

## FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2011

MEETING NUMBER 184

The one hundred and eighty-fourth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held May 20, 2011, at the Port of Tampa Board Room, Tampa, Florida. Chairman Marty Lanahan provided opening comments and called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

### ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance were: Chairman Marty Lanahan, Commissioners Howse, Maroño, Mazurkiewicz, Pullum, Rose, and Trumbull. Commissioner Walton was unable to attend due to an unexpected family emergency.

### MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 7, 2011 Commission Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Lanahan opened the meeting by recognizing Richard Wainio, Tampa Port Director, for hosting the May 19 FTC Briefing/Tour of the Tampa Port and the May 20 FTC meeting. She also recognized John Thorington, Sr. Director of Communications for arranging the tour and logistics of the meeting.

Chairman Lanahan welcomed the two newest Commissioners – Manny Maroño and Jay Trumbull. Both Commissioners provided a brief introduction of their background and what they would like to see accomplished during their term on the Commission.

Commissioners were asked to report on meetings they had attended or participated in on behalf of the Commission:

- Commissioner Walton and Sally Patrenos recently attended the TEAMFL meeting. Sally provided an update on the meeting.
- Commissioner Howse met with legislative staff during this session and provided a briefing of those discussions as they relate to the FTC.

A copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Performance and Production Review report was previously sent out to Commissioners for review and information. This report provides a snapshot of the Department's performance through the end of March. The annual report will be presented at the September FTC meeting.

Chairman Lanahan recognized Sally Patrenos' retirement after 30 years of service with the State of Florida including 10 years of service with the Florida Transportation Commission. Sally was presented with a plaque at the meeting and received gifts of recognition from the Commissioners at a formal dinner held on May 19.

Commissioner Walton presented Chairman Lanahan with a plaque for her service as Chairman for 2010 and 2011 on behalf of the Commission. Chairman Lanahan will continue to serve her term on the Commission.

Commissioner Walton is leading the search for an FTC Executive Director with assistance from the FTC Executive Team (Commissioners Howse, Mazurkiewicz and Lanahan). Commissioner Howse provided an update on the status of the search. The position has been advertised in PeopleFirst and several outside publications with a closing date of June 13, 2011. After that date, the Executive Team will reconvene to review the applications and proceed with scheduling interviews.

Chairman Lanahan announced at the last FTC meeting that she was stepping down as FTC Chairman at the end of the May 20, 2011 meeting. At the March 7 meeting, Chairman Lanahan requested that the Nominating Committee, chaired by Commissioner Pullum, with Commissioners Howse and Mazurkiewicz as members, reconvene and nominate a slate of officers. They recently held a teleconference to discuss the nominations. Commissioner Pullum provided a report from the Nominating Committee and presented the proposed slate of officers: Chairman – Garrett Walton, Vice Chairman – Joe Mazurkiewicz, and Secretary – Ron Howse. Chairman Lanahan opened the floor for any additional nominations, none were presented. She asked for a motion to accept the nominations as presented. A motion was made to accept the nominations, the motion was seconded. She congratulated the Commissioners on their new appointments which will be effective at the end of the May 20, 2011 meeting.

Mark Reichert provided a review of the 2011 legislative session and the status of transportation-related legislation.

#### **TOLL AUTHORITIES:**

The Toll Authorities that were the subject of the consolidation into the Turnpike this past legislative session were given an opportunity to address the Commission on the issue. These authorities included Joe Waggoner - Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority, Mike Snyder – Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, and Mid-Bay Bridge Authority (not subject to FTC oversight and not represented at the meeting).

Joe Waggoner provided a brief presentation to the Commission entitled “Why Toll”. The presentation focused on tolling as a finance model based on user/benefit/payment; noted tolling as a funding source to enhance the ability to build large projects; and addressed added costs of financing vs. Pay-Go and financing/funding sources. Mike Snyder, OOCEA, briefly addressed the Commission and discussed the importance of local agency participation and traffic pattern issues.

