

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2006

MEETING NUMBER 157

The one hundred and fifty-seventh meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, CUT 100, Tampa, Florida. Chairman Holton called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance were: Commissioners Jim Holton, Janet Watermeier, Sidney Calloway, Earl Durden, Marty Lanahan and Marcos Marchena. Commissioners Bustamante, Criser and Straz were unable to attend.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MINUTES

Minutes from the September 7, 2006 Commission Meeting were approved.

Chairman Holton reported on the following:

- Chairman Holton and Commissioner Watermeier attended the FDOT Partners Forum on New Corridors held in Orlando.
- Chairman Holton spoke at the Maritime Leadership Conference in Miami on September 28. At that meeting John LaCapra, Chairman Holton and others discussed the possibility of having a Multi-Modal Summit to discuss the transportation needs of Florida and the interconnectivity of all modes of transportation. It was agreed that the Commission should move forward with this Summit.
- Commissioner Marchena reported on the New Corridors Initiative at the TEAMFL meeting earlier this month.
- Commissioner Watermeier spoke at Orlando's "How Shall We Grow" conference, which was part of the regions visioning process, and she spoke on Future Transportation Corridors.

AGENCY REPORT /NEW CORRIDORS UPDATE

Secretary Denver Stutler gave the Agency Report.

- Ms. Noranne Downs has been appointed as the District Five Secretary.
- George Lovett has been appointed as the District Five Transportation Development Director.
- Ms. Lora Hollingsworth has been appointed the new Director of FDOT Office of Design.
- District Three Secretary position is currently being advertised in order to provide an overlap, due to the pending retirement of Edward Prescott. Mr. Prescott has been the District Secretary since 1995 and has done a great job.

- One of the projects in District Three that has garnered a lot of attention is the I-10 Bridge that was severely damaged by the hurricanes of 2004. The bridge has been constructed in less than two years. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled at the end of this year.
- Cost increase continues to be an issue for the Department.

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA INITIATIVES

Representative Richard “Rich” Glorioso discussed the West Central Florida Initiatives.

STATEWIDE STRATEGIC SEAPORT VISIONING AND PLANNING PROCESS

John LaCapra, President Florida Ports Council, introduced Phillip Allen, Broward County Port Authority Director, who presented the Statewide Strategic Seaport Visioning and Planning Process.

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.

FLORIDA 2060 PROJECT

Timothy Jackson, Vice President of 1000 Friends of Florida presented the “Florida 2060” Project.

1ST QUARTER PERFORMANCE/PRODUCTION REVIEW

David Tassinari, Manager of Finance/Performance Monitoring presented the Performance and Production Review for the 1st quarter of FY 2006/07. The Department has met the goals for Construction lettings, Right-of-Way Certifications, Minority Business Enterprise and Disadvantage Business Enterprise Achievement, and Cash Management. The Department continues to lag behind the goals for Construction Time and Cost Adjustments, but progress is being made. At the time of this report the Consultant Acquisition Plan had not been “locked down” so this report only reflects actual commitments through the 1st quarter.

ANNUAL HIGHWAY SAFETY REPORT

David Tassinari also presented the 1st Annual Highway Safety Report. This report provides information on Florida’s fatality rates as compared to the national rates for overall fatalities as well as fatalities within certain demographic components (motorcyclists, pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.). The report also provides information on the Departments efforts to reduce these fatality rates as well as information on the Safety Grant Program administered by the Department. After presenting the report, there were several discussion items regarding the causes for such high fatality rates in Florida and a request by Commissioners for a survey of best practices in other states that are effective in reducing fatality rates. It was suggested that some of these best practices may be introduced as legislative initiatives in the upcoming legislative session.

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DEPARTMENT’S SAFETY INITIATIVES

Marianne Trussell, Chief Safety Officer, FDOT discussed the Department’s Safety Initiatives.

In response to Marianne Trussell's presentation on the Department's Safety Initiatives, a motion was made and seconded requesting the Department to develop a list of contributing factors in highway safety fatalities and also the best practices that other states are utilizing to improve their safety performance in the areas presented. These items will be included in a final version of the Annual Safety Report to be adopted by the Commission at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED _____ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 5th DAY OF DECEMBER 2006

CHAIRMAN

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