

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF July 25, 2013

MEETING NUMBER 197

The one hundred and ninety seventh meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on July 25, 2013, at the Biltmore Hotel, Country Club Ballroom, 1200 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida. Chairman Ron Howse called the meeting to order at 8:10 A.M. and provided opening comments.

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance were: Chairman Howse, Commissioners Browning, Ellington, Ferré, Frazier, Kigel, Sebesta, and Trumbull. There is one vacant seat on the Commission.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Chairman Howse began the meeting by welcoming two new Commissioners. Former Senator Jim Sebesta who presided as Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and former Transportation Commissioner, originally appointed by former Governor Bob Martinez. The Chairman invited the new Commissioners to introduce themselves.
- Chairman Howse then requested a motion to approve the minutes for the May FTC meeting.
- The Chairman recognized recent travel and activities performed by the Commissioners and FTC staff.
 1. Tom DiGiacomo traveled to D.C. to meet with members of Florida's Congressional delegation in June. Also in June, he met with Sen. Brandes and attended the Florida Ports Council meeting.
 2. The Chairman shared his participation on a panel with Harry Barley of MetroPlan on June 27th at the Florida Economic Development Conference.
 3. Mark Reichert represented the Commission at the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials in Jacksonville on July 15th.
 4. Commissioner Ferré mentioned, also on July 15th, he attended a Symposium hosted by Congresswoman Frederica Wilson on the impacts the Panama Canal will have on Florida. He later attended a Freight Logistics and Trade Conference hosted by the Miami Chamber on May 17th.

AGENCY REPORT:

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

- The filling of significant positions.
- Status of key vacancies statewide.
- Thoughts on new USDOT Secretary Foxx
- Update on small business development initiative
- FDOT policy on Express Lanes in Florida (when and where to consider them)
- Florida TIGER Grant applications
- Secretary Prasad discussed meetings/conferences attended as well as the ones which are upcoming.

Status Reports on SunRail, I-4 Ultimate Project, & Wekiva Parkway:

- Noranne Downs, District 5 Secretary, was asked to provide a status on each of these projects.

Vision 21 Plan:

- Noranne Downs, P.E., District 5 Secretary, Brenda Young, P.E., District 5 Modal Planning Manager, and Jordan Green, P.E., Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer with District 2, gave an overview of the Plan.
- The Vision 21 Plan referenced four of the initiatives the Commission has been tracking the past year (Funding, Freight and Logistics, Regional Governance, and Future Corridors).

Status Reports on All Aboard Florida Project:

- Husein Cumber, Executive Vice President for Corporate Development at Florida East Coast Industries provided another update on the progress they are making with this privately funded project.

Status Report on the Freight Mobility and Trade Plan:

- Rich Biter, Assistant Secretary for Intermodal System Development reported on the Trade Plan and to explain the steps for implementing the Investment Element.
- The Policy Element of the Freight Mobility and Trade Plan was released on July 1st.

Technology Options for Implementing a Mileage Based User Fee and Driverless Vehicles:

- Jesus Martinez, Principal Engineer, Intelligent Systems Department, Southwest Research Institute

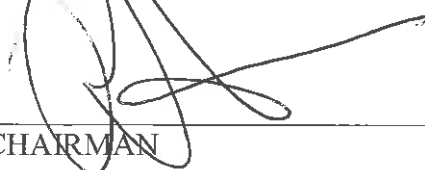
PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

CONCLUSION: The next FTC meeting will be held on September 26, 2013 in Panama City, Florida.

ADJOURN: Chairman Howse adjourned the FTC meeting at 10:40 A.M.

MINUTES APPROVED: X AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 25th DAY OF JULY, 2013.



CHAIRMAN

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