeting when it is held in their area.
- **Chairman Durden** presented Commissioner Brown with a plaque for his outstanding leadership as Chairman of the Commission from July, 2001 to June, 2003.

AGENCY REPORT

Secretary Abreu gave the Department of Transportation report.

- He attended the SASHTO conference September 13 – 17, 2003 in West Virginia. It was a great forum for exchanging ideas.
- The Department has submitted the Legislative Budget request to the Governor's Office.
- The Department is making progress on several initiatives. The ETDM (Efficient Transportation Decision Making) program - the Water Management District has been working with the Department on this. The Department is working with the Governor's Office on the budget; also working with the Department of Community Affairs with its early growth management initiative for this year's session.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were presented at the joint meeting. For detailed information on the presentations you can go to the TEAMFL website at <http://www.teamfl.org> to view each of the PowerPoint presentations.

- Jacksonville Transportation Authority by Mike Blaylock, Executive Director and Matt Dominy, Chief Engineer
- Lee County Toll Facilities, by Scott Gilbertson, Director of Lee County DOT
- Miami Dade County Expressway Authority by Servando Parapar, Executive Director
- Tampa/Hillsborough County Expressway Authority by Pat McCue, Executive Director
- Orlando/Orange County Expressway Authority by Joseph Berenis, Deputy Executive Director
- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise by Jim Ely, Executive Director and Chris Warren, Deputy Executive Director
- The Role of Toll Facilities in Meeting Florida's Transportation Needs – Partnerships in Mobility by David Brown, Commissioner, Florida Transportation Commission

MINUTES APPROVED _____ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER 2003

CHAIRMAN

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