

# FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2012

MEETING NUMBER 190

The one hundred and ninetieth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on May 9, 2012, at the Canaveral Port Authority Board Room, 445 Challenger Road, Cocoa, 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, Frazier, Kigel, Lautenbach, Maroño, Trumbull, and Tuck. Commissioner Ferré participated by teleconference.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the April 4, 2012, meeting were presented to the Commission for approval. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- Chairman Howse thanked Stan Payne and the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization for their help in coordinating the meeting.
- Chairman Howse provided an update on the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association meeting held in Jersey City, April 29-May 1. Chairman Howse, Commissioner Trumbull, Tom DiGiacomo, and Mark Reichert attended the meeting.
- Discussed the four subcommittees which were established to focus on the Commission's Objectives: (1) Funding Alternatives, (2) Future Corridors, (3) Regional Governance, and (4) Trade and Logistics Study. Chairs for each of the sub-committees will be finalized at a later date.
- Liaisons for sub-committees and representatives for various boards were appointed as listed below. Representatives for other authorities will be appointed at a later date.

Commissioner Tuck:	District 1
Commissioner Ellington:	District 2 Performance Measures Working Group
Commissioner Trumbull:	District 3 Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority (SRBBA) Transportation & Expressway Authority Membership of Florida (TEAMFL)
Commissioner Kigel:	District 4 Trade and Logistics Performance Measures Working Group
Chairman Howse:	District 5 Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA)
Commissioner Maroño:	District 6
Commissioner Frazier:	District 7 Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA)
Commissioner Lautenbach:	Turnpike
Commissioner Ferré:	Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX)

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

- The FDOT Leadership Team is now complete with the latest appointment of Brian Peters, Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration. Other vacancies within the department include the Rail Enterprise Director position which will soon be advertised.
- Secretary Prasad is continuing to meet 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 the status of: Future Corridors Initiative, FEC Rail Project, MPO Certification Process, and Federal Reauthorization.

**BONDING 101:**

Chairman Howse welcomed Cherian George, Global Infrastructure and Project Finance Group, Fitch Ratings based in New York. He made a presentation to the group on Infrastructure Financing and Ratings. Mr. George manages ratings and analysis on public-private partnership and project finance transactions in the Americas, including the transportation, public and social infrastructure, sports, power, and industrial sectors.

**ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT REPORT AND RESPONSES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:**

Rick Gallant, FTC Finance Manager, presented the results from this year's Annual Transportation Authority Oversight Report. Rick presented the individual authority results and representatives from each authority responded to their respective portion of the report. Chairman Howse made a motion to adopt the report, the motion was seconded and was carried unanimously. The report was approved and adopted by the Commission.

**PORT CANAVERAL OVERVIEW:**

Chairman Howse welcomed Stan Payne, Chief Executive Officer, Port Canaveral Authority. Mr. Payne provided an overview and history of the Port as well as current activities.

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

Chairman Howse provided an update on the Intent to Negotiate (ITN) for the Toll Efficiencies Study. The Commission is scheduled to 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.

A draft scope of service for the ITN was developed and distributed for review and discussion. Each of the transportation authorities were invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on the study. Several authority representatives offered suggestions on where efficiencies can be found through sharing resources between the expressway authorities. Chairman Howse asked that the authorities submit their suggestions in writing to Mark Reichert. Once comments are received for consideration and inclusion in the scope, the scope will be distributed to Commissioners for review and final approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

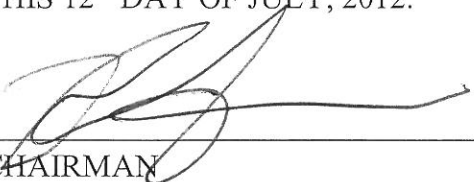
Harry Barley, Executive Director of MetroPlan Orlando, provided public comment.

**CONCLUSION:** Chairman Howse announced the FTC tour of the Kennedy Space Center scheduled on May 10, 2012 and invited meeting attendees to participate if interested. The next FTC meeting will be held in conjunction with the FBT/TEAMFL Transportation Summit on July 11-13, 2012 (the FTC portion of the meeting will be on July 12, 8:00-10:30 A.M.).

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Howse adjourned the FTC meeting at 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED:     ✓     AS READ                      AS AMENDED

THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2012.

  
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CHAIRMAN

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