

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2009

MEETING NUMBER 175

The one hundred and seventy-fifth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held November 6, 2009, at the Port of Palm Beach Board Room, One East 11th Street, Riviera Beach, Florida. Chairman Marcos Marchena called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance were: Chairman Marcos Marchena, Commissioners Conrecode, Lanahan, Mazurkiewicz, Pullum, Rose, and Walton. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Criser, who was out of state on business.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 3, 2009 Commission Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Marchena opened the meeting by thanking Port Director Manny Almira and his staff for hosting the November 5-6 FTC workshop and meeting.

Chairman Marchena commented on the productive November 5 workshop, which included recommendations from the FTC subcommittee on Jacksonville Transportation Authority Performance Measures. Committee Chairman Criser had a business conflict and could not attend the meeting to present the findings. Steve Reich with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) presented the recommendations for discussion at the workshop. Chairman Marchena asked if there were any comments or changes, none were received. He then made a motion to adopt the recommended performance measures to be used to provide Commission oversight to the JTA. (Commissioner Lanahan recused herself from the vote to avoid any implication of conflict of interest.) The motion was seconded and the performance measures were adopted by the Commission.

Chairman Marchena referenced the first quarter summary of the FY 2009-2010 FDOT Performance and Production Report which was included in the meeting packets for review and information.

Commissioner participation in events since our September meeting:

Commissioner Lanahan and Sally Patrenos traveled to Washington in September for the ARTBA's Public Private Partnership Conference and also met with some of our Congressional members. Commissioner Lanahan provided an update to the Commission on the visit.

Commissioner Lanahan attended the Florida Public Transportation Association's (FPTA) annual conference in Jacksonville and addressed the group on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Lanahan provided an update to the Commission on the presentation. Sally Patrenos also attended the FPTA conference and participated on a multi-agency panel. Sally provided an update to the Commission on the presentation.

Commissioner Walton attended the TEAMFL Board Meeting in Orlando and provided an update to the Commission. The Chairman noted that the FTC will be meeting jointly with TEAMFL in January.

Chairman Marchena, Commissioner Rose and Sally Patrenos attended the October 28 CUTR Board Meeting and Transportation Awards Dinner. This year's honoree is Former Senator Hargrett who is recognized for his significant contributions to Florida transportation. Commissioner Rose provided an update to the Commission.

Mark Reichert attended the annual Global Trade and Transportation Symposium in Jacksonville as well as the Urban Transportation Coalition meeting. Mark provided an update on both meetings.

Sally Patrenos attended the Florida Chamber's annual conference on the Future of Florida. Sally provided an update on the conference.

POLICY DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

Chairman Marchena cited that one of the reasons of the lack of understanding of transportation-related issues is that, as an industry, we do little to build awareness of the work that is being done and the importance of transportation infrastructure and services to our overall quality of life and economic well-being.

Commissioner Walton has proposed the development of a scorecard on transportation indicators that could be reported on regularly and distributed for public awareness. FTC staff has developed a draft Florida Transportation Infrastructure Scorecard, which was discussed at yesterday's workshop. Chairman Marchena asked Sally to develop a distribution list that would include the Florida print and electronic media, legislative and Congressional contacts, and relative interest groups around the state. Commissioners Walton, Mazurkiewicz and Conrecode will work with FTC staff to fine-tune the scorecard.

Chairman Marchena reported that positive responses have been received on the FTC High Speed Rail Resolution including USDOT Secretary LaHood, CFO Alex Sink, and others.

PORT OF PALM BEACH/INTERMODAL LOGISITCS CENTER UPDATE:

Chairman Marchena welcomed Carl Baker, Director of Operations in charge of operations, engineering services and port development. Mr. Baker made a presentation to the group on the timeline of the Intermodal Logistics Center and current activities of the Port.

I-595 PROJECT UPDATE:

Chairman Marchena welcomed Jim Wolfe, FDOT District 4 Secretary. Chairman Marchena noted that this project represents the first P3 project in the U.S. to make use of “availability payments”, and has received recognition and awards from across the country. District Secretary Wolfe provided a briefing on the I-595 Project including Risk Allocation Factors, P3 Benefits, Economic Opportunities, Economic Stimulus, and DBE.

AGENCY REPORT:

Chairman Marchena welcomed FDOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos.

