

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2012

MEETING NUMBER 189

The one hundred and eighty-ninth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held in conjunction with the Transportation and Expressway Authority Membership of Florida (TEAMFL) meeting on April 5, 2012, at the Grand Hyatt Tampa, 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa, Florida. Chairman Ron Howse provided opening comments and called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE: Members in attendance were: Chairman Howse, Commissioners Ellington, Ferré, Frazier, Kigel, Lautenbach, Trumbull, and Tuck. Commissioner Maroño was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 9, 2012, meeting were presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Ferre made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Trumbull seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Chairman Howse thanked Bob Hartnett, CEO/President of TEAMFL, and the TEAMFL Board for hosting this joint meeting.
- Provided an update on the FTC Workshop held in Tallahassee on February 29 and March 1, 2012 to educate new Commissioners on various areas of FDOT (Future Corridors, Regional Governance, District Boundaries, etc...) and to determine the Commission's role in these areas.
- Provided an update on the April 4, 2012 Workshop which focused on the Commission's Five Objectives: (1) Toll Efficiencies Study, (2) Transportation Revenue Alternative, (3) Future Corridor Initiatives, (4) Regional Governance (MPO Designation and District Boundaries), and (5) Trade and Logistics Study. Sub-committee assignments were discussed and will be finalized at a later date.

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

- The FDOT Leadership Team is now complete. Secretary Prasad and the Leadership Team are working to advance the transportation agenda in Florida to create a transportation infrastructure that will work for years to come.
- Secretary Prasad will be meeting with various editorial boards throughout the state in an effort to present the transportation case which includes the issue of non-sustainable gas tax funding source.

- Provided an overview of the FDOT Legislative Package which was signed by the Governor. Secretary Prasad recognized the Senators and Legislators that had a role in supporting the package and who fought the sweep of the Trust Fund.
- Provided the status of the FDOT budget that was passed during Legislative Session.
- Discussed tolling and new transportation capacity.
- Provided an update on the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

**STUDY OF THE POTENTIAL FOR COST SAVINGS FOR EXPRESSWAY
AUTHORITIES:**

Chairman Howse provided a briefing on the Toll Efficiencies Study. The Legislature has requested that the Commission, which has oversight authority over the expressway authorities and FDOT, to conduct an independent study to determine what efficiencies, if any, can be gained through the use of shared resources. Specifically, Section 79 of HB 599 tasks the Florida Transportation Commission with conducting a “study of the potential for cost savings that might be realized through increased efficiencies through the sharing of resources for the accomplishment of design, construction, and maintenance activities by or on behalf of expressway authorities in the State. The Commission may retain such experts as are reasonably necessary to complete the study, and the department shall pay the expenses of such experts. The Commission shall complete the study and provide a written report of its findings and conclusions to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of each of the appropriations committees of the Legislature by December 31, 2012. In conducting the study, the Commission shall seek input from the existing expressway authorities.” We are presently developing the scope of service for an Intent to Negotiate (ITN) to hire a consulting/research firm to conduct the study.

A timeline for completion of the study was presented at the April 4 workshop. Commissioner Lautenbach made a motion to approve the timeline, Commissioner Ellington seconded the motion. The timeline was unanimously approved and accepted by the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

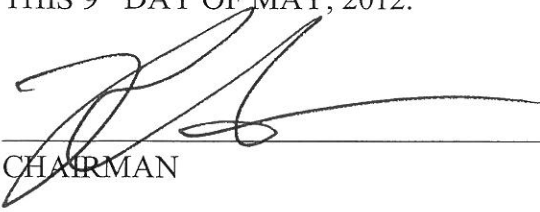
No Public Comment was received.

CONCLUSION: The next full meeting of the FTC will be held on May 9-10, 2012 in Cape Canaveral.

ADJOURN: Chairman Howse adjourned the FTC meeting at 10:45 A.M. and turned the meeting back over to Bob Hartnett, CEO/President of TEAMFL.

MINUTES APPROVED: ✓ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 9th DAY OF MAY, 2012.



CHAIRMAN

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