

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

Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

December 17, 2009
9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Office Auditorium of the Virginia Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia, on December 17, 2009. The Chairman, Pierce R. Homer, presided and called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

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

Absent: None

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Public Comment Period:

Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Secretary, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization addressed the Board regarding the Draft Revised FY2010-2015 Six Year Improvement Program. Mr. Farmer presented the Board with a copy of a letter originally sent to Ms. Diane Mitchell at the Virginia Department of Transportation, a copy is attached hereto.

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The Honorable Molly Ward, Vice Chair of the Transportation Planning Organization, addressed the Board regarding the changes and decisions being made by stakeholders in the Hampton Roads region.

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Bruce Goodson, Transportation Planning Organization, addressed the Board regarding the importance of the I-64 Widening Peninsula Project and asked that the funds for that project be reinstated.

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Admiral Ray Taylor addressed the Board regarding the strategic importance of the Hampton Roads region.

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Mr. Dennis Leach, Director of Transportation in Arlington, addressed the Board regarding agenda item 4 on the the action agenda, the Columbia Pike Transfer.

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Mr. Trip Pollard, Southern Environmental Law Center, addressed the Board regarding the VTRANS Resolution; funding and the Route 29 Corridor Study. Mr. Pollard also thanked the Board for their assistance during the last several years.

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Action on Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting. 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.

Made by Mr. Keen, Seconded by Mr. Layne.
Motion carried, minutes approved.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 1. Action on Abandonment of Frontage Road "A" Located in the Southwest Quadrant of the Routes 60 and 288 Intersection Off Watkins Centre Parkway, State Route 7225.

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Made by Mr. McCarthy, Seconded by Dr. Davis.
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 2. Action on Arlington and Henrico Counties Maintenance Payments FY2009-2010.

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Made by Mr. Koelemay, Seconded by Mr. Sterling.
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 3. Action on Payments to Cities and Certain Towns for Maintenance to Certain Roads and Streets, FY 2009-2010.

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Made by Mrs. Carter, Seconded by Mr. White.
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 4. Action on Columbia Pike Transfer.

Referenced by attachment of resolution.

Prior to the vote on this item, Mr. Sterling offered a substitute resolution, which was seconded by Ms. Pandak, with no objection from the Board the substitute resolution was accepted and voted on.

Motion carried, substitute resolution approved.

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RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION:

Agenda Item 5. Action on Land/or Easement Conveyance:

- A. Town of Blacksburg
Route 460, Route 643
Project No.: 6460-060-F19, RW-201

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Made by Mr. Martin, Seconded by Dr. Davis.

Motion carried, resolution approved.

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- B. James City County
Route 658, Route 199
Project No.: 0199-047-F03, RW-204

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Made by Mr. Layne, Seconded by Mr. Dickens.

Motion carried, resolution approved.

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- C. Chesterfield County
Route 288
Project No.: 0288-020-105, RW -203, C-508

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Made by Mr. McCarthy, Seconded by Mr. Bowie.

Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 6. Action on Limited Access Control Change:

- A. Frederick County
Route 37
Project No.: 0037-138-101, RW-201

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Made by Dr. Davis, Seconded by Mr. Davies.
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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SIX-YEAR PROGRAM:

Agenda Item 7. Action on the Revised Six-Year Improvement Programs and Allocations For Fiscal Years 2010-2015.

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Made by Mr. Koelemay, Seconded by Mr. McCarthy.
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 8. Action on Revised Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Budgets for the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Department of Transportation.

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Made by Dr. Davis, Seconded by Mr. White.
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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SCHEDULING AND CONTRACT:

Agenda Item 9. Action on Bids

Page 1 of the attached report, recommending award of order number C47.
Moved by Mr. Martin, Seconded by Mr. White.
Motion carried, bid awarded.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Item NB1. Action on Route 29 Corridor Study.

Referenced by attachment of resolution.
Prior to the vote on this item, Mr. White offered a substitute resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Dickens.
Mr. Schwartz commented on some of the recommendations that were taken out of the study as well as concerns he had with the study.
With no objection from the Board the substitute resolution was accepted and voted on.
Motion carried, substitute resolution approved.

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Agenda Item NB2. Action on VTRANS 2035 Recommendations.

Referenced by attachment of resolution.

Prior to the vote on this item, a substitute resolution was offered by Ralph Davis. A request to modify the substitute resolution was made by Mr. McCarthy; specifically to add "*the General Assembly*" after the *greater role* in the last sentence on page two of the resolution, which carries over the the third page.; and at the request of Mr. Dickens, the word "*final*" was removed before the words "approved recommendations".

The substitute motion, as amended, was presented to the Board.

Moved by Ms. Pandak, Seconded by Mr. Dickens

Substitute motion, as amended, carried, substitute resolution as amended approved.

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Agenda Item NB3. Study of Alignment Shift for Proposed I-73 in the Martinsville/Henry County Area

Referenced by attachment of resolution.

Made by Mr. Martin, Seconded by Dr. Davis.

Motion carried, resolution approved.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the VDOT Central Auditorium in Richmond, Virginia, 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA

Approved.:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

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