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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia
November 21, 2002
9:00 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Auditorium of the Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on November 21, 2002. The Chairman, Whittington W. Clement, presided. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bailey, Bowie, Davies, Keen, Klinge, Lester, McCarthy, Stone, Ware, Watson, White and Ms. Connally and Ms. Dragas; Vice Chairman Shucet and Ms. Rae, ex officio with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: Mr. Mitchel.

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Agenda Item 1: Public Comment:

(A) Vice Chairman Shucet addressed the members regarding the Richmond Times Dispatch article of November 21st concerning the "bridge fund" presentation made at the November 20th workshop. He clarified some misinterpretations in the article and distributed a Federal Bridge Funding fact sheet [attached]. He also stated that the current "informal" funding policy is outdated and needs to be revised.

(B) Michael Robertson, Mayor of the Town of Kilmarnock, who was on the announced agenda, was unable to attend.

(C) Ms. Mary Hyde Berg, a resident of Gloucester County, addressed the members regarding VDOT mowing operations on right of way and private property. The Chairman thanked her for her presentation and urge her to meet with C. Frank Gee, VDOT Chief of Operations [who was in attendance at the meeting].

Agenda Item 2: Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 16, 2002. Copy of approved minutes on file with VDOT Commissioner's Office.

Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried, minutes approved.

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Agenda Item 3: Committee Reports: The Chair called upon member Connally, who is chair of the Statewide Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Policy Committee. She stated the Committee had its inaugural meeting on November 20th and will continue to meet every two months. Discussions included a mission statement, a work plan and the creation of a technical support subcommittee, chaired by Mary Lynn Tischer.

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LOCAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

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

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

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Agenda Item 5: Action on Discontinuances from the Secondary System of State Highways, specifically Lee County - Route 783 - Bristol District and Henry County - Route 1079 - Salem District. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, and maps.

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

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Agenda Item 6: Action (by single motion) on Street Mileage Payments, specifically (A) Town of Bluefield, (B) Town of Grottoes, (C) Town of Warrenton and (D) City of Hampton. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions and spreadsheets.

Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

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MOBILITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION:

Agenda Item 7: Action (by single motion) on Abandonment, change in the Primary System due to Relocation and Construction, specifically (A) King and Queen County - Old Route 33 and (B) Louisa County - Route 522. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

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

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Agenda Item 8: Action on Abandonment and Discontinuance, changes in the Primary System due to Relocation and Construction, specifically Buchanan County - Route 460. Referenced by attachment of Resolution.

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

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Agenda Item 9: Action on Bridge Designation, specifically Scott County - Route 613 - "Linzy Ferguson Memorial Bridge". Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheet and map.

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

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 14: Action (by single motion) on Surplus Property, specifically Land Conveyances (A) Route 33 - Middlesex County, (B) Route 33 & 601 - King & Queen County, (C) Route 83 - Dickenson County, (D) Route 157 - Henrico County, (E) Route 190 - City of Chesapeake, (F) Route 211 - Shenandoah County, (G) Route 295 - City of Hopewell, (H) Route 460 - Buchanan County, (I) Route 631 - Buckingham County, and (J) Route 606 - Albemarle County. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

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

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CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:

Agenda Item 11: Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received August 27; September 17, 24, 25; October 7, 22, 23, 29, 30, 2002, 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 Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Motion carried, report approved.

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FISCAL DIVISION:

Agenda Item 12: Action to Approve revised Toll Pass Guidelines which provide Toll Free Passage on State-Owned and Operation Toll Facilities for Eligible Personnel and Special Vehicles while Traveling on State Business, by merely showing their state photo id badge rather than issuing a bi-yearly numbered pass card with full name and appropriate title and without making any revisions to the existing program as it appears in the Code of Virginia.

A brief discussion ensued prior to the motion, concerning the abuse of the current system and the potential for even greater abuse [and loss of revenue] with the proposed revisions, unless there are substantial revisions to the Code.

Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Watson. Motion carried with Mr. McCarthy voting no, resolution approved.

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DEPARTMENT OF RAIL & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Agenda Item 13: Action (by single motion) on Rail Industrial Access Projects, specifically (A) Greensville County - American Plastics, Inc. and

(B) Spotsylvania County - Roper Bros. Holdings, LLC. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, locality resolutions, fact sheets and maps.

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

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OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item 14: Action to Accept the Revised Draft Phase 1 Report to the General Assembly: VTrans2025 - Virginia's Statewide Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Plan. Referenced by attachment of Resolution - report on File with VDOT Commissioner's Office.

Moved by Ms. Connally, seconded by Mr. Keen. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 15: Action (by separate motions) on Limited Access Control Changes, specifically (A) Apple Blossom Drive - City of Winchester and (B) Piedmont Drive - City of Danville. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, fact sheets and maps.

(A) Moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Stone. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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

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Agenda Item 16: The Chairman and Vice Chairman presented and led a discussion concerning the APA Special Review of Cash Management and Budgeting Practices Recommendations Not Under VDOT Authority, including Recommendations for the Commonwealth Transportation Board and Recommendations for the General Assembly and Governor. The Chairman appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to review and report back to the CTB at the January meeting. Chairing the Committee is Dr. Stone, with Ms. Dragas and Messrs. Bailey and White serving and VDOT CFO Barbara Reese providing staff support. Referenced by attachment of the Recommendations.

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Agenda Item 17: Mr. Bailey made a motion to create a board committee to monitor bridge funding and to work with VDOT CFO Reese. Following a discussion, it was determined that a full committee was not needed; that regular staff reports would suffice to keep the CTB informed, and the motion was rescinded. The Chair and Vice Chair requested that appropriate VDOT staff make a report to the CTB in February.

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ADJOURNMENT: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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The next workshop and meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. and December 19 at 9:00 a.m., respectively, in the VDOT Central Auditorium in Richmond, VA.

Approved:

Chairman

Attested:

Secretary