



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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

VDOT Central Auditorium  
1221 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
March 18, 2026

The action meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Office Auditorium of the Virginia Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia, on March 18, 2026. The Chairman, Nicholas Donohue, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The Chair suspended the meeting at 9:09 a.m. on March 18, 2026, to take up the remaining March 17, 2026 Workshop items. The Chair called the suspended meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. on March 18, 2026.

Present: Messrs. Coleman, Davis, Good, Gribbin, Lawson, Laird, Minchew, Smoot, Stant, Ms. Dunlop, Ms. Green, Ms. Sellers, Mr. Brich, ex officio, Commissioner of Highways and Ms. Mariia Zimmerman, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Absent: Messrs. Byers and Fowlkes

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#### **Public Comments:**

Mr. Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director, Coalition for Smarter Growth, addressed the Board regarding SMART SCALE Process as well as efficient land use.

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Mr. Trip Pollard, Southern Environmental Law Center, addressed the Board regarding the SMART SCALE Process urging the Board to advance cleaner and more equitable transportation.

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**Approval of Minutes:**

**February 17, 2026**

Made By: Ms. Sellers, Seconded By: Mr. Coleman  
With Mr. Davis, abstaining citing his absence from the February meeting with all others present voting yes.  
Motion carried, minutes approved.

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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION:**

**Agenda 1.** Action on Adoption of Consent Agenda Policy.  
Made By: Ms. Sellers, Seconded By: Mr. Gribbin  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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**MAINTENANCE DIVISION:**

**Agenda 2.** Action on Commemorative naming of the bridge on U.S. Route 21, Elk Creek Parkway, over Elk Creek, Grayson County, as the “Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge”, located within the Bristol District.  
Made By: Ms. Dunlop, Seconded By: Dr. Smoot  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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**Agenda 3.** Action on Commemorative naming, at the request of Buchanan County, of the bridge on Route 609, Bull Creek Road, over Levisa Fork River, Buchanan County, as the “Francis Gary Powers Memorial Bridge”, located within the Bristol District.  
Made By: Ms. Dunlop, Seconded By: Mr. Good  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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**Agenda 4.** Action on Commemorative naming, at the request of Fairfax County, of the bridge on State Route 193, Georgetown Pike, over Difficult Run, Fairfax County, as the “John J. Adams Memorial Bridge”, located within the Northern Virginia District.  
Made By: Mr. Minchew, Seconded By: Mr. Gribbin  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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The Chair took the following items as a block without objection, Items 5, 7, 8 and 11.

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:**

**Agenda 5.** Action on Economic Development Access to the Richardson Road Industrial Site Project 0360-004-717 – Amelia County located within the Richmond District.  
Made By: Ms. Sellers, Seconded By: Mr. Gribbin  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:**

- Agenda 6.** Action on Location Approval for the Nimmo Parkway Phase VII-B Project.  
Made By: Mr. Stant, Seconded By: Mr. Coleman  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**LOCATION AND DESIGN:**

- Agenda 7.** Action on Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs) for Route 286 (Fairfax County Parkway) Widening of Southern Segment, Fairfax County located within the Northern Virginia District.  
Made By: Ms. Sellers, Seconded By: Mr. Gribbin  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**

- Agenda 8.** Action on Rail Industrial Access Application, Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative.  
Made By: Ms. Sellers, Seconded By: Mr. Gribbin  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DIVISION:**

- Agenda 9.** Action on Revised FY26-31 Six-Year Improvement Program Transfers  
January 17, 2026, through February 20, 2026.  
Made By: Mr. Davis, Seconded By: Mr. Good  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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- Agenda 10.** Action on Approval and Authorization for the Commissioner of Highways to Execute a Project Partnership and Financing Agreement Between the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority for the Long Bridge Project.  
Made By: Mr. Coleman, Seconded By: Mr. Minchew  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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- Agenda 11.** Action on SMART SCALE Project Cancellation – Centerville Turnpike Widening Phase III (UPC 109381), located within the Hampton Roads District.  
Made By: Ms. Sellers, Seconded By: Mr. Gribbin  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**SCHEDULING AND CONTRACT:**

**Agenda 12.**

**Bids.**

Recommending award of Order Number 480  
Located within the Richmond District.  
Made By: Mr. Davis, Seconded By: Ms. Sellers  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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Recommending award of Order Number 481  
Located within the Richmond District.  
Made By: Mr. Davis, Seconded By: Mr. Good  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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Recommending award of Order Number 283  
Located within the Salem District.  
Made By: Ms. Green, Seconded By: Dr. Smoot  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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Recommending award of Order Number DB139  
Located within the Bristol District.  
Made By: Dr. Smoot, Seconded By: Ms. Dunlop  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on March 18, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Mathis,

Assistant Secretary to the Board

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