

**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Central Office Auditorium  
1221 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia

June 15, 2006  
9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Office Auditorium of the Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on June 15, 2006. The Chairman, Pierce R. Homer, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bowie, Davies, Keen, Koelemay, Martin, McCarthy, Sevila, White, Witt, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connally, Ms. Dragas; Vice Chairman Whirley, and Mr. Hill, ex officio, Acting Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: Messrs. Davis and Watson.

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**Public Comment Period:**

Mr. Jim Rauth, Marsh Island Home Owners' Association. Mr. Rauth read off a prepared statement regarding the six year plan, a copy is attached hereto.

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Mr. Morgan Butler, Southern Environmental Law Center. Mr. Butler provided comments on the Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass urging the Board to vote against the "Location Approval for the Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass" resolution which will be presented to the Board during this meeting.

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Ms. Linda McMinimy, Virginia Transit Association. Ms. McMinimy addressed the Board regarding the Six Year Plan and its impact on maintaining existing transit services. Ms. McMinimy expressed that the Plan has a disproportionate impact on public transportation. Ms. McMinimy asked the Board to look for interim or emergency steps which may be available to flex funds so that basic services can be held in place.

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Mr. Stewart Schwartz, Coalition for Smarter Growth. Mr. Schwartz added his support to Ms. McMiminy's testimony. Mr. Schwartz addressed the Board regarding the Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass, urging the Board to vote against the 'Location Approval for the Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass' resolution which will be presented to the Board during this meeting. Mr. Schwartz also asked the Board to reconsider their vote on the Tri-County Parkway.

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**Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:**

Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 17, 2006. Copy of approved minutes on file with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Commissioner's Office and posted on the VDOT Internet website: [www.virginiadot.org](http://www.virginiadot.org) and the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall.

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

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**ASSET MANAGEMENT DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 1:** Action on Abandonments and Discontinuances Due to Relocation and Construction specifically; Lynchburg District, Project: 6029-015-103, C-501 (Primary Abandonment), Campbell County – Route 43 – Section 6 D, 0.14 Mi.; Fredericksburg District, Lee's Parke – Spotsylvania Parkway (Secondary Discontinuance), Spotsylvania County – Route 628 – Old Route 628, 0.29 Mi.; Culpeper District, Project: 0003-023-107, C-503, (Primary/Secondary Discontinuance) Culpeper County – Route 522 - Section 1 & 2, 0.14 Mi.; Culpeper County – Route 686 – Section 3, 0.14 Mi., Route 658 – Section 4 & 5, 0.19 Mi.; Total Mileage Abandoned from the Primary System: 0.14 Mi.; Total Mileage Discontinued from the Primary System: .14 Mi.; Total Mileage Discontinued from the Secondary System: 0.62 Mi. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Carter.  
Motion carried, resolution approved.  
Mr. Davies abstained from the vote disclosing that his law firm represents an adjoining property owner relative to the Culpeper District Project.

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**Agenda Items 2:** Action on Highway Designations specifically;

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- (A) Naming the bridge over Wilson Creek, on Route 767 in Grayson County, the “Glenn Halsey Memorial Bridge”. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Martin.

Motion carried, resolution approved.

- (B) Naming the Route 773 bridge over the Dan River in Patrick County, the “Command Sergeant Major Zeb Stuart Scales Memorial Bridge”. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Martin.

Motion carried, resolution approved.

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#### **OPERATIONS AND SECURITY DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 3:** Action on Award of Salem Smart Traffic Center Design-Build Contract. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Sevila.

Motion carried, resolution approved.

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#### **LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 4:** Action on Economic Development Access Fund Policy (Revision). Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Mr. Koelemay indicated that he felt this was a better coordinated program and one that would respond in a more timely way.

Mr. Bowie spoke regarding the recommendation of VDOT staff on the two year grace period that would be deleted with this change. Mr. Bowie indicated that the localities that need this program most are the ones who have difficulties attracting new growth.

Mr. Davies relayed a situation in the Culpeper District that struggled with this issue. The community in question was moving from a rural experience to a rapid

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growth experience. The community was a transitional community that got caught up in a situation where they had to pay monies back when they could least afford too. This extension would recognize that they (communities) don't control the industries; the result was they did not get started in that five year window, but were started in the two year window.

Mr. Koeleмай suggested that additional time given to a community would actually be using monies that might produce better economic development at the state interest in another location.

Prior to the vote on this item, Mr. Bowie made a motion to amend section five of the resolution as follows; *in the event that after the Department of Transportation has been reimbursed but still within 24 months immediately following the end of the five year period the access funds expended come to be justified by eligible capital outlay of one or more eligible establishments, then the locality may request a refund of one half the sum reimbursed to the Department of Transportation, which request may be granted if the funds are available on a first come, first serve basis, in competition with applications for access funds from other localities.* This motion was seconded by Mr. Keen.

The vote on the motion to amend was taken by roll at Mr. Bowie's request, results as follows:

**Yes;** Mr. Sevila, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Bowie, Ms. Connally, Mr. Davies, Mr. White, Mr. Keen, Ms. Dragas, Mr. Witt, Ms. Carter.  
**No;** Mr. Koeleмай.

Motion to amend the resolution was passed.

A vote was then called on the resolution as amended.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Bowie.

Motion carried, resolution approved.

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**Agenda Item 5:** Action on Revenue Sharing specifically;

County of Henry, City of Newport News, and the Towns of Blacksburg, Orange, Rocky Mount, and South Boston.

