

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

Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

May 19, 2005
9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Auditorium of the Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on May 19, 2005. The Chairman, Pierce R. Homer presided and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bowie, Davies, Keen, Lester, Martin, McCarthy, Sevila, Stone, White and Ms. Connally, Ms. Dragas, Ms. Hanley; Vice Chairman Shucet, Ms. Rae, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: Messrs. Bailey and Watson.

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Public Comment Period:

No public comment

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 21, 2005. Copy of approved minutes on file with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Commissioner's Office and posted on the VDOT Internet website: www.virginiadot.org and the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall.

Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Bowie, Motion Carried, minutes approved

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MOBILITY MANAGEMENT:

Mr. Larry Cloyed presented in place of Mr. Ray Khoury.

Agenda Item 1: Action on Abandonments and Discontinuances, changes in the Primary System due to Relocation and Construction, specifically (A) Route 10 – Isle of Wright County Project: 7010-046-101, C-501. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions and Decision Briefs.

Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Action on Bridge Designation specifically, (B) Route 669- Scott County Designation of Route 669 over Big Moccasin Creek in the Antioch/Mineral Hill area in Scott County as the “Clayton Dallas Culbertson Memorial Bridge”. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief

Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Keen. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 2: Action on Land Conveyances, specifically (A) Route 64 – City of Richmond Project No.: 0064-127-071, RW-201; (B) Route 629 – Prince George County Project No.: 0629-074-199, M-501; (C) Routes 24 and 131– Appomattox County Project No.: 7460-006-101, RW-201; (D) Routes 58 and 77– Carroll County Project No.: 0077-017-101, RW-201; (E) Route 221– Bedford County Project No.: 0221-009-110, TW-203 and RW-204. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief

These items were removed from the Agenda during the May 18, 2005 Commonwealth Transportation Board Workshop by Secretary Homer.

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Action on Limited Access Change, specifically (F) Routes 58 – Lee County Project Nos.: 0058-052-E19, RW-201. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Davies. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 3: Action on Revenue Sharing Re-Allocation from the County Primary and Secondary Road Fund specifically, (A) Appomattox County, Reallocation of funds from Fiscal Year 2003-2004, Original Project No.: 0609-006-xxx, N501(UPC 68168), New Project No.: TS-3A-05(UPC 76925). Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Action on Recreational Access Projects specifically (B) Matoaca Park – Chesterfield County, Project No.: 0946-020-350, N501. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried, resolution approved.

Prior to approval Mr. McCarthy asked what cost estimating system was used to determine the value of a project such as this.

Mr. Estes responded that the estimate was prepared by a County consultant, but reviewed and approved by the residency.

Mr. McCarthy asked is this project would have pedestrian and bicycling facilities available to the public.

Mr. Estes indicated that he did not know the scope of the project but that the program would provide for paths.

Mr. McCarthy referenced a policy established by the CTB last year making it mandatory to include pedestrian and bicycle paths, unless there is a compelling reason not to do so.

Mr. Estes indicated he would look into the design of the project.

Mr. McCarthy asked if the County had to follow VDOT's rules and Mr. Estes responded yes.

Mr. Shucet asked Mr. Estes if he would report back to Mr. McCarthy with his findings.

Mr. Estes agreed.

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Action on Byway Designations specifically (C) Route 58 – Patrick County Route 58 from the intersection with Route 8 to the Blue Ridge Parkway; (D) Routes 675 and 615 – Page County, Route 675 (Fort Valley Road) from the intersection with Route 340 in Luray to the Page/Shenandoah County Line, where the road is already a designated Virginia Byway, Route 615 (Egypt Bend Road) from the intersection with, Route 675 (Fort Valley Road) to its termination at Route 211 (Note: Route 615 crosses Route 211 once before looping back and terminating at Route 211; (E) Route 664 – Nelson County Route 664 (Beech Grove Road) from the intersection with Route 151 south of Wintergreen to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions and Decision Briefs.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Keen. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

