

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF: September 29, 2016

MEETING NUMBER: 217

The two hundred and seventeenth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on September 29, 2016 in Regency Rooms 5 and 6 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress located at One Grand Cypress Boulevard, Orlando, Florida. This meeting was held in conjunction with the *Future of Florida Forum* sponsored by the Florida Chamber Foundation.

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance were: Chairman Trumbull, Commissioners Browning, Ellington, Ferré, Howse, Kigel, Sarnoff, Sebesta, and Wright.

CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Trumbull called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. Chairman Trumbull introduced Matt Ubben, former president of Floridians for Better Transportation, as the Commission's new Executive Director and Jennifer Clark, former public records coordinator at the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, as its new executive assistant. He then asked for a motion to approve the July FTC meeting minutes. The Chairman recognized Commissioners and FTC staff for their participation in the following events:

- Commission held a Retreat in Orlando on August 3
- Commissioner Browning attended the AIF sponsored "Building Florida's Future" event at Port Tampa Bay on August 18th.
- Matt Ubben and Mark Reichert attended the annual SASHTO conference in West Virginia on August 27 through 30.
- Mayor Ferre and Matt Ubben attended the IBTTA annual conference in Denver on September 11 through 14.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGENCY REPORT:

The Agency Report from Secretary Boxold was delayed until his response to the Annual Performance and Production Review.

PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTION REVIEW OF THE FDOT FOR FY 2015-16:

One of the major statutory responsibilities of the Commission is the oversight of the performance, production and fiscal management of the FDOT. Mark Reichert, the Assistant Executive Director of the Commission, presented the 2015/16 Annual Performance and Production Review of the FDOT. This is the 25th year the FTC has conducted the Performance and Production Review of the Department. The Department met or exceeded the objectives of 14 of the 17 primary measures.

Commissioner Howse asked Mr. Reichert to consider splitting out CEI and Design costs in the Consultant Contract Lettings performance measure. After reporting on the Public Transit ridership measure, one of the three the Department did not meet, Commissioner Ron Howse speculated that the growth of ride-sharing firms like Uber might be impacting the transit ridership numbers. He requested that the Department look into whether or not ride-sharing firms are impacting public transit ridership. He also wanted to know if these firms have had a positive impact on the number of DUI arrests. Commissioner Ferré asked for an explanation on why public transit ridership is down nationally, as well.

FDOT RESPONSE TO THE PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTION REVIEW:

Chairman Trumbull invited Secretary Jim Boxold to the podium to first present the Agency Report to the Commission and then his response to the Performance and Production Review. He also commented on the Secretary's speech he gave at the *Future of Florida Forum* earlier in the day complimenting him on his speech. Secretary Boxold ended up responding to the Performance and Production Review first.

In his response to the Performance and Production Review, Secretary Boxold addressed the three performance measures which the Department did not meet last fiscal year. Regarding the Public Transit Ridership measure, he committed to working with the Commission to find an alternative measure which better reflects the Department's role in impacting Public Transportation. After his remarks on why the Department did not meet the Public Transit Ridership measure Commissioner Ferré and Secretary Boxold had a back and forth discussion on transit in Florida, especially in the South Florida region, and why there may be alternative acceptable systems to rail solutions.

Chairman Trumbull congratulated the Secretary on another great year of performance, but the Secretary disagreed. He said great performance will be next year when they meet all 17 measures.

Secretary Boxold reported on the following items in his Agency Report:

- The FDOT Leadership Academy held at the Turnpike Headquarters
- Status of key vacancies and announced the filling of significant positions, specifically the three vacancies that are the result of the District 1, 3 and 5 secretaries leaving the Department. Phillip Gainer, the Department's Chief Engineer will be going back to Chipley to take over as the new District 3 Secretary. The other two vacancies have been advertised.
- Status of the new NEPA delegation to the Department
- The new SunTrax testing facility

- Turnpike bond upgrade.
- Status report on I-4 Ultimate
- Status report on the CCSS
- The I-75 Task Force Report
- Meetings/Conferences attended
- Upcoming meetings/Conferences

The seven district secretaries (or representatives) and Turnpike Enterprise Executive Director were present and participated in the review in the following order:

- Chris Smith –Director of Transportation Development, District One (representing Billy Hattaway who will be leaving the Department in November)
- Greg Evans – District Secretary, District Two
- Tommy Barfield – District Secretary, District Three (Tommy will be retiring in October)
- Gerry O’Reilly – District Secretary, District Four
- Noranne Downs – District Secretary, District Five (Noranne will be retiring in December)
- Harold Desdunes – Director of Transportation Development, District Six (representing Jim Wolfe)
- Paul Steinman - District Secretary, District Seven
- Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti – Turnpike Enterprise

Presentations included responses to the Performance Measures as well as Challenges and Opportunities for the FY 2016/17 reporting period.

In accordance with the FTC’s statutorily mandated responsibilities, Chairman Trumbull opened the floor for a motion to approve the adoption of the 2015/16 Annual Performance and Production Review of the Department. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Review and to forward it to the Governor and Legislature. The Review was unanimously approved by the Commission. Chairman Trumbull congratulated Secretary Boxold and FDOT staff for their hard work and great service to the people of Florida as reflected in the Review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Trumbull asked for any public comment, and if anyone in the audience had any comments to make in regards to issues they wanted to bring up before the Commission.

Mr. Karl Guenther, Chief Executive Officer of the Sky Train Corporation, addressed the Commission regarding the transit system his company produces.

ADJOURN:

Chairman Trumbull adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:10 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED: ✓ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED _____

THIS 2nd DAY OF November 2016.



CHAIRMAN

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