

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

Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

March 17, 2005
9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Auditorium of the Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on March 17, 2005. The Chairman, Whittington W. Clement presided and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bowie, Davies, Keen, Martin, McCarthy, Mitchel, Watson, White and Ms. Connally, Ms. Dragas and Ms. Hanley; Vice Chairman Shucet, Ms. Rae, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: Dr. Stone, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Lester

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Public Comment Period:

Mr. Chris Kolakowski of the Civil War Preservation Trust. Mr. Kolakowski thanked Secretary Clement for his service as Secretary of Transportation for the past three years on behalf of the Civil War Preservation Trust and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Mr. Bob Chase of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance. Mr. Chase thanked Secretary Clement for his service as Secretary of Transportation for the past three years. Mr. Chase also urged the Board to accept the I-66 feasibility study and to endorse a prompt Environmental study. Mr. Chase complimented Ms. DeFore and her team for their work on the I-66 feasibility study.

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 17, 2005. 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 and the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall.

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

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MOBILITY MANAGEMENT:

Agenda Item 1: Action (by single motion) on Abandonments and Discontinuances, changes in the Primary System due to Relocation and Construction, specifically (A) Old Route 175 - Accomack County, Project No.: 0199-047-F03, C-503; (B) Old Route 39- Louisa County Project No.: 6058-040-105, G-301, P-401. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Davies. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

Action (by single motion) on Abandonment's and Discontinuances, changes in the Primary System due to Relocation and Construction, C) Route 659/Re-designation as Route 253 Rockingham County/the City of Harrisonburg; (D) Route 234 - Prince William, Project No.: 6234-076-114, C-501 (E) Route 15 -Buckingham/Fluvanna County Project Nos.: 0015-032-V07, C-501 and 0015-014-V11, C-501. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Watson. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

Prior to approval Mr. Keen questioned if Rockingham County had a high traffic count. Secretary Clement responded that there was legislation put in place regarding Resolution 1C, that was withdrawn by the Delegate after meeting with VDOT personnel. There are a number of criteria that must be met before a road can be re-designated. There is an issue involving the construction of a hospital on this route, for which the builders feel they would have a better chance for funding out of the Primary fund versus the Secondary Fund. Secretary Clement indicated that Dr. Stone was in support of this resolution.

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Agenda Item 2: Action on Bridge Designations specifically, (A) Route 58 Bypass – Mecklenburg County, Naming the bridge on the Route 58 Bypass over Bug's Island Lake in the Town of Clarkesville as the "Judge John W. Tisdale Memorial Bridge";(B) Route 58 Alternate – Lee County naming the bridge on Route 58 Alternate over the CSX Railroad located

just west of Pennington Gap the “Dr. G. G. Stetzler and Dr. Henry A. Kinser Memorial Bridge”. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Watson. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

Prior to approval Mr. Watson noted that “Bug’s Island and Clarkesville” were spelled wrong in the resolution and on the agenda. Mr. Khoury promised to correct the resolution. Mr. Shucet indicated that we should not make those kinds of mistakes.

Secretary Clement made a motion to correct the spelling of Bug’s Island and Clarkesville in resolution 2A; the motion was seconded by Mr. White. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 3: Action on the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices For Street and Highways. Adopt federal standards for Traffic Control Devices as required by § 655.603 CFR 23 (the Manual On Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways or as otherwise known, MUTCD, 2003 version)

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

Prior to approval Ms. Hanley asked what would change if this motion was approved. Mr. Khoury indicated that the 2003 version had about a 1,000 pages, his division went through all of them to tweak the different regulations for the signs.

Ms. Hanley indicated she understood what it did, but asked for an example of a change that would occur if this motion were adopted.

Mr. Khoury indicated he could give Ms. Hanley a briefing after the meeting, but he did not have the information currently available with him.

Ms. Hanley stated she wondered if there was anything significant the Board should be aware of.

Mr. Mitchel asked if this was part of the process where warrants would be required for traffic signals. He would like to understand if this would affect the traffic signals.

Mr. Shucet responded to Ms. Hanley, stating that she would never see a change.

Mr. Mitchel indicated that traffic signals are a huge issue in NoVA, and he would like to understand how these changed would affect them.

Mr. Khoury clarified that the warrants for traffic signals have not significantly changed.

After the vote on this resolution, Secretary Clement asked for clarification from Mr. Khoury if the Route 58 bridge naming (Resolution 2B) was resolution was made and approved when Resolution 2A was approved. Mr. Khoury responded it was. Secretary Clement asked that the minutes reflect that resolution 2B was approved with 2A.

Mr. Mitchel asked if any requests were made from local government regarding the Traffic Manual. Mr. Khoury indicated the MUTCD are federal standards, however, states and localities do make submissions to the federal government for changes they would like to see. These changes are reviewed by technical committees and when appropriate made a part of the MUTCD.

