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MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia
July 18, 2002
10:00 a.m.**

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The monthly meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Auditorium of the Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on July 18, 2002. The Chairman, Whittington W. Clement, presided. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bailey, Davies, Keen, Klinge, Lester, McCarthy, Mitchel, Stone, Ware, Watson, and Ms. Connally and Ms. Dragas.

Absent: Messrs. Goodpasture and White.

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The Chairman welcomed the newest members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and thanked the returning members:

New Members: Julia A. Connally, filling the unexpired term of Ulysses X. White, as an Urban-at Large representative; Helen E. Dragas, succeeding S. Grey Folkes, Jr., as an Urban-at-Large representative; James L. Keen, filling the unexpired term of John H. Grubb, Jr., as the Rural-at-Large representative; Harry T. Lester, filling the unexpired term of Edward S. Garcia, as the Hampton Roads District representative; Gerald P. McCarthy, filling the unexpired term of Bryan E. Kornblau, as the Richmond District representative; Dr. Phillip C. Stone, filling the unexpired term of Olivia A. Welsh, as the Staunton District representative; Kenneth S. Ware, filling the unexpired term of Roy P. Byrd, as the Lynchburg District representative; and Hunter R. Watson, succeeding Gary D. Walker, as the Rural-at-Large representative.

Returning Members: Ambrose W. Bailey, as the Fredericksburg District representative; John J. Davies, III, as the Culpeper District representative; J. Kenneth Klinge, as the Northern Virginia District representative and Leonard S. Mitchel, as an Urban-at-Large representative.

All, but Mr. Frank Goodpasture, III and Mr. Hunter R. Watson, were duly sworn-in by The Honorable Anita A. Rimler, Secretary of the Commonwealth at the commencement of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's monthly Workshop, July 17, 2002. Mr. Goodpasture was absent and Mr. Watson abstained.

Mr. Watson abstained from all voting during the Meeting, July 18, 2002.

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Agenda Item 1: Public Comment: Urchie Ellis, attorney-at-law, Richmond, Virginia, presented brief comments regarding tolls, trucks, taxes and trains. Referenced by attachment of a copy of his written remarks.

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Agenda Item 2: The Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2002, were declared approved by the Chairman.

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Agenda Item 3: Committee Reports: None

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SECONDARY ROAD DIVISION:

Agenda Item 4: Action on Additions and Abandonments of Roads in the Secondary System, June 2002. Referenced by attachment of Report.

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Klinge. Motion carried, report accepted.

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Agenda Item 5: Action on Discontinuances from the Secondary System of State Highways, specifically Segments 2, 3, 4, 5 - Route 601 (Gailee Road) - Amherst County, and Segment 1 and 2 of Route 645 (Old Stringfellow Road) - Fairfax County. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and maps.

Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Klinge. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 6: Action (by single motion) on Industrial Access Projects, specifically (A) Warren County - Northeast Cooperative Development and (B) Louisa County - Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, fact sheets and maps.

Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Klinge. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

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Agenda Item 7: Action (by single motion) on Revenue Sharing Allocations, specifically (A) Revenue Sharing Scope Revision from County Primary and Secondary Road Fund for Montgomery County and (B) Fiscal Year 2003 Supplemental Revenue Sharing Allocation from County Primary and Secondary Road Fund for the Counties of Bland, Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe, Albemarle, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Orange, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland, Isle of Wight, James City, Suffolk, Surry, York, Amherst, Appomattox, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Brunswick, Chesterfield, Hanover, New Kent, Powhatan, Bedford, Botetourt, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, Augusta, Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, and Shenandoah. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, and Attachment A (B).

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Ware. Motion carried, resolution

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approved.

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URBAN DIVISION:

Agenda Item 8: Action (by single motion) on Quarterly Street Mileage Payments, specifically (A) Town of Christiansburg, (B) Town of Culpeper, (C) Town of Lebanon, (D) Town of Smithfield. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

Prior to the motion Mr. McCarthy queried staff regarding the rate of growth, projections of growth, percentage per year of new roadways taken in and the financial impact to the maintenance programs [staff agreed to research and report their findings]. There followed a general discussion regarding the Code of Virginia requirements and dispersals for maintenance.

Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 9: Action (by single motion) on Surplus Property, specifically (A) Route 460 - Appomattox County, (B) Route 608 - Amelia County and (C) Route 963 - Henry County. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

Prior to the motion staff responded to queries about the process, stating that the properties in question would be sold at fair market value and the money would be returned to the construction fund.

Moved by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 10: Action on Surplus Land Disposal, specifically 1.11 acres located at the intersections of Route 258/32/17 in Isle of Wight County, formerly the VDOT Bartlett Area Headquarters, which was relocated January 1, 1983 to Route 669 in Isle of Wight County. Referenced by attachment of a Resolution and map.

Prior to the motion there was a general discussion regarding the disposition of the property from 1983 to the present [staff stated the area was used for equipment storage and as a staging area]. Mr. Klinge queried the process of the sale and the purchaser(s). The Chairman concurred with the staff explanation that while the property is landlocked, and although the law does not require the sale to be made to the adjacent property owners, it is a practical solution at a reasonable rate of return.

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

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CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:

Agenda Item 11: Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received March 20; April 29; May 17, 22, 31; June 4, 14, 19, 24, 25, 2002, for award and authorized execution of contracts by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner or Chief Engineer, and for deferral, rejection, rescindment and authorized readvertisement, as indicated. Referenced by attachment of Bid Results Report.

Prior to the presentation of the bid package and motion, staff gave an overview of the bid process [receipt and approval]. Mr. Mitchel queried the potential for leasing excess capacity of fiber optic to generate additional revenue. The Chairman concurred and queried the status of inventory maintained and the opportunity for use and reuse to generate revenue [staff agreed to investigate and report their findings]. Mr. Klinge requested that future bid package presentations specifically designate the enhancement projects [staff affirmed the request]. Mr. Lester queried if the enhancement projects were included in the Six-Year Program [staff responded in the affirmative].

All pages of the bid package with the exception of Page 2, Item #3: Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Klinge.

Page 2, Item #3: Moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Mitchel with Mr. Ware recusing himself due to a conflict of interest. Both Motions carried, and the report was approved.

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Agenda Item 12: Staff presented the Monthly Status of Contracts update [normally presented at the Workshop]. A general discussion ensued, including Mr. Mitchel's queries regarding the total of all cost overages and the impact on the budget, and requesting an explanation of lump sum contracts - a system which appears to trigger charge orders, driving up the total project costs. The Chairman queried how the Department communicated with the "at-large" members [staff stated that central office staff advise the district administrators on statewide issues, who in turn advise those at-large members nearest their respective districts].

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DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Agenda Item 12: Action on a Rail Industrial Access Project, specifically, the City of Staunton and the Counties of Rockingham and Augusta - Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company. Referenced by attachment of a Resolution, fact sheet, locality resolutions, and map.

Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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OTHER BUSINESS

(A) VDOT Commissioner Shucet thanked Mr. Donald Askew and presented him with a recognition award for his service to the Department as Acting Assistant Commissioner of Operations from January through June 2002, temporarily giving up his position as Culpeper District Administrator and commuting each day from his home in that district, in order to provide stability and professional services to the commissioner's office during the transition period.

B) Mr. Mitchel urged the members to actively work to support the Northern

Virginia and Hampton Roads referenda on the ballot in November. Additionally, he requested an overview of the issues for a workshop presentation. The Chairman concurred.

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NEW BUSINESS - NONE

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ADJOURNMENT: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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The next workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m., both in Richmond, Virginia.

Approved:

Chairman

Attested:

Secretary

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