

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Thank you. That was
3 the only request that we have from the public.

4 So that being said, we will move on
5 then to the Transportation Section of the agenda. We
6 have minutes to approve from the March 24, 2010,
7 bench session. I understand that there are no
8 amendments. Is there a motion to approve the
9 minutes?

10 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So move.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: It's been moved and
14 seconded. All in favor say aye.

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any opposed?

17 The vote is 5-0 approving the minutes.

18 Starting with the Railroad Agenda,
19 Items RR-1 through RR-7 (T10-0047, T10-0049,
20 T10-0051, T10-0052, T10-0053, T10-0054, T09-0017)
21 will be taken together. These are Stipulated
22 Agreements for safety improvements to railroad

1 crossings in a number of cities and towns across
2 Illinois. In each case Staff recommends entering
3 Orders approving the Stipulated Agreements. Is there
4 a motion to enter the Orders?

5 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So move.

6 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: It's been moved and
9 seconded. All in favor say aye.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any opposed?

12 The vote is 5-0. The Orders are
13 entered and the Stipulated Agreements are approved.

14 We will use this 5-0 vote for the
15 remainder of the Transportation unless otherwise
16 noted.

17 Turning to Motor Carriers, Items MC-1
18 through MC-4 will be taken together. These are
19 Stipulated Settlement Agreements concerning alleged
20 violation of the Illinois Commercial Transportation
21 Law. Staff recommends entering the Orders accepting
22 the Stipulated Settlement Agreements. Is there any

1 discussion? Any objections? Hearing none, the
2 Orders are entered and the Stipulated Settlement
3 Agreements are approved.

4 Item MC-5 concerns Walsh Service's
5 application for renewal of a Commercial Relocation
6 Towing License pursuant to the provisions of Section
7 18a-401 of the Illinois Commercial Relocation
8 Trespassing Vehicles Law. Staff recommends granting
9 renewal of the license. Is there any discussion?
10 Any objections? Hearing none, the license renewal is
11 granted.

12 Mr. Matrisch, is there any further
13 business to come before the Commission today?

14 MR. MATRISCH: Nothing further. Thank you,
15 Chairman.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Before you leave, sir,
17 I wanted to again compliment your division for the
18 outstanding work that all of you have been doing. We
19 have had several meetings through the appropriations
20 with both members of the House and Senate of the
21 Illinois Legislature, and on both occasions you were
22 complimented for your outstanding work.

1 I also want to compliment your
2 division for the Life Safety Program initiative and
3 also the work that Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz has
4 been doing in promoting this effort. Unfortunately,
5 as you know, we just had a terrible accident over the
6 weekend. I know that there is an ongoing
7 investigation. I would just ask that you would, as
8 you have been already, keep us apprised of those
9 circumstances. It is a terrible tragedy. Our
10 condolences go to the young victim who was killed in
11 that horrendous accident. And I know that we take
12 our job very seriously here, and we would be curious
13 again to make sure that -- as I said, we want to be
14 kept updated on the outcome of the pending
15 investigation.

16 MR. MATRISCH: Thank you, Chairman. We will
17 keep you updated as developments occur.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: There are some other
19 Commissioners that may have --

20 COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: I just would
21 second the Chairman's comments. I am always just
22 kind of like a proud parent when I go to different

1 events with regard to our Transportation. Not that I
2 am not proud of the other parts of the Commission,
3 but it is always a great thing because they are just
4 recognized as first in the field, not just in our
5 state but on a national level.

6 And it should be a great comfort to
7 everybody in this room and all the citizens in the
8 state that we have the folks that we do have at the
9 Commission making sure that we stay safe and our
10 children stay safe with regard to the many dangerous
11 situations that present themselves at railroad grade
12 crossings.

13 I do admit that I do have a vested
14 interest, being a train rider for probably about four
15 hours a day when I go downtown. But I know that they
16 are doing the blitzes now. I was at the train
17 station in Crystal Lake and folks were out there and
18 they were getting information about the safety
19 programs. I have even had contact with various
20 police departments that have said, hey, what's that
21 program.

22 So I am always glad to have that

1 interest in our PEERS Program to get more people on
2 board the train of safety that has become a hallmark
3 of the Transportation Division of the Commission.

4 So it is spring time. Kids are out on
5 the tracks. Make sure you go home tonight, every one
6 of you, and talk to them about what they should be
7 doing on the tracks and what they shouldn't be doing
8 on the tracks and to watch those lights and don't be
9 crossing where they shouldn't.

10 So thank you very much, and I look
11 forward to working on some more projects during the
12 warm weather months.

13 MR. MATRISCH: Thank you, Commissioner.

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any others? Again,
15 Mr. Matrisch, thank you so much. And hearing
16 nothing, that concludes the Transportation Agenda.

17 TRANSPORTATION AGENDA CONCLUDED

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