

**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
WORKSHOP**

Central Office Auditorium  
1221 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia  
April 15, 2009  
2:00 PM

The meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Office Auditorium of the Virginia Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on April 15, 2009. The Chairman, Pierce R. Homer, presided and called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bowie, Davies, Dickens, Davis, Keen, Koelemay, Martin, McCarthy, Schwartz, Sterling White, and Mrs. Connally; Vice Chairman Ekern and Mr. Badger, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: Mr. Witt and Mrs. Carter

1. Mead Westvaco Rail Industrial Access Project  
*Kevin Page, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
2. Hershey Rail Industrial Access Project  
*Kevin Page, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
3. Gerald M. Moore and Son Rail Industrial Access Project  
*Kevin Page, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
4. LiteSteel Technologies America, LLC Industrial Access Project  
*Kevin Page, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
5. Briefing on Location for the Western Outer Loop Located in Culpeper County/Town of Culpeper  
*James Utterback, Virginia Department of Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of decision brief, map and public summary.

6. A. Stimulus Projects Update  
*Reta Busher, Virginia Department of Transportation*  
*Mal Kerley, Virginia Department of Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
- B. ARRA Rural and Small Urban Transit – Initial Allocation  
*Corey Hill, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
7. Virginia State of the Commute Survey Key Findings  
*Corey Hill, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

In light of the length of the agenda in relation to the time, the Chairman went straight to Agenda Item 11, with no objection from the Board, indicating the remaining agenda items would be taken up prior to the April 16<sup>th</sup> Action Meeting.

11. Route 29 Update  
*Mary Lynn Tischer, Virginia Department of Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

Agenda Item 11 was completed in a shorter than anticipated time frame, as such, the Chairman continued the agenda with item number 8.

8. Multimodal Allocations  
*Mary Lynn Tischer, Virginia Department of Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

The Chairman suspended the April 15 work session of the Commonwealth Transportation Board at 5:00 p.m., indicating the remaining Agenda items would be taken up in the morning.

The Chairman called the suspended April 15<sup>th</sup> workshop to order at 9:08 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009, taking up Agenda Item 9.

9. Blueprint Update  
*David Ekern, Virginia Department of Transportation*  
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

Following the end of Commissioner Ekern's presentation, the Board expressed concerns regarding the Blueprint plan as presented. Several asked for information regarding the Budget specifically, how much flexibility is in it.

Several indicated the need for more information before they could support the resolution.

10. Discussion on Future Direction for the Board

*Pierce Homer, Secretary of Transportation*

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. on April 16, 2009. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the VDOT Central Auditorium in Richmond, Virginia, 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA.

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