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Action on Street Mileage, Additions and Deletions specifically, (F) City of Bedford; (G) Town of Blacksburg; (H) Town of Bluefield; (I) Town of Bridgewater; (J) City of Bristol; (K) Town of Chase City; (L) Town of Luray; (M) City of Lynchburg; (N) City of Poquoson; (O) City of Richmond; (P) Town of Chincoteague; (Q) City of Virginia Beach; (R) Town of Herndon; (S) City of Franklin; (T) City of Fairfax; (U) City of Covington; (V) Town of Culpeper; (W) City of Danville; (X) City of Chesapeake; (Y) Town of Leesburg; (Z) City of Williamsburg; (AA) City of Manassas; (BB) City of Norfolk; (CC) Town of South Hill; (DD) City of Staunton; (EE) City of Suffolk; (FF) City of Winchester; (GG) Town of Woodstock. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions and Decision Briefs.

Moved by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Dragas. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

Ms. Hanley asked how much money this costs.

Mr. Estes responded that over the past years the overall maintenance budget has grown 4 percent for the urban system. At distribution it changes slightly from town to city based on mileage.

Ms. Hanley asked if what we have is a pot of money, which changes based on the mileage in a locality.

Secretary Homer asked Mr. Estes to take a minute to explain the effort underway with cities and towns to develop a performance measurement. Secretary Homer felt this was important in light of Commissioner's Shucet's testimony today. VDOT spends approximately one point one billion dollars to maintain the infrastructure. We spend about a quarter of a billion dollars to cities and town and the two counties. Mr. Estes has been leading an effort for a year and a half now to bring commonality to definitions and to develop a needs based empirically based needs budget for cities and towns. So it is not 4% on what we spend last year, but more based on reality.

Mr. Estes referenced Senate Bill 563, which instructs VDOT to work with localities on their maintenance reporting and their performance based future needs. Working with VML, VDOT staff worked with representatives from various cities and town across the state on the reporting mechanism. In the past two years VDOT have just begun asking the cities and towns what they spent the money on VDOT provided. The first part of the bill puts in categorical reporting requirements to report on what maintenance money was spent on over a year. VDOT worked again with different localities to come up with a form to break out the different categories i.e., reconstructions, different types of maintenance, emergency snow removal, which could be used by small towns across the states as well as the large cities.

Ms. Hanley asked if there would be the same kind of analysis in terms of needs based regarding secondary roads maintained by VDOT.

Secretary Homer responded that the local effort is patterned on a three and a half year effort that VDOT undertook.

Ms. Hanley asked if we were going to have VDOT report on money spent on secondary roads.

Secretary Homer answered that we had this information at VDOT today.

Ms. Hanley responded that a decade ago, there used to be list on secondary road repairs that you could see. That list comforted citizens if they knew they were on the list and it was a really rational way to go about explaining how that happened. Often times we hear you paved that one (road) when there was nothing wrong with it at all.

Secretary Homer asked Mr. Estes if this statement could be built into his presentation.

Mr. Estes responded yes.

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INNOVATIVE FINANCE AND REVENUE OPERATIONS:

Agenda Item 4: Action on the George Coleman Bridge Toll Structure. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

This item was removed from the Agenda during the May 18, 2005 Commonwealth Transportation Board Workshop.

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SCHEDULING AND CONTRACT DIVISION

Agenda Item 5: Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received in April 2005, for projects in excess of \$2 million for award and authorized execution of contracts by the Commissioner, or Chief Engineer. Referenced by attachment of Bid Results Report.

Moved by Mr. Lester, seconded by Ms. Connally. Motion carried, page 1 of recommended report approved.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Ms. Hanley. Motion carried, page 2 of recommended report approved.

Moved by Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Stone. Motion carried, page 3 of recommended report approved.

Moved by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Bowie. Motion carried, page 1 of rejection report approved.

Moved by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Connally. Motion carried, page 2 of rejection report approved.

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NEW BUSINESS

Action on Land Conveyances specifically (A) Land Conveyance, Route 769 former Route 256), Augusta County and (B) Route 771, Augusta County presented by Dr. Phillip Stone. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

(A & B) Moved by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Bowie. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

Prior to approval Secretary Homer asked if there were any comments from staff.

Commissioner Shucet indicated there was not.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:38. The next workshop and meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2005, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the VDOT Central Auditorium, 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA

Approved:

Chairman

Attested:

Secretary