

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

Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

October 17, 2007
2:00 PM

The meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Office Auditorium of the Virginia Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on October 17, 2007. The Chairman, Secretary Pierce Homer, presided and called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bowie, 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. Davies

1. Business Opportunity Workforce Development Center
Grindly Johnson, Virginia Department of Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
2. Transitional Internships For Returning Veterans
Grindly Johnson, Virginia Department of Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

At the end of the presentation Chairman Homer asked that the Board and audience stand in recognition of the service of the veterans present.

3. Business Plan and Strategic Initiatives
Matthew Tucker, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
4. Multimodal Freight Study
Alan Meyers, Cambridge Systematics
Mary Lynn Tischer, Virginia Department of Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
5. Rail Industrial Access Items
 - *Matrixx Group, Inc., City of Bedford*
Chip Badger, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

6. Commonwealth of Virginia's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program
Jakob Helmboldt, Virginia Department of Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
7. Update on Bridges
Ken Walus, Virginia Department of Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

In the interest of time for tomorrow's meeting, Mr. McCarthy requested that the Board discuss Agenda Item 3 of the October 18, 2007 Action Agenda, *Location Approval for Raleigh Avenue in the Town of South Hill*. Mr. McCarthy indicated that it would make more sense to have a little more flexibility within districts regarding the funding formula for items of this nature. The reality of the funds available needed to complete the project make this decision fruitless.

Mr. Schwartz indicated that a decision of this nature should include a quid pro quo, specifically if the decision is made to grant a location; a binding decision that the locality will not clutter the location so that it serves its function should be mandatory.

Mr. Koelemay indicated that there are many projects listed for in each district for which there are not funds to complete, he went on to suggest that it would be beneficial to periodically take a look at those projects.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Roanoke, Virginia.

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