Secretary Kopelousos reported on the following:

- Irene Cabral has been appointed as the new Personnel Director.
- Tommy Barfield has been appointed as District Three Secretary.
- Interviews are being scheduled for the District Two Secretary position, previously held by Charles Baldwin.
- Stimulus Funds update was provided. Currently \$1.2 Billion of \$1.3 Billion has been authorized, \$750 Million awarded. Work continues in this area. Funds have been sub-allocated to locals and the Department is encouraging them to move forward with their projects.
- The Department, as well as many locals, has applied for Tiger Grant Funds (\$1.5 Billion available).
- The I-95 Project is moving forward.
- Port of Miami Tunnel financial closing was held on October 15.
- FDOT continues to meet with FHWA on the First Coast Outer Beltway. A revised draft EIS has been submitted to FHWA which, if approved, would allow the department to move forward with the public hearing.

- The Traffic and Revenue Update is scheduled to be completed within the next two to three months.
- The Department participated in a Legislative exercise which required the submittal of a budget plan reducing the Department's operating budget by 10%. It was noted that at this point it is only an exercise.
- The concrete and asphalt debate continues within the transportation construction industry.
- Sun Rail negotiations continue with CSX and progress is being made.
- The Department received another extension on Reauthorization and is well on the way to surpassing the 12 extensions received in the last bill. Communication will continue with the Delegation and Committee staff.
- Secretary Kopelousos recently attended a meeting in New York on "Women in Infrastructure and Finance and participated in a panel which focused on P3 and flexibility.
- Communication with military bases continues. Current issues include involving bases in the MPO planning process and long term transportation planning.
- Accountability issues were discussed including the department's structure change due to the 27% reduction in staff since 2000, implementation of quality control processes, and continuation of building public trust.

SUCCESSION PLANNING:

Chairman Marchena discussed the importance of maintaining institutional and professional knowledge within any agency, but is especially important in the complex transportation industry. Chairman Marchena asked Secretary Kopelousos to brief the Commission on the department's strategy for dealing with succession planning within FDOT.

Secretary Kopelousos addressed the current steps being taken by the department in Succession Planning. Currently DROP is the driving factor of this planning process. The department is using outreach and networking opportunities to help in the process. Several steps are: (1) use of the five leadership core competencies, (2) taking those competencies to the next level, (3) looking at what management wants to see in this area, making the competencies specific, (4) defining training, mentoring and shadowing, and (5) determine how to prepare the internal pool of applicants to move up.

Human Resource training functions within the department have been moved to the Performance Management office for coordination. Focus and commitment by executive staff has been placed on enhancing the training to determine who needs training and to give staff the tools needed to

learn. Assistant Secretary Hunt, Ron Russo and Larry Ferguson have formed a work group to look at technical training and to determine what enhancements can be made in that area.

The Department has implemented an "exit interview process" to meet with individuals who are leaving the department to determine why they are leaving, what recommendations they have for a replacement, and other information that would be helpful in the succession planning process.

SIS PRIORITIZATION PROCESS:

Chairman Marchena noted that the Strategic Intermodal System update is mandated by Florida Statute to be updated every five years. The current update has been in process for over a year. Assistant Secretary Hunt has chaired the effort and Commissioner Pullum has represented the Commission on the Leadership Advisory Committee. Chairman Marchena welcomed Assistant Secretary Hunt.

Assistant Secretary Hunt provided a briefing of the current status of the final draft of the SIS update. She will provide a full briefing at the December 3 FTC meeting which will include the process in place and utilized by the Department in prioritizing SIS eligible projects for inclusion in the five year work program.

SEAPORT PLAN:

Assistant Secretary Hunt, chair of the Florida Seaport Plan update committee, presented the current status of the update.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was received.

CONCLUSION:

The next Commission meeting will be held on December 3, 2009 in Tallahassee. The primary focus of the meeting will be to review the Strategic Intermodal System update. This is the highest priority system within the Florida Transportation System as determined by the Legislature in 2003. The policies embedded in the SIS are critical to our state's future and we want to allow adequate time to review and discuss the proposed update.

ADJOURN:

The Florida Transportation Commission meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED ✓ AS READ AS AMENDED

THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009.



CHAIRMAN

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