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At the October 14, 2010 Rail Advisory Board meeting, a motion to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2010 meeting was made by Dwight Farmer, 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 1, 2010**

*Note – At the direction of the Board and the Director of DRPT, these summary minutes will reflect Actions, Presentation 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

Thelma Drake, Director, DRPT

### Call to Order

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

### Adoption of Meeting Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda of the April 1, 2010, meeting was made by Mr. Keen and seconded by Ms. Bulova. The motion carried without opposition.

### Adoption of Minutes

A motion to accept the February 25, 2009, meeting minutes was made by Ms. Bulova and seconded by Mr. Shutz. The motion carried without opposition.

### Public Comment

There were no public comments received by e-mail nor did anyone sign up to speak.

### Director's Update

Thelma Drake, Director of DRPT, gave the Board a general overview of current DRPT projects and an update on the General Assembly actions related to transportation.

### Adoption of 2010 Rail Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed the current schedule of quarterly meetings and felt it was important to meet following the current schedule. After discussion the Board, on a motion by Mr. Keen, seconded by Ms. Bulova and carried without opposition, requested DRPT staff to research the option of having the July 8 meeting by video-conference. Nancy Auth of the Attorney General's office provided the Board and staff with the code conditions for tele/video-conferences, which state that

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a quorum of the Board would have to be at one location and all remote locations would need to be open to the public. Staff will research and notify the Board of their findings.

### Rail Enhancement Fund, Recommended Program of Projects

Mr. Kevin Page, Chief of Rail Transportation for DRPT, reviewed for the Board the Fiscal Year 2011 Rail Enhancement Fund (REF) applications received and presented the staff recommendations.

DRPT staff presented the following projects for Board recommendation to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB):

- Virginia Port Authority – Norfolk Portsmouth Belt Line Yard Reconstruction
- Virginia Port Authority – Craney Island Rail Connector, Phase II
- Norfolk Southern Railway – I-81 Corridor Initiatives
- CSX – National Gateway, Kilby Yard Improvements
- Capital Improvements for Norfolk Passenger Rail Service
- Passenger Rail Service – Amtrak Lynchburg and Richmond Train Demonstration Projects

DRPT staff did not recommend the following projects for Board recommendation to the CTB:

- Virginia Port Authority – Newport News Warehouse D Rail Addition and Modification
- Virginia Railway Express – Alexandria Union Station, Pedestrian Tunnel Improvements

Ms. Bulova made the motion for the Board to accept the recommendations of DRPT staff and forward to the CTB the Proposed Program of Projects using the REF. Mr. Farmer seconded the motion. The Board voted eight yes and one no on the motion.

### 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 revenues and projects as well as Amtrak and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) ridership and on-time performance.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Rail Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the DMV Headquarters Building in Richmond. Videoconference location(s) will be announced prior to the meeting.