

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: January 11, 2016

MEETING NUMBER: 213

The two hundred and thirteenth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on January 11, 2016 at the Florida Department of Transportation, Burns Auditorium, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance were: Chairman Trumbull, Commissioners Browning, Ferré, Howse, Kigel, Sarnoff, and Sebesta. Commissioners Ellington and Wright were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Trumbull called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M. Chairman Trumbull recognized elected officials and/or legislative staff. Chairman Trumbull asked for a motion to approve the November FTC meeting. Commissioners and FTC staff were recognized for their participation in the following events:

- Commissioners Browning, Ferré, and Kigel, as well as FTC staff, attended the Florida Chamber Foundation's Transportation Symposium in Jacksonville on December 10th. Commissioner Kigel spoke at the event.
- Commissioner Browning attended the FDOT Centennial Celebration in Tallahassee on December 11th which included past FDOT secretaries and was featured on the Florida Channel.
- Commissioner Ellington attended the I-75 Relief Task force Meeting in Ocala on December 7th.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGENCY REPORT:

Chairman Trumbull invited Jim Boxold, Secretary of FDOT to present the agency report to the Commission. Mr. Boxold reported on the following issues:

- Announced filling significant positions.
- Status of key vacancies—Statewide
- Discussed FDOT expectations from the Federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) bill.
- The latest on FDOT's legislative priorities for the 2016 Session.
 - Commented on the Work Program Amendment language in the House bill
 - Commented on HB 961 by Rep. Artiles
- Commented on the approval of the Florida Transportation Plan
- Discussed meetings/conferences attended.
- Announced upcoming meetings/Conferences.

STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FDOT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM:

In accordance with the FTC's statutorily mandated responsibilities, Chairman Trumbull opened the floor for Mark Reichert, Assistant Executive Director of FTC, to present the staff analysis of FDOT's Tentative Work Program.

Mr. Reichert was followed by Secretary Boxold's response to the FTC review and to address the development of this Tentative Work Program.

DISTRICTS, TURNPIKE, AND RAIL ENTERPRISE PRESENTATIONS OF WORK PROGRAMS:

After a brief break, the Chairman invited each district secretary and the Turnpike and Rail Enterprise Executive Directors up to the podium to give a 10 minute overview of their respective work programs. This year the District Secretaries/Executive Directors were asked to spend less time on the presentation charts and concentrate on their challenges, opportunities and accomplishments. The following district secretaries and directors were present and heard:

- Diane Scaccetti, Turnpike Enterprise Director
- Greg Evans, District Two Secretary
- Paul Steinman, District Seven Secretary
- Gus Pego, District Six Secretary
- Noranne Downs, District Five Secretary
- Gerry O'Reilly, District Four Secretary Tommy Barfield, District Three Secretary
- Billy Hattaway, District One Secretary
- Brian Blanchard, Rail Enterprise Director

Note: Many of the Commissioners had already met with the secretary of the district in which they reside over the past month for a briefing on the work program.

The Chairman recognized Gus Pego, District Six Secretary, as this was his last presentation before the FTC prior to his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Trumbull asked for any public comment, and if anyone in the audience had any comments to make in regards to the Tentative Work Program Review, (or any other issue they wanted to bring up before the Commission).

Public comments were received from Mark Delegal, (Holland & Knight Law Firm, representing the City of West Palm Beach), in opposition to the State Road 7 expansion project in Palm Beach County. Also speaking was Kent L. Wimmer, AICP, (representing the Defenders of Wildlife), in support of FDOT's effort with the wildlife fencing project on Interstate 75 in Collier County.

The Chairman then asked for a motion to ACCEPT Commission Staff's "recommendation" that the Tentative Work Program was found in "compliance" with all Laws and Departmental policies. It is the Commission's job to EVALUATE the Work Program for compliance with laws and policies; and it is the job of the Legislature to APPROVE the Plan.

ADJOURN:

Chairman Trumbull adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:30 P.M.

The next FTC meeting will be a joint meeting with TEAMFL to be held in Tampa on April 29, 2016 preceded by an FTC workshop on April 28, 2016.

MINUTES APPROVED:  AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 29th DAY OF April 2016.

CHAIRMAN

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