

SUMMARY
Commonwealth Transportation Board
Rail Subcommittee Meeting
Jepson Alumni Center
1119 Hanover Street
Fredericksburg, VA

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Members in Attendance: Aubrey Layne, Chairman, Roger Cole, William Fralin

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Aubrey Layne called the meeting to order and introduced everyone to the Salem District CTB member, William Fralin.

There was no public comment at this time.

Thelma Drake, Director of DRPT, started the agenda by giving an update on the Roanoke train. Norfolk Southern (NS) will not be doing the work on the culvert; however, the City of Roanoke will taking over that project. CTB allocated \$3 million to the City for the project to be completed. Director Drake also mentioned that she will be attending Senator Edwards's Town Hall Meeting on October 9, 2013 to further discuss the Roanoke train.

Section 209 was a topic on the agenda. It was stated that everything was "good to go" with that and we owe all our legislators (Senator Watkins) a big thank you.

The Norfolk Station should be completed by the end of October. An event for the opening of the station and the one year anniversary of the Norfolk train will be announced. In July, the Norfolk train started making a profit and ridership had a 10.6% growth. DRPT is working to add additional trains. DRPT is working with the Norfolk Naval Station to have an Amtrak kiosk for ticket sales within the Navy Exchange; DRPT is still waiting for a response back from the Navy.

Newport News has received funds for the TPO and will be moving the station to Bland Blvd. CSX has stated that it will build 8 miles of double track.

Staples Mill has a parking issue and DRPT is working to correct it. We worked with VDOT and they have installed a traffic light at the station. Also, DRPT and VDOT are looking into purchasing parcels of land for additional parking for the station. Richmond MPO is looking into a circulator bus that connects Staples Mill Station, Main Street Station and the airport.

The United States Government does not appear to have additional federal funds for high speed rail.

The Virginia Avenue Tunnel has \$24 million state funds allocated to the project and CSX agreed to complete the National Gateway with their own funding.

There was no public comment at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.