

MINUTES
OF
MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

April 18, 2002
10:00 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Auditorium of the Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on April 18, 2002. The Chairman, Whittington W. Clement, presided.

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Present: Messrs. Bailey, Bevon, Byrd, Folkes, Garcia, Grubb, Klinge, Kornblau, Martin, Mitchel, Myers, Shucet, Walker, White, Ms. Lionberger and Ms. Welsh.

Absent: None

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The Chairman welcomed the new Virginia Department of Transportation Commissioner, and Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, Mr. Philip A. Shucet. The Chairman also welcomed the newest member of the Board, Mr. Ambrose W. Bailey, filling the unexpired term of Benjamin R. Humphreys, Jr., as the Fredericksburg District representative.

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Agenda Item 1: Public Comment: There was none.

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Agenda Item 2: Action on approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 21, 2002.

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Ms. Welsh. Motion carried.

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SECONDARY ROAD DIVISION:

Agenda Item 3: Action (by single motion) on Additions and Abandonments of Roads in the Secondary System, March 2002. Referenced by attachment of Report.

Moved by Mr. Grubb, seconded by Ms. Welsh. Motion carried.

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Agenda Item 4: Action on Industrial Access Projects, specifically Pulaski County – New River Valley Commerce Park, Phase I, amending the CTB Action of September 20, 2001. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheet and map.

Moved by Mr. Grubb, seconded by Mr. Klinge. Motion carried.

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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION:

Agenda Item 5: Action (by single motion) on Abandonments, changes in the Primary System due to Relocation and Construction, specifically (A) Route 6 – Fluvanna County and (B) Route 94 – Carroll County. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, fact sheets and maps.

Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Ms. Welsh. Motion carried.

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Agenda Item 6: Action on Discontinuance, change in Primary System due to a request from the University of Virginia, specifically Route 317 – Albemarle County. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheet and map.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Lionberger. Motion carried.

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Agenda Item 7: Action on Bridge Designation, specifically Route 613 – Scott County – “Wood Memorial Bridge”. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheet and map.

Moved by Ms. Welsh, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried.

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 8: Action (by single motion) on Land Conveyances, specifically (A) Route 58 – Mecklenburg County, and (B) Route 654 – Russell County. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

(A-B) Moved by Ms. Lionberger, seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion carried.

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CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:

Agenda Item 9: Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received November 27, 2001; January 22; February 12; March 21, 26, 29, 2002 for award and authorized execution of contracts by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner for Project Management or Acting Chief Engineer, and for deferral, rejection, rescindment and authorized readvertisement, as indicated. Referenced by attachment of Bid Results Report.

Moved by Mr. Kornblau, seconded by Mr. Klinge. Motion carried.

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Prior to considering the consultant agreements, there was a brief discussion regarding the policy governing CTB approval of consultant agreements. Mr. Folkes stated that his committee had a policy recommendation but had tabled bringing it to the Board during the administrative transition period. However, he will present it at the May meeting. It was the consensus, therefore, that the consultant agreements on the April agenda would be treated as action items for CTB approval.

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Agenda Item 10: Action on Consultant Agreement, specifically bridge repair and paint inspection services for the Staunton and Salem Districts – Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheet and map.

Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Mr. Folkes. Motion carried.

Note: Commissioner and Vice Chairman Shucet recused himself from review and signatory duties on this consultant agreement, due to conflict of interest. He delegated the review and signatory duties to the Acting Chief Engineer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:

Agenda Item 11: Action on Consultant Agreement, specifically noise abatement engineering services – statewide – Harris Miller Miller & Hanson, Inc. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and fact sheet.

Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Mr. Folkes. Motion carried.

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LOCATION & DESIGN DIVISION:

Agenda Item 12: Action (by single motion) on Consultant Agreements, specifically (A) Route 7900 – Franconia-Springfield Parkway – Fairfax County – providing SOV ramp connection engineering services – HNTB Corporation, (B) Richmond District – all types of surveying services – Woolpert, LLP and (C) Lynchburg District – all types of surveying services – Hurt & Proffitt, Inc. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, fact sheets and map (A only).

(A-C) Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Mr. Folkes. Motion carried.

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Agenda Item 13: Action on Design Project, specifically Route 647 (Aylor Road) – Frederick County. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheet and map.

Moved by Ms. Welsh, seconded by Ms. Lionberger. Motion carried.

