

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: March 3, 2014

MEETING NUMBER: 201

The two hundred and first meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on March 3, 2014, at the Florida Department of Transportation, Burns Auditorium, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance were: Chairman Howse, Commissioners Browning, Ferré, Frazier, Kigel, Sebesta, Trumbull, and Wright. Commissioner Ellington was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Minutes from the January 24, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman Howse recognized recent travel and activities performed by the Commissioners and FTC staff since the last FTC meeting:

- Tom and Mark have been attending various legislative committee meetings and meeting with legislators.
- Mark attended the Intermodal Logistics (ILC) Forum in Jacksonville, January 27-28.
- Mark attended the Northeast Florida Transportation Summit for a discussion on the Mileage-Based User Fees, February 19.
- Chairman Howse and Commissioner Browning participated in the Department's "Alert Today Alive Tomorrow" campaign at the Daytona 500, February 21.
- Tom attended the AASHTO Legislative Briefing in Washington, D.C., February 26-28.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE:

Maryam Ghyabi, President, Ghyabi and Associates provided an update on the Small Business Development Initiative. The presentation provided insight on the lack of processes and organizations advocating the merits of a small business. It also expressed the concerns regarding the lack of opportunities for small businesses. A project was initiated to analyze all small businesses across the State of Florida to identify major common concerns. Listening sessions and one-on-one meetings were held with professional organizations to gather data in this area. Once the information was gathered and analyzed, it was reviewed along with the FDOT's Business Development Initiative (BDI) office. Recommendations were submitted to FDOT for revising and expanding the BDI program. FDOT provided feedback on the recommendations. The implementation of these recommendations will provide increased opportunities for small businesses to work with the department throughout the state and will also increase communication between small businesses and FDOT.

THE FUEL TAX: AN UNSUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION REVENUE SOURCE:

Mark Reichert, Assistant Executive Director, FTC, provided an update on the future of the fuel tax. (Mark gave a previous version of this presentation to the Commission last year and has also given this presentation to a number of groups over the past year.) The presentation included an overview of transportation funding in Florida, fuel tax revenue forecast, and an example of unfunded needs on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).

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

Leann Livingston presented the results of the FTC's Review of the 5-Year 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 and Executive Directors of the Turnpike and Rail Enterprises 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.

After all presentations concluded, Chairman Howse presented the TWP Review to the Commission to accept Commission staff's recommendation that the Tentative Work Program was found to be in compliance with all Laws and Departmental Policies. A motion was made to accept the Review, the motion was seconded. The Review was unanimously accepted by the Commission and will be submitted to the Legislature and Governor.

AGENCY REPORT:

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

- Announced the filling of significant positions and status of key vacancies statewide.
- Provided an update on the 2014 Legislative Session including the Transportation Bill.
- Discussed Governor Scott's proposed rail hub in Orlando International Airport and the Pinellas Gateway Express.
- Provided an update on the Federal Funding issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Howse opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

CONCLUSION: The next FTC Workshop and Meeting will be held on May 7-8, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

ADJOURN: Chairman Howse adjourned the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED: ✓ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 7th DAY OF MAY, 2014.



CHAIRMAN

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