

SUMMARY
Commonwealth Transportation Board
Rail Subcommittee Meeting
Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Members in Attendance: Jennifer Mitchell, Shannon Valentine, Scott Kasprovicz, Roger Cole

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Director Mitchell called the meeting to order.

First on the agenda was an update on DRPT Rail Projects. Copies of a prepared powerpoint presentation were handed out. Director Mitchell went through the presentation:

- DRPT continues to advance Roanoke passenger service efforts. Director Mitchell explained the constraints of the site and how Norfolk Southern and Amtrak must both compromise on design standards to fit the platform and servicing facility at the downtown location.
- Mr. Cole asked if the 2017 target start date for passenger service to Roanoke was still attainable. Director Mitchell said, for now, yes, noting that DRPT had built some float time into the schedule. However, if DRPT, Amtrak, and NS cannot make the current site work for servicing the train, there may be concerns about the 2017 target start date as we seek a new location for the servicing facility.
- Director Mitchell talked about the Arkendale project, its location, FRA involvement, the funding source, and how this project is part of the larger commitment between CSX and Virginia to construct a third track between Fredericksburg and DC.
- Mr. Kasprovicz asked about a tour of the RF&P corridor. Consensus was to set a date in March for CTB members and possibly the Governor to tour the DC to Fredericksburg corridor.
- Director Mitchell gave an overview of the rail funding programs DRPT manages: REF, RIA, RPP, and IPROC. Funding sources for each program were discussed, and Director Mitchell described the potential impact of HB1887 on REF and RPP.
- Director Mitchell talked about the schedule for the review of Rail Programs as it relates to REF and RIA.

- Consensus was reached that DRPT would present recommendations to the Rail Subcommittee on RIA program policies and procedures in April with a CTB presentation in May for CTB action.
- Director Mitchell and CTB members discussed HB1887 and budget bill requirements for the REF review. DRPT will provide information on the REF program at the March CTB rail subcommittee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.