

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

MEETING NUMBER 186

The one hundred and eighty-sixth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on September 14, 2011, at the Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida. Chairman Garrett Walton provided opening comments and called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE: Members in attendance were: Chairman Walton, Commissioners Mazurkiewicz, Howse, Pullum, Rose, Trumbull, and Maroño. Commissioner Ferré was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 14, 2011, Commission meeting were unanimously approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Commissioner Ferré is in Berlin attending the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) Annual meeting.
- Chairman Walton summarized the September 13 FTC Workshop. Two major topics covered were:
 - The Commission reviewed the "*Florida Transportation Commission Oversight Committee and Policy Work Groups*" document which was prepared by Chairman Walton. After detailed discussion and review, it was presented to the Commission for adoption. Commissioner Trumbull made a motion to accept, Commissioner Pullum seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously voted to adopt the document.
 - Tom DiGiacomo prepared a personnel action plan for Commission staff which was distributed to the Commission for review and approval. The plan was unanimously approved by the Commission. The plan will be implemented in several phases over the next few months.
- The Annual Safety Report is delayed and will be presented to the Commission when the data is available.

UPDATES ON COMMISSION ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING:

- Commissioner Mazurkiewicz recently spoke at the Florida Transportation Builders Association Convention and provided an update to the Commission.
- Chairman Walton, Commissioner Maroño, Tom DiGiacomo, and Mark Reichert attended the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) Conference in Louisville, Kentucky last month. Commissioner Maroño provided an update to the Commission.
- The FTC held a “Transportation Academy” on August 15-16. Chairman Walton provided a recap of the Academy. Presentations and handouts are posted on the FTC website. Chairman Walton expressed his appreciation to those who provided input into the discussions and materials presented during the Academy. He also emphasized that the Commission is committed to working with FDOT and transportation partners in continuing to move forward with addressing key transportation issues throughout the State.

AGENCY REPORT:

- Secretary Prasad provided the status of key position vacancies:
 - Bob Romig, State Transportation Development Administrator, was appointed to serve as Interim Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Systems Development (June). The position has been advertised and will be filled as quickly as possible.
 - Don Skelton, District Seven Secretary, was appointed to serve as Interim District One Secretary (July). The position is currently being advertised and will be filled as quickly as possible.
 - Brian Blanchard was appointed Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Operations (August).
 - Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti was appointed Executive Director of Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise (August).
- Secretary Prasad provided an update on the FDOT reorganization effort, Governor’s Transportation Vision for the 21st Century, update on Federal Reauthorization, and the FDOT 2012 Legislative package.

- The Port of Miami Tunnel Boring Machine Launch Event will be scheduled for early November. The Commission will be notified of more detail at a later date.

2010/2011 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE FDOT:

One of the major statutory responsibilities of the Commission is the oversight of the performance, production and fiscal management of the FDOT. Mark Reichert was introduced and presented the 2010/2011 Annual Performance Review of the FDOT.

The Department has a total of 37 Performance Measures (20 Primary and 17 Secondary). During this reporting period, 18 of 20 Primary (90%) measures were met. Two Primary Measures were not met during this period were: (1) Construction Contract Costs, and (2) Public Transit Ridership.

Secretary Prasad, the seven district secretaries and Turnpike Enterprise Executive Director were present and participated in the review. Presentations included responses to the Performance Measures as well as Challenges and Opportunities for the FY 2010/11 reporting period.

In accordance with the FTC's statutorily mandated responsibilities, Chairman Walton opened the floor for a motion to approve the adoption of the 2010/2011 Annual Performance Review of the FDOT. Commissioner Mazurkiewicz made a motion to approve and adopt the Review, Commissioner Howse seconded the motion. The Review was unanimously approved by the Commission. Chairman Walton congratulated Secretary Prasad and FDOT staff for their hard work and great service to the people of Florida as reflected in the Review. The Department received a standing ovation from the audience and Florida Transportation Commission.

MPOAC REVENUE STUDY:

Steve Reich, CUTR Interim Director provided a status report on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Revenue Study. The purpose of the study is:

- To develop legislative approaches to implement a set of revenue measures that address transportation funding needs in Florida.
- To develop recommendations that will focus on the identification of sustainable, innovative and politically acceptable measures to assist in meeting the mobility needs for Floridians.

The current status of the study includes:

- 16 options translated into 58 permutations.
- Revenue analysis completed for each.
- Additional impacts of CAFÉ standards performed.
- Current revenue sources further analyzed.

The Study is scheduled to be completed by March 2012. The next meeting of the Revenue Study Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 15, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment received.

CONCLUSION: The next Commission meeting will be held in conjunction with the ITS World Congress in Orlando on October 17.

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

MINUTES APPROVED: _____ AS READ X AS AMENDED

THIS 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.



CHAIRMAN

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