

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

MEETING NUMBER 180

The one hundred and eightieth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on September 15, 2010, at the Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, 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, Pullum, Rose, and Walton. Commissioner Mazurkiewicz was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 6, 2010, Commission meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

THE FTC Authorities Committee, Chaired by Commissioner Marchena, met twice by teleconference since the May 6 meeting to discuss some changes in the performance measures. They have three recommended changes that will be reviewed for adoption. The changes include:

Toll Authorities: The recommended change to the Annual Operating, Maintenance and Administrative (OM&A) Forecast Variance objective is from "actual OM&A expenses to be within +/- 10 percent of the annual OM&A original budget" to "actual OM&A expenses to be less than 110 percent of the annual OM&A original budget."

Transit Authorities: The recommended change to the Revenue Miles between Safety Incidents objective is from "greater than 10 percent increase over the average of the last five years" to "greater than five percent increase over actual FY 2009."

The recommended change to Average Headway includes a change in the definition from "the average headway of all routes" to "the average number of minutes it takes for a vehicle (or train) to complete its portion of the total route miles one time (based on a specific formula)." The recommended changes to the objective are: from "less than 60 minutes" to "less than 30

minutes” for Bus; from “less than 50 minutes” to “less than 30 minutes” for Train; and from “less than 10 minutes” to “less than 6 minutes” for the JTA Skyway.

A motion was made to adopt the three measures and the motion was seconded. The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the measures.

Chairman Lanahan noted that the impacted authorities have been involved in this process from the beginning and asked that Commission staff inform the authorities that the recommended changes have been adopted by the Commission. She also thanked the Commission staff and committee members for the extra time required to develop these measures.

SAFETY:

Chairman Lanahan asked Dave Tassinari to provide an update on current SAFETY information for the Department. Dave provided the following update:

The Safety handouts provided show that as of Calendar Year 2009:

- Overall Fatalities are down by 23.8% since 2006
- Motorcycle Fatalities are down by 26.9% since 2006 (down 24% from 2008)
- Pedestrian Fatalities are down 11.7% from 2006
- Bicycle Fatalities are down 20.6% from 2006
- Alcohol-related crashes are down 8.5% from 2006
- The Occupant Protection usage stood at 85.2% in 2009
- Florida Fatality Rate Compared to National Fatality Rate is 12.1% higher (1.30 compared to 1.16)

The economy has had an effect on these reductions, but also, education campaigns promoting safety, raising motorists awareness, enforcement efforts cracking down on risky behavior, usage of unmarked cars, and the passage of the primary safety belt law have had an effect. Also, engineering efforts such as better roadway lighting and stronger guard rails have helped reduce fatalities. Finally, new cars come equipped with side impact airbags and other safety features which help make the vehicles safer in a crash.

UPDATES ON COMMISSION ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING:

- A request is being prepared to the Attorney General’s Office for a legal opinion on certain apparent overlaps in the roles of the FTC and the newly formed Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission – especially as it relates to oversight of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

- Commissioner Mazurkiewicz - 2060 Florida Transportation Plan Steering Committee. Sally Patrenos provided an update on the Plan.
- Commissioner Walton provided an update on the recent activities of the TEAMFL Board.
- Commissioner Rose provided an update on the CUTR activities and discussed the upcoming CUTR Awards dinner and Board meeting.
- Commissioner Howse and Sally Patrenos attended the first Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission meeting in Orlando on September 7.
- Sally Patrenos attended the MPOAC Revenue Study Committee meeting and provided the group with the status of current activities.
- Rick Gallant attended the Osceola County Expressway Authority meeting and provided an update on recent activities.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

- Women in Transportation, Jacksonville Chapter – Chairman Lanahan
- Clay County Economic Development Forum – Chairman Lanahan
- Pensacola Chamber of Commerce – Chairman Lanahan
- Florida Transportation Builders Association Annual Conference – Sally Patrenos

The FTC held a workshop on September 14 regarding the future of transportation funding needs of our State. Chairman Lanahan emphasized the importance of the FTC remaining united with partners in efforts to secure funding for transportation infrastructure. The Chairman reminded the group that two of her primary emphasis areas while serving as Chairman of the FTC are jobs and return on investment. The construction industry must be kept strong to both meet our growing mobility needs and to provide the jobs and investments needed to reignite our economy. The Chairman expressed her appreciation to those who participated in the roundtable discussions and ensured the group that the Commission is committed to continued strong advocacy on this topic over the coming years.

2009/2010 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE FDOT:

One of the most important statutory responsibilities of the Commission is the oversight of the performance, production and fiscal management of the FDOT. Dave Tassinari was introduced and presented the 2009/2010 Annual Performance Review of the FDOT. Secretary Kopelousos and all seven district secretaries including the Turnpike Enterprise Executive Director were present and participated in the review.

Chairman Lanahan acknowledged the hard work of FDOT that is reflected in the annual report. She noted that Rail is going to play a major role in transportation all across the United States in decades to come, and much of the excitement surrounding that modal shift is taking place in Florida. This is evidenced by the Legislature's creation of the Florida Rail Enterprise and the Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission during Special Session last year.

FLORIDA RAIL ENTERPRISE AND FLORIDA STATEWIDE PASSENGER RAIL COMMISSION UPDATE:

Kevin Thibault, Executive Director of the Florida Statewide Rail Enterprise, provided an update of the current activities of the Commission. The Commission's first meeting was held in Orlando on September 7, 2010 and the Election of the Chairman and Commission Officers was held at that time. The next Rail meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2010 in Orlando.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment received.

CONCLUSION:

The next Commission workshop/meeting will be held on November 4-5, 2010, in Tallahassee.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED: ✓ AS READ AS AMENDED

THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010



CHAIRMAN

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