

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

Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

December 18, 2008
1:00 p.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 18, 2008. The Chairman, Pierce R. Homer, presided and called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

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

Absent: Mr. Davis

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Public Comment Period:

Public Comments were presented to the board at 1:00 p.m. The Workshop session was resumed after all comments were presented.

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Ms. Linda McMinimy, Virginia Transit Authority, addressed the Board regarding the Federal Transportation Stimulus Package and against cutting funds for transit services. Priority Project handout was given to the Board

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Mr. Barrett Hardiman, Homebuilders Association of Virginia, addressed the Board about the Homebuilders' opposition to the Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements that will be voted on in the Action Meeting.

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Mr. Trip Pollard, Director of the Land and Community Program of the Southern Environment Law Center, addressed the Board about support for the Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements, Governor's Commission on Climate Change Report, proposed cuts to the Six-Year Improvement Program and opposition for cutting funds for transit programs.

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Mr. John Lewis, Greater Richmond Transit Authority, addressed the Board on the impacts that cuts to transit services would have on bus services to citizens and elimination of bus routes.

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Mr. Phil Abraham, Vector Corporation, on behalf Old Dominion Highway Contractors Association, would like the Board to defer the Harrisonburg Project vote until the next meeting and concern on the policy about federal and state aid to localities in awarding projects to the low bidder. Another concern was that VDOT make public the projects in the Six Year Improvement Program before the Board Meeting.

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Mr. Bob Chase, Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, offered praise for the Board and when the upturn in the economy occurs that the Commonwealth will invest the transportation funds wisely.

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Mr. Mike Edwards, Virginia Association of Counties, addressed the Board on the Commissioner's Updated Blueprint. Mr. Edwards expressed his support of the residencies.

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting November 20, 2008. 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. White, seconded by Mr. Keen
Motion carried, minutes approved.

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RESEARCH COUNCIL:

Agenda Item 1. Action on Functional Classification Study Mandated by Chapter 896 of the Acts of Assembly of 2007

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

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SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION:

Agenda Item 2. Action on Adoption of Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements (24VAC 30-92).

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief
Moved by Mr. Dickens, seconded by Mr. Schwartz
Motion carried, resolution approved

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 3. Action on Federal Earmark Transfer Agreement between VDOT and Federal Agencies

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief
Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Martin
Motion carried, resolution approved

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PROGRAMMING DIVISION:

Agenda Item 4. Action on Jordan Bridge Traffic Mitigation Project-Express Bus Service to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2009-2014

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief
Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. White
Motion carried, resolution approved

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RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION:

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

- A. King and Queen County
Route 33, old Route 33
Projects: 18CR-2 and 0033-966-103, RW-201

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief
Moved by Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. White
Motion carried, resolution approved

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SCHEDULING & CONTRACT DIVISION:

Agenda Item 6. Action on Bids Received specifically;
Page 1 of the attached report, recommending award of order number B64
Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms Connally
Motion carried, bid awarded.

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Page 2 of the attached report, recommending award of order number J03
Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Bowie
Motion carried, bid awarded.

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Page 3 of the attached report, recommending award of order number B240
Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mrs. Connally
Motion carried, bid awarded.

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Page 4 of the attached report, recommended award of order number 204-JB
Moved by Mr. Koelemay, seconded by Mr. Connally
Motion carried, bid awarded.

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Page 5 of the attached report, recommended award of order number 12/08
Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Bowie
Motion carried, bid awarded

NEW BUSINESS:

A special meeting may be called next month for the January, 2009 Commonwealth Transportation Board Meeting due to Public Hearings for the Six Year Improvement Program and information on the Federal Stimulus Bill.

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Mr. Koelemay expressed his appreciation for all of the work that Matthew Tucker, former Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, did for the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the VDOT Central Auditorium in Richmond, Virginia, 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA

Approved:

Chairman

Secretary

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