

APPROVED

At the February 25, 2010 Rail Advisory Board meeting, a motion to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting was made by Sharon Bulova, seconded by Gregory Marston, and approved by the Rail Advisory Board members.

Minutes

**Rail Advisory Board Meeting
Board Room
DMV Headquarters Building
2300 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA**

November 12, 2009

Note – At the direction of the Board and the Director of DRPT, these summary minutes will reflect Action Items and Informational Requests to the Agency from the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trenton Crewe Jr., Chairman
Sharon Bulova
James Keen
Bruno Maestri
Peter Shutz

Richard Beadles
Dwight Farmer
Gregory Marston
Steven Powell

Charles Badger, Director, DRPT

Call to Order

The Rail Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Chairman Crewe.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The Chairman noted that Mr. Quintin Kendall had requested his presentation be moved to before lunch and asked the Board members if there was any objection. A motion to accept the amended agenda of the November 12, 2009, meeting was made by Mr. Keen and seconded by Ms. Bulova. The motion carried without opposition.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion to accept the July 9, 2009, meeting minutes was made by Mr. Keen and seconded by Ms. Bulova. The motion carried without opposition.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received by e-mail. Ms. Lorna Perkins of the Woman's Transportation Seminar Central Virginia Chapter made a presentation to Ms. Bulova and Mr. Michael Testerman of RAIL Solution, Danny Plaughter of Virginians for High Speed Rail, and Ms. Meredith Richards of the Piedmont Rail Coalition signed up to speak and addressed short remarks to the Board. Members of the Board requested information on the Amtrak ridership for the new Lynchburg service. Director Badger noted that that information would be shared with the members of the Board after it has been received by the agency.

Director's Update

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Charles Badger, Director of DRPT, briefed the Board on the status of DRPT's ARRA applications. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Hampton Roads High Speed Rail project has been completed and is awaiting FRA sign-off. Director Badger also recapped the initial run of the new Lynchburg Amtrak service. Monthly reports would be made available to the Board. The additional Richmond Amtrak train service has been delayed until June, 2010.

Adoption of 2010 Rail Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

A motion to adopt the proposed schedule was made by Ms. Bulova and seconded by Mr. Keen. The motion carried without opposition.

Rail Enhancement Fund Application Process

Mr. Kevin Page, Chief of Rail Transportation for DRPT, introduced Mr. Jeremy Latimer as Manager of Rail Development and Planning. Mr. Page updated the Board on the Fiscal Year 2011 REF application and processing cycle.

Presentation on High Speed Rail

Mr. Page reviewed the current condition and future vision for high speed rail in the Commonwealth, and current and new passenger rail service in the Commonwealth including the ARRA application process.

CSX Rail Enhancement Fund Projects

Mr. Quintin Kendall, Resident Vice President of State Government Affairs for CSX Transportation, updated the Board on the CSX REF programs and projects underway.

VRE On-Time Performance and Ridership Update

Dale Zehner of Virginia Railway Express updated the Board on the rail system's performance, ridership figures and the reduction of delays. Mr. Zehner also updated the Board on the decision of operation service and the addition of Spotsylvania County to the VRE operation. Mr. Page presented the Amtrak report for Mr. Jay McArthur.

Norfolk Southern Crescent Corridor Project Update

Mr. Bill Schafer, Director of Strategic Planning for Norfolk Southern, reviewed the status of the NS Rail Enhancement Fund projects.

Information Items

Mr. Page provided an overview of the informational items provided to the Board in their notebooks. This included the status of the REF projects as well as current and expected level of funding.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Rail Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2010* at 10:00 a.m.

*Note: The January 14, 2010 was rescheduled to February 25, 2010.