County of Henry

Original Project Number	Rural Additions
New Project Number	0220-044-xxx, N501 (UPC tba)

City of Newport News

Original Project Number	U000-121-R54,C501 (UPC 78527)
New Project Number	0143-121-111,C502 (UPC 77019)

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New Project Number U000-121-xxx,C501 (UPC tba)

Town of Blacksburg

Original Project Number U000-150-R15,L801 (UPC 78752)  
New Project Number U000-150-xxx,C501 (UPC tba)

Original Project Number U000-150-R19,M501 (UPC 78756)  
New Project Number U000-150-R17,M501 (UPC 78754)

Town of Orange

Original Project Numbers 0020-275-R01,M501 (UPC 78598)  
New Project Numbers U000-275-106,C501 (UPC 71759)

Town of Rocky Mount

Original Project Number U000-157-R02, C502 (UPC 78630)  
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Town of South Boston

Original Project Number U000-130-R07, C501 (UPC 78600)  
New Project Number U000-130-xxx,C501 (UPC tba)

Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

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

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**Agenda Item 6:** Action on Urban Maintenance Payments.

Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Witt.  
Motion carried, resolution approved

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**Agenda Item 7:** Action on County Maintenance Payments.  
Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

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

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 8:** Action on Location Approval for the Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Koelemay, seconded by Mr. Sevila.  
Motion carried, resolution approved.  
The record will reflect that Mr. McCarthy voted against this resolution, with all other members present voting for the resolution.

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**PROGRAMMING DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 9:** Action on Six Year Improvement Program and Allocations for Fiscal Years 2007-2012. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Mr. Bowie moved that the resolution be amended as follows; on page 3 in the third resolution that *and after consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board member for the district* be inserted after Chief Financial Officer. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCarthy, motion to amend approved.

Mr. Bowie moved that the resolution be amended as follows; on page 3 in the fourth resolution, that *and after consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board member for the district* be inserted after Chief Financial Officer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dragas, motion to amend approved.

The Chairman then gave each Board member an opportunity to comment on the Six Year Improvement Program and Allocations in front of them, indicating that in the absence of a budget, we fall back onto the November official revenue forecast, that drives very substantial reductions in the program.

The Board members commented on the Program, conveying their displeasure, frustration and anger with the lack of a budget, which has forced the Board to adopt the Program. Each member conveyed how the Program would negatively affect their respective areas.

Mr. Hill pointed out a technical error in the resolution, specifically that on page 3 in the forth resolution the phrase *and to allocate additional federal and state grants for rail and public transportation up to \$50,000* was missing. A motion to amend the resolution to include this phrase was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Davies, motion to amend the resolution was approved.

A vote was then called on the resolution as amended.  
Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Koelemay.  
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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#### **FINANCIAL PLANNING DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 10:** Action on Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Budgets specifically; Commonwealth Transportation Funds, Department of Rail & Public Transportation and the Department of Transportation. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. White.  
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 11:** Action Facilities on Adoption of Public Private Education VDOT Guidelines. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

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

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**Agenda Item 12:** Action on Inter - Agency Land Transfer specifically; the Culpeper District Complex, Culpeper County, Virginia. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Carter.  
Motion carried, resolution approved

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**RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 13:** Action on Limited Access Change specifically;

- (A)            Route 220, Colonial Avenue, Relocated 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ramp E  
Project 6220-128-105, RW-201  
City of Roanoke  
Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Koelemay.  
Motion carried, resolution approved.

- (B)            Route 624 renumbered to Route 297;  
Re-designated as Route 460, Route 911  
Projects 1323F, 5909-02, 6297-009-103, RW-203, 0911-009-293,  
C-501  
Bedford County  
Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Carter.  
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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**DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**

**Agenda Item 14:** Action on Rail Industrial Access Program specifically, Wythe County, Amcor PET Packaging USA, Inc. Funding request to construct 1,440+/- feet of track including one industrial lead switch to serve Amcor PET Packaging USA, Inc.'s plastic beverage bottle manufacturing facility to be constructed in Progress Park, Wythe County.  
Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

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

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**LOCATION & DESIGN DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 15:** Action on Location Approval specifically;

- (A) Princess Anne Road/Kempsville Road in the City of Virginia Beach  
Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Ms. Dragas, seconded by Ms. Carter.  
Motion carried, resolution approved

- (B) Battlefield Parkway in the Town of Leesburg  
Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Sevila, seconded by Mr. Koelemay.  
Motion carried, resolution approved.

**SCHEDULING AND CONTRACT DIVISION:**

**Agenda Item 16:** Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received January 2006 and March 2006, for projects in excess of \$2 million for award and authorized execution of contracts by the Commissioner or Chief Engineer. Referenced by attachment of Bid Results Report.

Page 1 of the attached report, recommending award of order number H91.  
Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Bowie.  
Motion carried, bid awarded.

Page 2 of the attached report, recommending award of order number G37.  
Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Ms. Connally.  
Motion carried, bid awarded.

Page 2 of the attached report, recommending award of order number H66.  
Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Carter.  
Motion carried, bid awarded.

Page 3 of the attached report, recommending award of order number 913.  
Moved by Mr. Koelemay, seconded by Ms. Connally.  
Motion carried, bid awarded.

Page 4 of the attached report, recommending rejection of order number 608.  
Moved by Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Bowie.  
Motion carried, bid rejected.

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Page 5 of the attached report, recommending award of order number 0606.  
Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Dragas.  
Motion carried, bid awarded.

Page 6 of the attached report, recommending award of order number 0606.  
Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Keen.  
Motion carried, bid awarded.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Action on Limited Access Control Change specifically Route 895 Alternate, Henrico County,  
Project 0895-043-F01, RW-201, C-502.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Ms. Dragas.  
Motion carried, resolution approved.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2006,  
beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Abingdon, Virginia.

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Chairman

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Secretary