

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2011

MEETING NUMBER 185

The one hundred and eighty-fifth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held July 14, 2011, at the Vinoy Renaissance, St. Petersburg, Florida. Chairman Garrett Walton provided opening comments and called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance were: Chairman Garrett Walton, Commissioners Howse, Maroño, Mazurkiewicz, Pullum, Rose, and Trumbull. Commissioner Ferré was unable to attend due to personal illness.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 20, 2011 Commission Meeting were approved and signed by Chairman Walton.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Walton opened the meeting by thanking Doug Callaway, Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT) and Bob Hartnett, Transportation & Expressway Authority Membership of Florida (TEAMFL) for hosting the Joint Transportation Summit.

Chairman Walton welcomed the newest member of the Commission, Maurice Ferré and provided a brief introduction of his background. Commissioner Ferré was unable to attend due to personal illness.

Chairman Walton announced the appointment of Tom DiGiacomo as the new Executive Director of the Commission. He also announced the resignation of Commissioner Lanahan and recognized her contributions during her tenure with the Commission.

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

- Commissioner Howse and Mark Reichert attended the FTB Sponsored breakfast meeting with Congressman John Mica on June 10.

During our last meeting, Chairman Lanahan had suggested that we hold a refresher course on the Sunshine Laws. We have since sent out the Sunshine Law book and two page summary for reference.

Bob Hartnett, TEAMFL, submitted a proposed resolution to the FTC for discussion regarding the consolidation of the OOCEA, THEA and Mid-Bay Bridge Authorities into the Turnpike. Bob has asked that we delay any discussion on this until a later meeting. Mike Snyder and Joe Waggoner addressed the Commission in our May meeting regarding the consolidation issue.

Commissioner assignments for serving on Boards need to be addressed and updated as appropriate. Specifically: TEAMFL Board, CUTR Board and ITS World Congress.

The SASHTO 2011 conference is scheduled for August 20-24 in Louisville, Kentucky. Chairman Walton, Tom DiGiacomo, Mark Reichert, and Commissioners Maroño and Ferré are currently scheduled to attend. If any other Commissioner's are interested, please contact the FTC office.

AGENCY REPORT:

- Secretary Prasad provided an update of the FDOT reorganization. Plans for reorganization will be presented as they are available. The goal of the reorganization is to streamline departmental functions and provide: Consistency, Repeatability, and Predictability. The reorganization is schedule to be completed in 2013.
- The vacancy for Assistant Secretary for Engineering & Operations was advertised and closed on June 13. Interviews will be scheduled and an appointment made within the near future.
- The vacancy for Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Systems Development has been advertised. Interviews will be scheduled and an appointment made as soon as possible.
- Provided an update on Federal Reauthorization, SunRail, and future of High Speed Rail Enterprise.
- Provided a status of P3 projects in process: (1) Port of Miami Tunnel: Tour/boring of tunnel begins in October 2011 and (2) I-595: On Track.

FTC WORKSHOP/MEETING:

Following the May 20 FTC meeting, Chairman Walton asked Lora Hollingsworth, FDOT Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration, to work with the Commission to outline the primary functions and future focus of the Commission and to facilitate discussion at the July 13 FTC workshop.

Lora was also asked by the Chairman to work with Commissioners, FDOT staff and key transportation partners to identify "Key Transportation Related Issues" throughout the state which need to be addressed. Input was collected and a draft plan prepared which was distributed and discussed during the workshop. These issues, along with additional input provided during the workshop, were separated into four major categories: Funding/Financing, Future Corridors (Trade Flow), Efficiencies/Streamlining, and Communication (Miscellaneous).

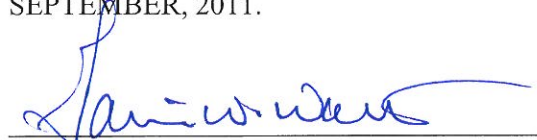
Discussion on the draft plan continued at the July 14 FTC Meeting. Copies of the plan were distributed to the audience for discussion. Several transportation partners provided input during the meeting. Further review and discussion will be held to establish the priority list of issues to be addressed by the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were received.

CONCLUSION: Chairman Walton will be scheduling a "Transportation Academy" in the near future. The next regular meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission will be held in Tallahassee on September 13-14, 2011.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

MINUTES APPROVED: ✓ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.



CHAIRMAN

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