



## AGENDA

VA/NC High Speed Rail Compact

Members Meeting and Workshop  
September 19, 2011  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

NCDOT, Raleigh, North Carolina

- Opening Remarks
  - Senator Watkins, Chairman
  - Eugene Conti, North Carolina Secretary of Transportation
  - Thelma Drake, Director, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
  
- General Passenger Rail and State Programs Update
  - Pat Simmons – Director of Rail Division, North Carolina
  - Kevin Page – Chief of Rail Division, Virginia
  
- Federal Program initiatives
  - Mark Yachmetz, Federal Railroad Administration
  
- Definition of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor
  - Workshop Roundtable discussion with Kevin Page, Pat Simmons, and Mark Yachmetz
    - Definition of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor
    - Affordability of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor development and phasing of projects
      - 20% match requirement
      - Sequencing of individual projects
      - Risk and payback of high speed rail service
    - Acknowledgement of state provided capacity for its own intercity passenger and commuter rail development efforts
    - Partnering of other Southeast Corridor states for the rail improvements necessary to run trains from the south through Virginia to the northeast
  
- Next Steps and Strategy Field Trip to Washington and Congress