#### **AGENCY REPORT:**

Chairman Lanahan announced the appointment of Ananth Prasad as the new Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation. She congratulated Secretary Prasad and welcomed his first presentation as Secretary to the Commission.

Secretary Prasad provided updates on the following:

- Secretary Prasad provided an overview of his plans for the Department noting that the challenge is bold. FDOT will be undergoing reorganization in the coming weeks/months. Plans for reorganization will be presented as they are available. Immediate focus will be on economic development and staffing between now and June. Leadership will be looking at skill, talent, vision, and drive to push the agency forward. The goal of the reorganization is to streamline departmental functions and provide: Consistency, Repeatability, and Predictability
- Kevin Thibault recently moved to Parsons. The vacancy for Assistant Secretary for Engineering & Operations has been advertised and will close on June 13.
- Debbie Hunt assumed the Transportation Development Director position in District 7. The vacancy for Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Systems Development is being advertised.
- Position appointments include: Francis Gibbs – Chief of Staff, Jerry Currington – General Counsel, and Bob Clift – Inspector General.
- Proposed budget cuts and impacts to FDOT from the 2011 Legislative Session, including the STTF Sweep and SEED Trust Fund, were discussed.
- Provided a status of P3 projects in process: (1) Port of Miami Tunnel: Boring machine to be delivered June 26, tour/boring of tunnel begins in October 2011, and (2) I-595: On Track.

Chairman Lanahan emphasized that the FTC should be partners with FDOT, Secretary Prasad and Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Howse suggested that the FTC/FDOT schedule an informal goal setting meeting. Secretary Prasad and Chairman Lanahan discussed the purpose which would be for team building and setting the top three priorities to focus on. Other areas to be addressed include: Best Practices and Sunshine Laws.

#### **TAMPA PORT AUTHORITY:**

Richard Wainio, Director, Port of Tampa presented an update on the Florida Ports: Panama Canal Expansion (construction scheduled to be completed in 2014). Key points presented on the Port of Tampa were:

- Largest, most diversified seaport in Florida.
- Energy products gateway for Central Florida.
- Bulk and break bulk cargo.
- Major shipyard/ship repair center.
- Major cruise homeport.
- Expanding container gateway serving Central Florida's overseas trade.

Other discussion included: Panama Canal, Design and Construction of the Locks, Transshipment Ports, Container Terminal Expansion, The Gulf Coast Advantage, Tampa Gateway Rail Project, and Port Security.

**ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT REPORT:**

Rick Gallant, FTC Special Projects Coordinator, presented the results from this year's Annual Transportation Authority Oversight Report. Rick presented the results for each authority individually and representatives from each authority responded to their respective portion of the report. Commissioner Howse made a motion to adopt the report, Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously and the report was approved and adopted by the Commission.

Representatives responding to the report were:

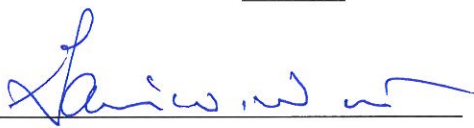
- Miami Dade Expressway Authority: Marie T. Schafer, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
- Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority: Mike Snyder, P.E., Executive Director
- Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority: No representative in attendance
- Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority: Joe Waggoner, Executive Director
- Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority: John M. Lewis, Jr., CEO
- Jacksonville Transportation Authority: Michael J. Blaylock, Executive Director
- South Florida Regional Transportation Authority: Joseph Giuliatti, Executive Director
- Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority: Robert Montgomery, Chairman
- Southwest Florida Expressway Authority: No representative in attendance
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority: Bob Clifford, AICP, Executive Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments were received.

**CONCLUSION:** The next regular meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission will be held in conjunction with the Floridians for Better Transportation, Transportation Summit in St. Petersburg on July 13-15. The FTC portion of the meeting is scheduled for July 14.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED: ✓ AS READ \_\_\_\_\_ AS AMENDED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2011.

  
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CHAIRMAN

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