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Agenda Item 14: Action (by multiple motions) on Location & Design Projects, specifically (A) Business Route 29 (Fontaine Avenue) and Jefferson Park Avenue – Albemarle County and City of Charlottesville, (B) Route 236 (Little River Turnpike) – Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, Phase I, (C) Route 208 – Louisa County, (D) Route 28 (Sully Road) and Route 625 (Waxpool Road/Church Road) Interchange – Loudoun County, (E) Route 827 (Perkins Mill Road) and Route 666 (Woodson Road) – Amherst and Nelson Counties, (F) Hungary Spring Road – Henrico County and (G) Route 736 (Indian Run Road) – Washington County. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, fact sheets and maps.

(A-G, except D) Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Ms. Lionberger. Motion carried.
(D) Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried. Mr. Klinge recused himself from the motion, due to client involvement.

With regard to # B – Mr. White noted that the public hearing was for all phases of the project, but the resolution was for only phase I. He raised the question of costs for future right of way purchases. While Mr. Klinge stated that there was no concern as it is a settled community, the county has proffers and there is a median, Mr. Mitchel expressed concern that real estate values have risen beyond inflation and there may be a greater cost for future right of way acquisition.

With regard to #D – Mr. Mitchel stated that this is a PPTA project and inquired of staff if each subsequent intersection would need to come before the CTB for location & design approval. Staff responded yes. There are 10 intersections in the package – 6 will go forward with the remaining 4 delayed by air quality issues. Mr. White spoke to the right of way acquisition costs and urged consideration for light rail and other modes of transit. Mr. Bevon stated that the Department of Rail and Public Transportation has conducted preliminary rail studies for Route 28 and Manassas to Dulles. Mr. Mitchell suggested appointment of a subcommittee comprised of himself, Messrs. White, Bevon, and Klinge to work with the Secretary to study the issue.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 15: Action on land sale, specifically offering the former VDOT Winchester Area Headquarters at Commerce Street for public sale as surplus property. Referenced by Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Grubb, seconded by Mr. Byrd. Motion carried.

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DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Agenda Item 16: Action (by separate motions) on Rail Industrial Access Projects, specifically (A) City of Roanoke – WHPT Co, Inc., and (B) Pittsylvania County – MeadWestvaco. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, fact sheets, locality resolutions, and maps.

(A) Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Folkes. Motion carried.

(B) Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Byrd. Motion carried.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item 17: Action (by single motion) on Resolutions of Appreciation, specifically (A) William W. Prettyman, and (B) Benjamin R. Humphreys, Jr. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

(A-B) Moved by Mr. Kornblau, seconded by Mr. Grubb. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Six-Year Plan - monthly update: This topic had been originally scheduled for the Workshop, but due to a full workshop agenda was tabled for presentation at the Meeting. Mr. Pethtel presented the monthly update. He stated that within one year the Transportation Trust Fund would be \$300 million in debt without any restructuring of the Plan. The presentation detailed the debt service impacts on Fiscal Years 2004-2008; the crossover impacts on the maintenance funds for Fiscal Years 2003-2008; and the crossover impacts on construction projects for Fiscal Years 2003-2008.

There was a general discussion concerning the need for additional revenues, be they from increased gasoline taxes, greater use of FRANS or creation of special taxing districts. The Chairman urged each member to work to assure the passage of the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads revenue referenda this fall.

There was a consensus also to seek alternatives to taxes through the greater use of private industry for construction and increased technology for maintenance.

There was a consensus that these financial findings and departmental concerns be conveyed to the General Assembly members prior to the Session. The Chairman concurred and stated that after Labor Day the Commissioner and CTB members should brief the General Assembly members on financial issues, employment caps and the need to increase the core staff at the Department.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman thanked Mr. Pethtel for his service to the Department as Interim Commissioner.

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Farewell Remarks: Mr. Carter Myers stated, with regrets, that he would resign his appointment to the CTB effective 4/30/02, due to new business commitments, which would significantly reduce his availability to participate. He thanked each board member, past and present, board support staff and Department staff for their service and commitment. He also urged CTB support for the Meadowcreek Parkway project, which is nearing approval at the locality level and will soon be presented to the CTB.

Mr. White commended Mr. Myers for his service, his integrity and high morale standing. Mr. Byrd and Ms. Lionberger concurred. The Chairman thanked Mr. Myers and congratulated him for his long service to the CTB and the Commonwealth.

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ADJOURNMENT: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

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The next workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m., both in Richmond, Virginia.

Approved:

Chairman

Attested:

Secretary