

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2010

MEETING NUMBER 181

The one hundred and eighty first meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on November 5, 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, Mazurkiewicz, Pullum, Rose, and Walton.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 15, 2010, Commission meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Lanahan commented on the FTC Workshop held on November 4. Good discussion among the Commissioners about the "next steps" in efforts to address the deteriorating transportation funding in Florida. The FTC will be convening a "Transportation Funding Summit" in January as part of the annual joint meeting with TEAMFL in Orlando.

One of the roles of the Commission is that of search committee for the FDOT Secretary position when a vacancy occurs. Secretary Kopelousos informed the Chairman and Commission that she will not be seeking reappointment to her current role. Chairman Lanahan has asked Commissioner Marchena to Chair the Secretary Search Committee. Commissioners Walton and Pullum will also serve on the Committee.

UPDATES ON COMMISSION ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING:

Reports were given on the following activities:

- Chairman Lanahan - Global Trade and Transportation Symposium
- Commissioner Walton – TEAMFL Board Meeting and Conference
- Sally Patrenos – Florida Public Transportation Association Annual Conference
- Commissioner Rose – CUTR Board Meeting
- Chairman Lanahan – CUTR Annual Transportation Achievement and Award

AGENCY REPORT:

Secretary Kopelousos provided a report on current agency projects and initiatives.

Chairman Lanahan recognized Henry Lewis, Director of the Office of Work Program, for his service to the department. Henry is retiring effective the end of November.

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 Statewide Passenger Rail Commission. The Commission's last meeting was held on October 13, 2010 in Orlando.

FLORIDA FREIGHT FLOW ANALYSIS REPORT:

Carrie Blanchard, Ph.D., Director of Research & Public Policy with the Florida Chamber Foundation provided a briefing on the Florida Freight Flow Analysis. Below are highlights from the briefing. Objectives of the study include: (1) Document existing domestic and international trade flows, (2) Estimate future domestic and international trade flows, (3) Identify opportunities for Florida to compete globally, and (4) Recommend strategies to pursue most attractive opportunities.

Current activities are overseen by Study Review Committee with research led by national experts - Cambridge Systematics, Inc. and Martin Associates. The study includes a detailed database with domestic/international freight flows to/from/within Florida and forecasts for 10, 25, 50 years and economic impact models. Interviews were also held with 100 shippers, carriers, ports/terminals, economic developers.

Future trade opportunities were outlined: (1) Grow Florida origin exports, (2) Maximize ability to serve supply chain for Florida businesses and consumers through Florida gateways, and (3) Expand Florida's role as a trade gateway for the Eastern United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

Next steps in the study include: (1) Complete alternative forecasts, (2) Estimate economic impacts, (3) Publish final report, and (4) Huddle Working Group (incorporate into: 6 caucuses-Cornerstone 2030, 2060 Florida Transportation Plan, and other statewide initiatives).

2060 FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN: REVIEW OF THE FINAL DRAFT

Kathy Neill, Director, Office of Policy Planning provided a presentation of the 2060 FTP Update. The FTP provides policy framework for expenditure of state and federal funds and provides policy guidance for all transportation partners. The purpose of the 2060 is: (1) to respond to emerging challenges, (2) develop long range vision, goals and objectives, and (3) to build consensus among partners for implementation. Ms. Neill discussed the objectives and structure of the FTP, 21st Century Investment Framework and Implementation Process.

FLORIDA RAIL SYSTEM PLAN:

Fred Wise, State Rail Manager, presented a review of the Florida Rail System Plan. The Policy Element was adopted in March 2009 and the Investment Element is pending adoption in November 2010. Florida Statutes 341.302(3) requires that the Plan be updated every five years with the next update due by January 1, 2011.

SEAPORT STRATEGIC PLAN:

Meredith Dahlrose, Manager, Seaports Office presented the Statewide Seaport System Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to develop a comprehensive Florida Seaport System Plan consistent with other FDOT modal plans. The Plan provides Department leadership with a "system-wide" view of 14 ports and the state's role in supporting them. It also provides improved ability to evaluate and prioritize state investments in seaports. The Florida Freight Flow Analysis Report was discussed and findings include two major components: (1) Maximizing Existing System – Growing Florida Market, and (2) Emergence as Global Hub – Growing non-Florida Market. Four Key Strategies are: Competition, Growth, Mobility, and Partnerships. The Plan will be presented to the FDOT Executive Board in November 2010 and the FDOT Secretary for adoption in December 2010.

FTC SAFETY REPORT:

David Tassinari, Manager of Finance and Performance Monitoring, presented a briefing on the FTC Safety Report. Safety continues to be the top priority of the FDOT and to the FTC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was received from Nancy Leikauf, Florida Ports Council related to the Seaport System Plan.

CONCLUSION:

The next Commission meeting will be held on January 21, 2011, in Orlando.

ADJOURN:

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

MINUTES APPROVED: ✓ AS READ _____ AS AMENDED

THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY, 2011



CHAIRMAN

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