

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

MEETING NUMBER 156

The one hundred and fifty-sixth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held Thursday, September 7, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs, Florida. Chairman Holton called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance were: Commissioners Jim Holton, Janet Watermeier, Sidney Calloway, Gabriel Bustamante, Marshall Criser, Earl Durden, Marcos Marchena and David Straz.

Absent: Commissioner Marty Lanahan.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 23, 2006 Commission Meeting were approved.

Chairman Holton reported on the following:

- This is the first regular Florida Transportation Commission meeting since May. The Commission has concentrated its efforts over the summer primarily to advancing the new corridors initiative.
- In August the Commission held a New Corridors Charrette in Tampa to provide a venue for some of the world's most notable private sector financiers and engineering firms experienced in infrastructure development to come together to discuss ideas and best practices in innovative financing and streamlining of the project development processes. It was an energized two days with 160 in attendance from around the world. The report of the findings and recommendations from the Charrette will be made available on the FTC website.
- The Commission drafted a Resolution with recommendations to the Department of Transportation regarding the Development of New Corridors. Commissioner Marchena asked that one correction be made and moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Calloway seconded. Motion carried. That resolution will be signed by Commissioners and distributed to all appropriate parties.
- Commissioner Watermeier spoke at the Joint Meeting of the West Central Florida MPO Alliance and the Chairs Coordinating Committee, as well as to the Florida Transportation Builders Association over the summer.
- The Tampa Bay Partnership and the DOT sponsored the Multimodal Regional Transportation Forum in Tampa in late August. Mark Reichert, Deputy Director, represented the Commission at the event. It was also held in conjunction with the Bay Area Legislative Delegation (B.A.L.D) meeting.

- One of the statutory responsibilities of the Commission is to review and approve any nominations for membership on the Board of the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), which is headquartered at the University of South Florida. Michael J. Blaylock was presented as a nominee up for consideration. Mr. Blaylock is the Chief Executive Officer of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, and he is considered a leading transportation expert throughout the United States. He has served in a number of local, state and national leadership roles, and is currently overseeing the implementation of nearly \$1 billion in roadway projects in the Northeast Florida region over the next decade. He is also leading the development of a rapid transit system through studies that are underway. Commissioner Straz moved to approve the nomination of Mr. Blaylock to the CUTR Board, Commissioner Calloway seconded. The motion carried.

FDOT PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTION REVIEW FOR FY 2005/2006

David Tassinari, Manager of Finance and Performance Monitoring, presented the Annual Performance and Production Review of the Department of Transportation for FY 2005/06. The Department met 11 of 19 performance measures in FY 2005/06. There were several mitigating circumstances that affected this year's performance. Due to dramatically escalating costs, the Department chose not to award construction contracts significantly in excess of the Department's estimates. This business decision caused the Department to miss the goal of awarding 95% of construction contracts let and also affected the related performance measure for consultant contracts due to not awarding associated construction engineering contracts. The Department did not meet the measure for the cash forecast (+/- 5% forecast to actual receipts and disbursements) because of the conservative estimates related to hurricane disbursements and receipts and the uncertainty of the reauthorization of the federal highway bill.

The performance standards were raised in FY 2004/05 and though the Department's performance was not up to the standards in prior years, the Department demonstrated wise business judgment in managing the finances of the Department at the risk of not meeting performance goals.

The Secretary and the District Secretaries/Executive Director of the Turnpike Enterprise offered detailed evidence supporting the Department's performance and the business decisions affecting the performance for FY 2005/06.

Commissioner Marchena remarked that he would hope the Department would never make a poor business decision simply for the sake of meeting one of the performance standards.

Commissioner Watermeier made a motion to accept the report with a cover letter to the Governor explaining that the Department had a very good year and made very wise business decisions, though the results of the report appear less favorable for the Department. The Commission will continue to monitor the Department's performance. Commissioner Marchena seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Commission accepted the report and remains confident the Department is being managed in an efficient, cost effective, and business-like manner.

2005 FLORIDA TOLL AGENCY PERFORMANCE

Stephen L. Reich, Program Director, CUTR made a presentation before the Commission on the 2005 Florida Toll Agency Performance Report.

Please refer to the Florida Transportation Commission website (www.ftc.state.fl.us) under “Presentations Made Before the Commission at Commission Meetings” to view this presentation.

PORT OF PALM BEACH INLAND PORT CARGO COMPLEX

Kathy Andress, Deputy Director, Port of Palm Beach made a presentation before the Commission on the Port of Palm Beach Inland Port Cargo Complex.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED _____ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2006

CHAIRMAN

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