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## 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:

Trenton Crewe Jr., Acting Chairman	Richard Beadles
Sharon Bulova	Dwight Farmer
James Keen	Gregory Marston
Bruno Maestri	Steven Powell
Peter Shudtz	

Charles Badger, Director, DRPT

### Call to Order

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

### Adoption of Minutes

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

### Adoption of Meeting Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda of the July 9, 2009, meeting 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. Mr. Michael Testerman of RAIL Solution signed up to speak and addressed short remarks to the Board.

Acting Chair Crewe welcomed Steven Powell newly appointed to the Rail Advisory Board to replace Mr. Wiley Mitchell.

### 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. Director Badger also announced the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approval of the Fiscal Year 2010 – 2015 Six Year Improvement Program recommended by the RAB as well as projects under the Rail Industrial Access Program. The development of the additional Amtrak services was reviewed by the Director.

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## Election of Officers

Ms. Bulova nominated Trent Crewe as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shudtz. The motion carried without opposition.

Mr. Marston nominated Sharon Bulova as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Keen. The motion carried without opposition.

## Board Member Orientation and Review

Nancy Auth, DRPT Agency Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General, gave a brief review of DRPT, the Rail Enhancement Fund, and the Rail Advisory Board.

## Presentation on High Speed Rail

Director Badger reviewed the current condition and future vision for High Speed Rail in the United States, current and new passenger rail service in the Commonwealth. He included items related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the President's FY10 Budget.

## Rail Programs Funding Update

Mr. Kevin Page, Chief of Rail for DRPT, updated the Board on the adopted FY10 – FY15 REF Program of Projects, the CTB Adopted ARRA FY10 – FY15 Rail Program of Projects, CTB Adopted Passenger Rail Demonstration Service FY10 – FY15 Program of Projects, Rail Preservation FY10 – FY15 Program of Projects, and the CTB Adopted Rail Industrial Access Projects during FY2009.

## 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. Mr. Page presented the Amtrak report for Mr. Jay MacArthur.

## Norfolk Southern Crescent Corridor Project Update

Mr. Bill Schafer, Director of Strategic Planning for Norfolk Southern, reviewed the status of the Crescent Corridor project underway between NS and DRPT.

## CSX Rail Enhancement Fund Projects

Mr. Quinton Kendall, Resident Vice President of State Government Affairs for CSX Transportation, updated the Board on the programs and projects underway between CSXT and DRPT.

## 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 2:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Rail Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.