

APPROVED

At the July 9, 2009 Rail Advisory Board meeting, a motion to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2009 meeting was made by James Keen, seconded by Sharon Bulova, and approved by the Rail Advisory Board members.

Minutes

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

April 9, 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:

Wiley Mitchell Jr., Chairman
Richard Beadles
Dwight Farmer
Gregory Marston

Trenton Crewe, Vice Chairman
Sharon Bulova
James Keen
Peter Shutz

Charles Badger, Director, DRPT

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruno Maestri

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The agenda of the April 9, 2009, meeting was accepted by the Chairman with the comment that the schedule could go past noon due to questions.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion to accept the January 8, 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. Fran Hooper of C'ville Rail, Mr. Danny Plaughter of Virginians for High Speed Rail, Mr. Mark Mascotte of Octacon Partners, LLC, and Michael Testerman of RAIL Solution signed up to speak and addressed short remarks to the Board. The Chairman requested that Norfolk Southern make a presentation at the next meeting on their Crescent Corridor progress.

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Director's Update

Charles Badger, Director of DRPT, briefed the Board on the potential rail projects that will be submitted for use of the stimulus funds for Virginia. Federal Railroad Administration projects for Virginia were also reviewed.

Rail Enhancement Fund, Recommended Program of Projects

Kevin Page, Chief of Rail Transportation, DRPT, introduced Jeff Florin of the Port of Virginia to update the Board on the Rail Enhancement Fund projects and facilities of the Virginia Port Authority.

At the suggestion of Mr. Page, the Chairman would like CSX to make a presentation at the July meeting on the National Gateway project.

Mr. Page presented the proposed program of projects for the Rail Enhancement Fund, FY2010 – 2015. Mr. Beadles moved, and Ms. Bulova seconded, that the RAB recommend these projects and convey to the Commonwealth Transportation Board its recommendation that they be approved.

VRE On-Time Performance and Ridership Update

Dale Zehner of Virginia Railway Express updated the Board on the rail systems' performance, ridership figures and the reduction of delays.

Information Items

Mr. Page provided an overview of the informational items provided to the Board in their notebooks.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next meeting of the Rail Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.