

APPROVED

At the December 8, 2010 Rail Advisory Board meeting, a motion to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2010 meeting was made by Sharon Bulova, seconded by Bruno Maestri, and approved by the Rail Advisory Board members.

Minutes

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

October 14, 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

Richard Beadles
Dwight Farmer
Gregory Marston
Steven Powell

Thelma Drake, Director, DRPT

MEMBER ABSENT:

Peter Shudtz

Call to Order

The Rail Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Crewe.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda of the October 14, 2010, meeting was made by Ms. Bulova and seconded by Mr. Farmer. The motion carried without opposition.

Adoption of Minutes

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

Public Comment

There were no public comments received by e-mail prior to the meeting. Mr. Trip Pollard of the Southern Environmental Law Center addressed the Board.

Director's Update

Thelma Drake, Director of DRPT, gave the Board a general overview of current DRPT projects and an update on the revisions to the Agency structure in the Rail Division.

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Board Discussion – Government Reform Commission Recommendations

The Board discussed the board's history and their view regarding the future of the RAB as a forum for the rail industry and partners to meet and discuss issues and needs. The relationship of the RAB to the Commonwealth Transportation Board was brought forward by Mr. Keen. The Board members expressed their desire that the RAB not be dissolved. They commented on the unique levels of expertise that the Board members provide to DRPT. This is an item for the 2011 General Assembly.

Adoption of 2011 Rail Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

A motion to approve, as tentative, the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2011 year was made by Mr. Keen, seconded by Ms. Bulova. The motion passed without opposition.

Election of Officers

A motion to retain the current Chair and Vice-Chair was made by Mr. Marston, seconded by Ms. Bulova. The motion passed without opposition.

Alexandria Bridge Project – CSX

Mr. Quintin Kendall, Resident Vice President for CSX gave a presentation on the construction and installation of the CSX Cameron Run Bridge Project funded through the REF.

Rail Programs Update

Mr. Kevin Page, Chief of Rail Transportation for DRPT, updated the Board on the progress toward higher speed rail as well as an update on the REF program revisions.

Keolis Management Update - VRE

Mr. Dale Zehner, CEO for Virginia Railway Express, made a presentation to the Board on the transfer of VRE rail operations from Amtrak to Keolis Rail Services. He also provided on-time performance and ridership information to the Board as part of his presentation.

REF Projects Update – NS

Mr. Bill Schafer, Strategic Planning with Norfolk Southern Railway, updated the Board on the four major projects funded by the REF program.

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 ridership and on-time performance.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Rail Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Governor's Transportation Conference in Roanoke, Virginia at the Hotel Roanoke.