

CTB Rail Subcommittee Meeting Agenda July 28, 2016

CTB Members present:

Mary Hynes Court Rosen Jennifer Mitchell Scott Kasprowize

Director Jennifer Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. She stated that it was a full agenda; however, they were updates on projects and no decisions needed to be made today.

1. DC2RVA Update – Emily Stock, Manager of Rail Planning, presented DC2RVA Project Update. She stated that this project is part of a bigger corridor, the Northeast Corridor (NEC). Ms. Stock discussed the schedule for the project and announced that a draft economic impact statement (DEIS) would be presented to CTB in the next few months.

Please see presentation labelled: DC2RVA Project Update

2. VRE Update – James Brown, consultant from HDR, presented on the VRE Financial Update. Scott Kasprowizc asked if there are any metrics of passenger cost per mile. He also wanted the report to highlight capital costs and expansion costs with roadways. Court Rosen asked if the fare was comparable to other systems on the East Coast.

Doug Allen, VRE CEO, stated that run-thru with MARC was NOT part of the long range plan.

Draft recommendations will be emails to CTB members with a request for feedback prior to the September Rail meeting. This update will be presented to the full CTB in October.

Please see presentation labelled: VRE Long Range Service Plan and Financial Analysis Review

3. Bedford Update – Jeremy Latimer, Rail Transportation Programs Administrator, presented. Court Rosen stated that 2 to 3 years of ridership analysis needs to obtained prior to any decisions being made. The study prepared by Bedford also claims the

population of Smith Mountain Lake, it was said that it was not feasible to include those numbers as a car is needed for transportation to and from the Lake.

Draft report will be produced in October, with a full report in November.

Please see presentation labelled: Bedford Intercity Passenger Rail Feasibility Study Update

4. Public Comment – None

Adjourned at 8:56 a.m.