



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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

VDOT Central Auditorium  
1221 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
July 20, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

The workshop meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Office Auditorium of the Virginia Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia, on July 20, 2021. The Chair, Shannon Valentine, presided and called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: physically The Chair Shannon Valentine, Messrs., Dodson, Johnsen, Kasprovicz, Malbon, Merrill, Miller, Smoot, Williams, Yates. Ms. DeTuncq and Ms, Hynes. Mr. Brich, ex officio, Commissioner of Highways and Ms. Mitchell, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Present electronically: Mr. Yates.

Absent: Messrs. Rucker and Stinson

This meeting was conducted using electronic communications in accord with Section 2.2-3708.2(D) of the Code of Virginia, with the primary location being at the address listed on the agenda. Public access was not be provided at remote locations; however, members of the public could attend the meeting at the location on the agenda or witness the meeting live stream by clicking the "View video" button at the following link: [http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/public\\_meetings/live\\_stream/default.asp](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/public_meetings/live_stream/default.asp).

Online viewers were furnished a telephone number to call to notify staff of any interruption of the live streaming of the meeting and no interruption of the live streaming was noted during the meeting.

1. Year End Program Review: Project Development and Project Delivery  
*Bart Thrasher, Virginia Department of Transportation*  
*Referenced by attachment of presentation.*
2. TIFIA Direct Agreement and Amendments to the Project Agreement for Funding and Administration for the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project  
*Stephen Brich, Virginia Department of Transportation*  
*Ryan Pedraza, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP*  
*Referenced by attachment of presentation*

3. FREIGHT Program  
*Michael Todd, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation  
Referenced by attachment of presentation*

*The Chair suspended the meeting at 11:50 a.m. on July 20, 2021 to allow the Board a quick break.*

*The Chair called the suspended meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. on July 20, 2021.*

4. Overhead Signage Messaging  
*Rob Cary, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Referenced by attachment of presentation*
5. Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program Update  
*Nick Donohue, Deputy Secretary of Transportation  
Referenced by attachment of presentation*

Ms. DeTuncq made the following motion:

*"I move that the Board convene in a Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(6) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussing a project involving the investment of public funds where bargaining is involved and where the financial interest of the Commonwealth would be adversely affected if the discussion were made public at this time,*

*Additionally, I move that staff and attorneys attend the Closed Session because their presence is deemed necessary, and will aid the Board in its consideration of this matter."*

This motion was seconded by Mr. Johnsen, followed by a roll call vote with all present voting aye, the motion passed. The Workshop Session suspended at 1:15 p.m. on July 20, 2021 and went into Closed Session with a note that the suspended July 20, 2021 Workshop session would reconvene at approximately 2:15 p.m. on July 20, 2021.

The Chair reconvened the Workshop meeting at 2:21 p.m. on July 20, 2021. Upon reconvening the meeting the Chair read the following statement *"We are now going to take a roll call vote, and I ask that each member indicate their agreement with the following: To the best of my knowledge, during the Closed Meeting, the only matters heard, discussed or considered were those matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only those public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened"*

The roll was called with each member present agreeing with the statement.

6. Federal Reauthorization and Infrastructure Update  
*Nick Donohue, Deputy Secretary of Transportation  
Referenced by attachment of presentation*

7. Passenger Rail Update  
*D. J. Stadler, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority*  
*Referenced by attachment of presentation*
8. Director's Items  
*Jennifer Mitchell, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*
9. Commissioner's Items  
*Stephen Brich, Virginia Department of Transportation*
10. Secretary's Items  
*Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m. on July 20, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Mathis,  
Assistant Secretary to the Board