

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

Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

May 20, 2004
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 20, 2004. The Chairman, Whittington W. Clement presided and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bailey, Davies, Keen, Klinge, Lester, Martin, McCarthy, Mitchel, Watson, White; Vice Chairman Shucet and Ms. Rae, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: Mr. Bowie, Dr. Stone, Ms. Connally and Ms. Dragas

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Public Comment Period: There were no public comments presented or received.

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 15, 2004. 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. Watson, seconded by Mr. Klinge, with Mr. Mitchel abstaining due to his absence from the April meeting. Motion carried, minutes approved.

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RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION:

Agenda Item 1: Action on a Limited Access Control Change Request, specifically Part of Route 220 [Wonju Street] in the City of Roanoke. Referenced by attachment of a Resolution, a Decision Brief, a map, and letters of support from local, state and federal elected officials.

Prior to the vote, the Vice Chairman and the Chief Engineer both stated that the Department is reviewing the criteria and processes for consideration of future access break requests. The General Assembly sessions of 2003 and 2004 added provisions to the current Department criteria and Code provisions, consequently new, expanded criteria will be developed with locality and public input. When complete a new policy will be presented to the CTB for approval. Until that time, requests will be evaluated under the interim guidelines as delineated in the resolution for this request.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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SCHEDULING & CONTRACT DIVISION:

Agenda Item 2: Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received April 21 and April 28, 2004, for projects in excess of \$2 million for award and authorized execution of contracts by the Commissioner, or Chief Engineer for Program Development, and for deferral, rejection, rescindment and authorized readvertisement, as indicated. Referenced by attachment of Bid Results Report.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried. Report approved.

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 3: Action on Industrial Access Project, specifically U.S. Route 340 in Page County - K.V. K. Precision Specialties, Inc. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, decision brief, map and locality resolution.

Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried. Resolution approved.

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OTHER BUSINESS

1. Barbara Reese, VDOT Chief Financial Officer, presented a tentative listing, as of May 20, 2004, of the impacts to the Six-Year Program from reduced revenues as a consequence of the recently approved state budget. [Document is attached.] It is a district by district, listing of revenue reductions. She stated that the final state budget is still under review by the Treasury. Upon completion and receipt, VDOT will develop a revised Department budget and Six-Year Program and present those documents to the CTB for review, hopefully the first week of June, in anticipation of CTB approval at the June 17 meeting. Mr. Klinge asked that the revised documents provide a comparison list of what projects had been originally included in the Six-Year Program and what projects were not to be included due to the revenue reductions. Ms. Reese responded that the requested documentation would be included.

2. The Chairman referenced the recent Governor's Executive Order establishing a Rail Commission. He and DRPT Director Rae will serve as ex officio members and he anticipates that at least one member of the CTB will also serve on this new commission.

3. Mr. Mitchel expressed concern that the General Assembly has still not addressed the long-term transportation needs of the Commonwealth and that the Department also needs to develop long-term construction planning in anticipation of future funding, whether it be public, private or a combination of both.

4. Mr. Bailey expressed concern that groups were lobbying about the signage program revisions and may not be fully informed. He expressed concern for the impact upon tourism. The Chairman urged members to meet with the groups representing both sides of the issue. He stated that the Tourism Division and VDOT have worked very hard to develop new criteria for the program, which is currently in the public hearing phase.

ADJOURNED: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The next workshop and meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the VDOT Central Auditorium, 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA

Approved:

Chairman

Attested:

Secretary