Mr. Mitchel suggested that a briefing on MUTCD standards might be in order for the future.

Mr. Shucet indicated that would be fine, with the understanding that VDOT is not going to manufacture changes in the warrants that depart from the requirements of the MUTCD. Mr. Shucet did support a meeting in advance of the next update, where the most substantial changes were pulled for review at a workshop.

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 4: Action on Land Conveyances specifically (A) Route 14- King and Queen County, Project No.: 3749-06 (B) Route 264 (old Route 44) - City of Virginia Beach, Project Nos.: 0044-134-101, RW-201 (C) Route 33 - Rockingham County Project No.: 0033-082-102, RW-201 (D) Routes 81 and 792, - Augusta County, Project No.: 0081-007-103, RW-205 (E) Route 360, Amelia County, Project No.: 00360-004-101, C-501

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

After approval of the resolution a general discussion ensued regarding the process used by VDOT to appraise the value of land that it sells or purchases.

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CHIEF ENGINEER'S DIRECTORATE:

Agenda Item 5: Action on Limited Access Change Request specifically, (A) Route 17 - (George Washington Highway) - City of Chesapeake, Project No.: 6017-131-F05, RW-206, C-506. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

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

Action on Limited Access Change Request specifically, (B) Route 460 – Tazewell County, Project No.: 0460-092-103, RW-205, C-505. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and Decision Brief.

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

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Agenda Item 6: Action on Feasibility Study specifically, IDEA 66 – Arlington and Fairfax County

This item was removed from the Board Agenda during the March 16, 2005 workshop by Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Pierce Homer.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 7: Action on Revenue Sharing Re-Allocation from the County Primary and Secondary Road Fund specifically, Montgomery and York Counties, Reallocation of funds from Fiscal Year, 2004-2005 Original Project No.: 9999-060-220,P401 (UPC 00072639) New Project Nos.: 0617-060-RS, FY05 (UPC 00076404)0660-060-RS, FY05 (UPC 00076405) 0669-060-RS, FY05 (UPC 00076406);Original Project No.: 0143-099-RS, FY 04 (UPC 00068300) New Project No.: 0621-099-175,C502 (UPC 00052342);Original Project No.: 0060-099-RS, FY 04 (UPC 00068301) New Project No.: 0621-099-175,C502 (UPC 00052342);Original Project No.: 0017-099-129, C501 (UPC 00060843)New Project No.: 0621-099-175,C502 (UPC 00052342)

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

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POLICY DIVISION

Agenda Item 8: Action on formalizing Transportation Policy, specifically, (A) Project Cost Estimating (B) Dashboard (C) Commonwealth Transportation Board Policy Notebook.

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

After approval of resolution 8, Mr. Shucet indicated that over the course of the next several months there will be more resolutions forthcoming to institutionalize some of the changes that have been made, i. e. maintenance of the on-line integrated six year plan; publication of a quarterly report; the use of an asset based needs budget system; and the development of cash

flow management system. I believe it would be worthwhile to add these resolutions to our development plan and hope to bring them to you in the future.

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SCHEDULING AND CONTRACT DIVISION

Agenda Item 9: Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received in February 2005, 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 specifically pages 1 through 4.

Moved by Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Bowie. Motion carried, report approved.

Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received in February 2005, for projects in excess of \$2 million for award and authorized execution of contracts by the Commissioner, or Chief Engineer, and for deferral, rejection, rescindment and authorized readvertisement, as indicated. Referenced by attachment of Bid Results Report, specifically pages 5 – 8.

Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Watson. Motion carried, report approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Clement thanked the Board for the dinner they hosted for him the previous night. He then thanked Carol Mathis for the splendid job she has done for the CTB. Secretary Clement then thanked Mr. Mitchel for his service to the Board.

Mr. Mitchel thanked Secretary Clement for his leadership. Mr. Mitchel indicated he looked forward to working with Secretary Clement in the future on transportation issues. Mr. Mitchel then complimented Mr. Shucet on his leadership. Mr. Mitchel also thanked Ms. Rae for her dedication in ensuring that Dulles Rail was passed. Mr. Mitchel thanked Mr. Walton for his advice both legal and personal. Mr. Mitchel then stated that he wanted to compliment, Ms. Barbara Reese, CFO, for her leadership.

Mr. Mitchel shared the following thoughts: He is very concerned about the lack of funding between now and 2014 for transportation projects. He shared concern about fuel prices and their effect on spending habits. We need to establish some federal co-match strategies. We should explore fuel indexing as is used in Florida. We should explore technology and telecommuting. Perhaps it is time to ask the voters if they are willing to spend money to improve their quality of life.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35. The next workshop and meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2005, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the VDOT Central Auditorium, 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA

Approved:

Chairman

Attested:

Secretary