



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

CTB Rail Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes
December 8, 2015
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
5000 Seminary Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

CTB Members present:

Jennifer Mitchell
Court Rosen
Shannon Valentine
Jim Dyke
Scott Kasprovicz

Rail Subcommittee reviewed Appendix A for changes – Jeremy Latimer

- Shannon Valentine asked about the numbers for last decade on page 2 of Appendix A
- Rail Subcommittee reviewed pages 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 13 for changes to text

Review of benefit/costs analysis changes – Jeremy Latimer discussed proposed changes

- Not ready by Feb 1 2016, so will use both old and new models side-by-side through June 2016 for comparison purposes

Shannon Valentine reviewed Task Force meeting and invited Rail Subcommittee to join them on January 28

- Task Force constraints:
 - Montgomery County
 - Article 10
 - Benefits to Highway System requirement
 - Expansion beyond carloads and passenger miles justification
 - Co2 offset and highway maintenance costs savings
 - Creation of scorecard
 - Strategic value of corridor
 - Alternative benefits other than just carloads because economic cycles

- Review of performance data whether should be considered propriety data with CSX/NS
- Trip duration within 2'30" of scheduled arrival

Scott Kasprovicz discussed latest network redundancy within Commonwealth of Virginia to create parallel path for movement of goods.

Shannon Valentine indicated that 40% increase of port movement and its impact on rail movement. Also, interested in Rail vs. Road reliability within Virginia corridors.

Jeff Allen (OAG) said that the port has legal precedent, and indicated an exemption under FOIA.

Scott Kasprovicz brought up the clawback provision

- Business decision to shut or slow a line
- Need for corridor information to better understand to not make automatic clawback
- Jeremy Latimer responded that paybacks, whether partial or full, through the REF and whether to recap over 15, 8, 3, or 1-year horizons
- Jennifer Mitchell pondered the creation of a waiver system if it met certain criteria of several subjective and objective data. Ms. Mitchell also discussed a 3-5 year payback and not just the 15 year payback amortized over time
- Mr. Latimer opened the potential of a joint passenger-freight performance scorecard for on-time passenger and intermodal trains if the Class 1 carriers were willing to share data

The group then discussed the Task Force group of CSX, NS, VRE, the VA. Coalition for High Speed Rail, and Dick Beadles, and the need to send advanced information ahead of their meetings.

Jennifer Mitchell examined the upcoming January 2016 meeting, including:

- Revenue numbers
- 6 year funding plan by stages
- Potential bond issue affecting REF

The group then talked about federal funds vs. state funding parameters.