MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Virginia Transportation Research Council
530 Edgemont Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903-2454

April 19, 2007
9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was at the Virginia Transportation Research Council in Charlottesville Virginia on April 19, 2007. The Chairman, Pierce R. Homer, presided and called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

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

Absent: Mr. Bowie

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Public Comment Period:

Mr. David Foster, Executive Director of Rail Solution, spoke regarding the analysis of rail in the Draft Environmental Impact Study in regards to I-81.

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Mr. Frankie Beverina, Orange County Resident, spoke on Route 20 located in Orange County requesting additional funds to improve specific intersections along that route citing safety issues.

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Mr. Don Pamenter, Stanardsville Area Revitalization Program, thanked the Board on behalf of his constituents’ for the assistance provided by the Enhancement Program.

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:
Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting March 15, 2007. 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. Witt seconded by Ms. Carter.
Motion carried, minutes approved.

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:
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Agenda Item 1: Action on Recreational Access specifically:

(A) Warren County
Northern Virginia 4-H Educational & Conference Center
Supplemental Allocation
Project No. 0724-093-189, N501

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Koelemay.
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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(B) Greene County
Greene County Community Park
Project No. 0662-039-562, N501

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mrs. Connally.
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 2: Action on Land and/or Easement Conveyances specifically:

(A) Routes 10 and 641
Chesterfield County
Project Nos.: 0010-020-024 (old project 4120-24)
0010-020-110, RW-201
0010-020-101, RW-203

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Dr. Davis.

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(B) Routes 10 and 641
Chesterfield County
Project Nos.: 0010-020-110, RW-201
0010-020-110, RW-203

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Moved by Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mrs. Carter.
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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(C) Route 58
Lee County
Project No.: 6058-052-E27, RW-201
  Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
  Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Dr. Davis.
  Motion carried, resolution approved.

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(D) Routes 64, 168, and Frontage Road F-671
York County
Project No.: 0064-099-101, RW-201
  Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
  Moved by Mr. Witt, seconded by Mr. Keen.
  Motion carried, resolution approved.

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(E) Route 91 (old Route 105)
Washington County
Project No.: 337
  Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
  Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. White.
  Motion carried, resolution approved.

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(F) Route 165
City of Virginia Beach
Project No.: 0165-134-104, RW-203
  Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
  Moved by Mr. Witt, seconded by Mr. Keen.
  Motion carried, resolution approved.

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(G) Route 360
Halifax County
Project Nos.: 98-BS
  0360-041-102, C-501
  Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
  Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Keen.
  Motion carried, resolution approved.

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(H) Route 745
Washington County
  Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
  Moved by Mr. Witt, seconded by Dr. Davis.
  Motion carried, resolution approved.

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(I) Route 23 renumbered to Route 460, old Route 460 and Route 649
Giles County
Project Nos.: 461-A and 6460-035-118, RW-201
   Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
   Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Keen.
   Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 3: Action on Limited Access Control Change specifically:

   (A) Route 171 between Route 17 and Route 134
       York County
       Project No.: 0171-099-101, RW-201
       Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
       Moved by Mr. Witt, seconded by Mrs. Carter.
       Motion carried, resolution approved.

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   (B) Route 647 and Interstate 81 Interchange
       Washington County, Town of Abingdon
       Project No.: 0081-095-38
       Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
       Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Martin.
       Motion carried, resolution approved.

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   (C) Route 267
       Fairfax County
       Federal Highway Project No.: 34-5 (6)
       Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
       Moved by Mr. Koelemay, seconded by Mrs. Connally.
       Motion carried, resolution approved.

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PROGRAMMING DIVISION:
       Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Davis.
       Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 5: Action on Obligation and Timely Utilization of Federal Funds. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
       Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Davies.
       Motion carried, resolution approved.

Mr. Schwartz voted against the resolution, with all other members voting for.
Prior to approval of this item, Mr. Peter Schwartz, asked for a clearer definition of what was being sought with this resolution.

Mr. Whirley indicated that the resolution was asking for authority to obligate funds from the next federal year to gain additional federal funds.

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DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Agenda Item 6: Action on Amendment to the FY07 Rail & Public Transportation Program of Projects. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

   Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Koelemay.
   Motion carried as amended, resolution approved.

Mr. Schwartz indicated he was uncomfortable with the request for the $11 million dollars absence the existence of a Business Plan.

Mr. McCarthy moved that the list be included formally as part of the resolution and that the Department of Rail and Public Transportation provide a monthly update to the Commonwealth Transportation regarding the use of the funds. This amendment was seconded by Mrs. Connally.

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SCHEDULING & CONTRACT DIVISION:

Agenda Item 7: Action on Bids Received: the months of February 2007 and March 2007:

Page 1 of the attached report, recommending award of order number J68.
   Moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. White.
   Motion carried, bid awarded.

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Page 2 of the attached report, recommending rejection of order number K02.
   Moved by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Martin.
   Motion carried, bid rejected.

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Page 3 of the attached report, recommending rejection of order number J69.
   Moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Davies.
   Motion carried, bid rejected.

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Page 4 of the attached report, recommending award of order number N5B.
   Moved by Mr. Witt, seconded by Mr. Schwartz.
   Motion carried, bid awarded.

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Page 5 of the attached report, recommending award of order number 04/07.
   Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Keen.
   Motion carried, bid awarded.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kenneth White moved that the staff of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) present to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at it’s September 2007 meeting, recommendations as to how the CTB can ensure in the future that unused funds allocated to VDOT and DRPT are systematically reviewed and reported to the CTB on an annual basis and are either reallocated by the CTB or distributed or reallocated to the locality designated in the original allocation. The recommendations shall include draft policies for consideration by the CTB and suggested legislation for the CTB to consider for recommendation to the 2008 General Assembly that would make the systematic review by VDOT and DRPT a requirement of law. Mr. Martin moved that Mr. White’s resolution be modified to read “to consider for recommendation to the Governor for the 2008 General Assembly”. Mr. Martin’s motion for amendment was seconded by Mr. Koelemay. Mr. White accepted the amendment and his original motion as amended was seconded by Mr. Sterling. The vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Schwartz shared concerns regarding the scheduling of the CTB meetings and agendas.

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ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. in Richmond, Virginia.

Approved:

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Chairman

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Secretary