

## FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2010

MEETING NUMBER 179

The one hundred and seventy-ninth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held May 6, 2010, at the Bay Point Marriott Resort, Panama City Beach, Florida. Chairman Marty Lanahan provided opening comments and called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

### ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance were: Chairman Marty Lanahan, Commissioners Conrecode, Howse, Marchena, Mazurkiewicz, Pullum, Rose, and Walton.

### MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 1, 2010, Commission Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Lanahan reported on the following:

Chairman Lanahan, on behalf of the Commission, expressed her appreciation to Former Commissioner Janet Watermeier (currently the Executive Director of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance) for arranging a tour and briefing of the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport on May 5. Airport Manager, Randy Curtis and Chairman of the Airport Joe Tannehill provided a very informative briefing of the project.

Chairman Lanahan presented a plaque to Former Commissioner Janet Watermeier on behalf of the Commissioners and staff in appreciation for her service to the Commission from 2001 until 2007.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Chairman Earl Durden who passed away last week of a long term illness. He served on the Commission for eight years. Chairman Lanahan recognized his accomplishments and contributions to the Commission and citizens of the State of Florida.

Commissioners provided updates on presentations since the last FTC meeting and noted upcoming speaking engagements:

- Chairman Lanahan spoke at the Clay County Economic Development Council luncheon;
- Chairman Lanahan spoke at the Jacksonville Chapter of the Women in Transportation;
- Commissioner Marchena attended the High Speed Rail meeting in Miami with Congresswoman Brown and Congressmen Mica and Oberstar;

- Commissioner Conrecode will be addressing the Florida Economic Development Council later in the month;
- Commission Marchena will be speaking at the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers annual meeting on the topic of state transportation funding; and
- Commissioner Mazurkiewicz provided a report on the progress of the 2060 FTP Update. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11-12 in Ft. Lauderdale.

Chairman Lanahan announced that during the 2010 Legislative Session, six Commissioners were confirmed by the Senate (Chairman Lanahan, Commissioners Conrecode, Howse, Mazurkiewicz, Rose and Walton).

A provision passed this session that will directly impact the Commission. The Osceola County Expressway Authority was created in statute and will fall under FTC oversight. Staff will begin working on the performance measures that may need to be developed. Commission staff will also be available to provide any advice and assistance to the authority.

The Performance Measures Task Group currently has a vacancy due to the resignation of former Commissioner Calloway. Chairman Lanahan appointed Commissioner Conrecode to fill that vacancy.

The Commission is statutorily responsible for approving appointments to the Center for Urban Transportation Research Board when a vacancy occurs. The resume of former Senator James "Jim" Hargrett, who was nominated by USF President Judy Genshaft, was presented for review and approval. Commissioner Walton made a motion to approve the nomination and Commissioner Pullum seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Third Quarter Performance and Production Review document was included in the meeting packets for review. The report was not discussed in detail but Commissioners were asked to provide any feedback to David Tassinari.

Chairman Lanahan thanked all of the Commissioners for quick responses during the 2010 Legislative Session. She noted that Sally Patrenos, Commissioner Conrecode, and District Seven Secretary Don Skelton met with the St. Petersburg Times Editorial Staff and two excellent articles were produced related to the raid of the Transportation Trust Fund. She recognized the work that Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos and the FDOT Team put into this effort. She also acknowledged Bob Burleson for organizing the very successful Rally in Tally.

#### **AGENCY REPORT:**

Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos gave an update on the Department activities and reported on the following:

- Update on the 2010 Legislation;
- Impact of the Work Program of \$160 million sweep of the STTF;

- Work Program Amendment documentation requirements, specifically providing an electronic version of the Finance Model;
- Revenue Outlook;
- Reauthorization; and
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Status.

Secretary Kopelousos provided a status of the P3 projects, SunRail and High Speed Rail.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2010:**

The Honorable Jimmy Patronis, Florida House of Representatives District Six provided a very informative update on the “Legislative Session 2010 – An Insiders Review”. Representative Patronis has served on the House Infrastructure Committee and the Committee on Military and Veterans’ Affairs. He was also asked to serve on the Appropriations Conference Committee dealing with transportation to determine the budget for the State of Florida.

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT ANNUAL REPORT WITH AUTHORITY RESPONSES:**

Rick Gallant presented the 2009 Transportation Authority Annual Oversight Report before the Commission (with noted changes to be submitted by Lynx) and fielded questions. Commissioner Marchena made a motion to adopt the report and Commissioner Mazurkiewicz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS (ITS):**

Patrick McGowan, P.E., President of Telvent Transportation North America, provided a briefing on the 2011 World Congress ITS. The briefing included new innovations in technology for enhancing mobility for people and goods. The October 2011 FTC meeting will be scheduled in Orlando to coincide with the Congress.

**FLORIDA TAXWATCH:**

Dominic Calabro, President and CEO, Florida TaxWatch presented the Florida TaxWatch Report on Recommended Government Savings. The report focused on the revenue generation perspective (related to the ongoing issue of protecting transportation funding).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments were received.

**CONCLUSION:** The next regular Commission meeting will be held in Tallahassee on September 14-15, 2010.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED ✓ AS READ \_\_\_\_\_ AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010

  
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CHAIRMAN

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