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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

**1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia
December 19, 2002
9:00 a.m.**

The monthly meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Auditorium of the Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on December 19, 2002. The Chairman, Whittington W. Clement, presided. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Present: Messrs. Bailey, Bowie, Davies, Keen, Klinge, Lester, McCarthy, Mitchel, Stone, Watson, White and Ms. Connally and Ms. Dragas; Vice Chairman Shucet and Ms. Rae, ex officio with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: Mr. Ware.

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Agenda Item 1: Public Comment:

(A) Urchie B. Ellis, Attorney at Law - spoke to a number of issues including cost benefit studies, toll roads and bridges, truck issues, Amtrak and the Huguenot Bridge. Referenced by attachment of his comments of July 18, which he represented today.

(B) Bill Vincent, General Counsel for Breakthrough Technologies Institute in Washington, D.C., who spoke in favor of the BRT option for the Dulles Corridor. Referenced by attachment of his written comments.

(C) Patty Nicoson, President of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association, who spoke in favor of the LPA option for the Dulles Corridor. Referenced by attachment of her written comments.

(D) Thomson M. Hirst, representing the Rapid Transit Action Committee, in Reston, Va, who spoke in favor of the BRT option for the Dulles Corridor. Referenced by attachment of his written comments.

(E) Young Ho Chang, Director of Department of Transportation with Fairfax County, who spoke in favor of the LPA option for the Dulles Corridor. Referenced by attachment of his written comments.

(F) Jody Bennett, representing the Hunter Mill Defense League, an ad hoc community organization, who spoke concerning the impact of the Dulles Rail project on Hunter Mill Road and other rural, historic roads and questioned the veracity of the DEIS.

(G) Bob Chase, representing the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance who spoke against the use of heavy rail in the Dulles Corridor. Referenced by attachment of his written comments.

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(H) Mike Tobias, a resident of Fairfax County, who spoke in favor of the BRT option for the Dulles Corridor.

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Agenda Item 2: Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2002. Copy of approved minutes on file with VDOT Commissioner's Office.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Bailey, Mr. Mitchel abstained due to his absence from the November meeting. Motion carried, minutes approved.

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Agenda Item 3: Committee Reports: None

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 4: Action on Additions and Abandonments of Roads in the Secondary System, November 2002. Referenced by attachment of Report.

Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, report accepted.

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Agenda Item 5: Action (by single motion) on Recreational Access Programs, specifically, (A) Warren County - Northern Virginia 4-H Educational and Conference Center, (B) Fairfax County - Stratton Woods Park and (C) City of Portsmouth - Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions, and maps.

Moved by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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MOBILITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION:

Agenda Item 6: Action (by separate motions) on Intelligent Transportation System Cooperative Agreements, specifically (A) with FHWA to integrate state and local transportation operations centers in NOVA and City of Alexandria, and (B) with FHWA to develop an integrated driver information, safety and commerce program at James Madison University as part of the I-81 model safety corridor program. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

(A) Moved by Mr. Klinge, seconded by Ms. Connally. Motion carried, resolution approved.

(B) Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Keen. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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Agenda Item 7: Report on CTB action of September 19, 2002, specifically the Cooperative Agreement between the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Federal Highway Administration to Conduct an Operational Test of Applications of Archived Data in a Traffic Management Center, specifically a press release announcing VDOT's successful application and the awarding of a \$1 million grant to develop

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systems by researchers at VDOT and UVA. Referenced by attachment of News Release.

No action needed.

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 8: Action (by single motion) on Surplus Property, specifically Land Conveyances (A) Route 28 - City of Manassas Park, and (B) Route 264 (Old Route 44) - City of Virginia Beach. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried, resolutions approved.

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Agenda Item 9: Action on Limited Access Control Change and Land Conveyance, specifically Route 58 - South Hill Bypass - Mecklenburg County. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheet and map.

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

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TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY PLANNING DIVISION:

Agenda Item 10: Action to Amend Bicycle Facility Policy for Consistency with the Code of Virginia. Referenced by attachment of Resolution and proposed amendments.

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

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CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:

Agenda Item 11: Action on Bids for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Urban and Miscellaneous Projects Received September 16, 17; October 24, 29; November 19, 20, 21, 26, 2002, for award and authorized execution of contracts by the Commissioner, or Chief Engineer for Program Development, and for deferral, rejection, rescindment and authorized readvertisement, as indicated. Referenced by attachment of Bid Results Report.

Prior to the motion, it was stated that pending legislation would raise the limit to \$2 million on projects that would have to come to the Board for approval. Should the legislation pass, Mr. Shucet would prepare a quarterly report for the Board regarding all other project bids.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF RAIL & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Agenda Item 12: Action on Dulles Rail Corridor - Adoption of Locally Preferred Alternative. Referenced by attachment of Resolution, fact sheets and maps.

Prior to the motion, Ms. Rae presented a briefing on the project, referenced by attachment of the briefing materials, and a general discussion ensued: Mr. Lester and Mr. Mitchel spoke in support and additionally acknowledged the prior work by Mr. Klinge and the Task Force; Mr. McCarthy spoke in support, but requested a follow-up regarding the DRPT budget, Six-Year Plan, and next level of activity beyond the preliminary engineering stage [Mr. Rae assured him of these procedures]; Mr. Watson spoke in support; Ms. Dragas spoke in support, but questioned the local financial support and price per rider estimates; Ms. Connally spoke in support and stated environmental and rural issues can be protected with rail; Mr. Bowie spoke in support, but requested a caveat that approval today would not be a commitment to go all the way—each step would come back to the Board for approval [Ms. Rae assured him of this process]; Mr. Mitchel concurred with Mr. Bowie; Dr. Stone spoke in support, but urged continued cost comparisons with other systems.

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

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OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item 13: Action (by separate motions) to Transfer Enhancement Grant Funds, specifically (A) City of Charlottesville and (B) Prince Edward County. Referenced by attachment of Resolutions.

(A) Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Mitchel. Motion carried, resolution approved.

(B) Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Dr. Stone. Motion carried, resolution approved.

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NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Secretary of Transportation Pierce R. Homer presented a briefing on the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995, specifically Implementation Guidelines and Revision Process Overview. Referenced by attachment of briefing materials.

No action needed.

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RECESS: The Chairman RECESSED the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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RECONVENE: The Chairman RECONVENED the meeting at 1:30 p.m. In addition to the CTB members, members and staff representing the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committee were present, along with staff from VDOT, DRPT and the Governor's Office.

Following a box luncheon, staff members of the Virginia Department of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation made presentations with questions and answers and general discussions following each presentation, specifically:

1. Secretary Whittington W. Clement welcomed the group and invited all to introduce themselves.

2. VDOT Commissioner Philip A. Shucet and DRPT Director Karen J. Rae welcomed the group and gave brief overviews of their goals and missions for their respective agencies.

3. VDOT CFO Barbara W. Reese gave a briefing on CTB Debt Management.

4. VDOT Chief Engineer for Programs Malcolm T. Kerley gave an overview of the Bridge Fund.

5. VDOT Chief Engineer for Operations C. Frank Gee gave an overview of Asset Management.

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ADJOURNED: The Chairman ADJOURNED the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

The next workshop and meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m. and January 16 at 9:00 a.m., respectively, in the VDOT Central Auditorium in Richmond, VA.

Approved:

Chairman
Attested:

Secretary

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