



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

CTB Rail Subcommittee Meeting

Agenda

June 13, 2016

CTB Members present:

Shannon Valentine
Court Rosen
Jennifer Mitchell

Chief of Rail, Pete Burrus, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

1. VRE Study Update – Chief of Rail, Pete Burrus, began with opening comments in regards to Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Long Range Service Plan Study that the General Assembly has tasked DRPT to review with a deadline of December 2016.

Chief Burrus went through the presentation with CTB members along with consultant James Brown. DRPT's goal is to bring the report to CTB in October. It was noted that this is an aggressive schedule to ensure that DRPT meets the General Assembly's deadline. The General Assembly is asking to verify operation costs and VRE's long term 2040 growth plans.

Director Jennifer Mitchell stated that DRPT is looking for support from CTB recommendations for allocating eligible funds and not creating new funding sources or governance. Shannon Valentine asked if federal funds could be used as a match for VRE. DRPT recommended against that, and stating that local jurisdictions can access CMAQ, STP and service allocation funds.

Shannon Valentine commented that this review is in time with reviewing the Statewide Rail Plan.

Court Rosen asked if DRPT could look at the elasticity of fares. He wanted to know if there are parallels with 95. It was stated at this time, it was too early to determine that.

Shannon Valentine asked if this review opened up more funds for VRE to use. DRPT stated that other stakeholders have stated it would decrease their funding opportunities if VRE was added to receiving REF funds since VRE already receives capital rail and transit funding since they are commuter rail running on private rails.

2. Public Comment – None

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm.