

VIRGINIA - NORTH CAROLINA

Interstate High Speed Rail Compact

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Agenda

Monday, January 9, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

State Capitol Building, Senate Room 3
Richmond, Virginia

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Senator John Watkins (15 minutes)
 - Hold Election for New Chair from North Carolina (New Chairperson will preside over remainder of meeting)
 - Approval of September 19, 2011 Minutes
- II. SEHSR Corridor Update (50 minutes)
 - Virginia Update:** Kevin Page, Chief Operating Officer (15 minutes)
 - Richmond Area to Potomac River Tier II EIS - ARRA Grants
 - Initial corridor study work and plan
 - include reference to the Washington, DC Long bridge study grant
 - Richmond-Petersburg-Norfolk SEHSR Extension
 - Update on Tier I EIS
 - Progress towards initial conventional operations
 - Trip Pollard, Southern Environmental Law Center (10 minutes)
 - NCDOT Update:** Pat Simmons, Director, Rail Division (15 minutes)
 - Richmond-Petersburg-Raleigh mainline ARRA Grant/State Funded Project
 - Recommendation report
 - EIS & ROD schedule
 - Implementation of ARRA construction grant Raleigh to Charlotte

- Other SEHSR information
 - Atlanta-Charlotte mainline corridor grant
 - Joe Milazzo II, PE, Executive Director, Regional Transportation Alliance
Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce (10 minutes)
- III. Existing Operations and Funding Challenges (15 minutes)
- Amtrak Virginia – Kevin Page
 - North Carolina's Amtrak – Pat Simmons
- IV. Amtrak Presentation on Regional Service in Corridor –
Jeff Mann, Assistant Vice President (20 minutes)
- V. Federal Funding Environment - David Ewing, Consultant (20 minutes)
- Congressional hearing; NEC emphasis, how to add SEHSR perspective
 - Prospects under MAP-21 and other reauthorization
- VI. Lunch Starting at Noon (30 minutes)
- VII. VA-NC Compact Members Roundtable Discussion (75 minute lunch conversation)
- Developing value capture approach to developing/funding rail
Investments - North Carolina Deputy Secretary Paul Morris (10 minutes)
 - Federal funding goals and challenges
 - Key issues including coordination with freight rail capacity and Amtrak
 - Possibilities for advocacy and funding partnerships
 - Public Comment
- VIII. Next Steps - (10 minutes)
- Washington, D.C. joint visit objectives and timing
 - Date for next VA-NC Compact meeting

Adjourn 2:00 pm.