



Transit Capital Projects Revenue Advisory Board (RAB)
VDOT Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia
November 18, 2016
10:02-12:49

Minutes

Members Present:

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| Hon. Marty Williams | Hon. Jeff McKay |
| Jim Spore | Hon. Tom Rust |
| Josh Baker | Hon. Mary Katherine Greenlaw |

1. Call to Order/Introductions (10:02 AM) – Chairman Marty Williams called the meeting to order. Chairman Williams mentioned to all members that in the legislation that there is a stipend that allows for reimbursement for travel for these meetings and asked that DRPT staff provide information to members on the process.

Director Jennifer Mitchell gave an overview of the agenda for today's meeting. She stated that the Transit Capital Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC) met last month and had a good a meeting.

2. Prioritization Process and Measures – Tom Harrington from Cambridge Systematics, discussed the prioritization for distributing state funds. The framework for this process was discussed with TSDAC at their last meeting. Vice-Chair Jeff McKay raised the question of at what point do we account for the size of a system. Director Mitchell stated that there was no resolution at this time; however, DRPT is seeking feedback for discussion.
The board discussed the criteria to evaluate state-of-good repair and how quality of maintenance by the transit providers could be considered, along with their performance, in prioritizing SGR projects.

The discussion of expansion projects criteria raised some questions. Vice-Chair McKay asked in regards to the safety measure if the transit vehicle was only being looked at or it was the route in general being taken into consideration. It was the recommendation that the safety measure was looked at in a broader sense with the route and not specifically the vehicle. There was also discussion about the economic development and land use measures, and the importance of rewarding jurisdictions with aggressive plans that have transit supportive land development plans/policies. Vice-Chair McKay recognized that it would be a mistake to minimize square footage for economic development, and counter-productive to the task at hand.

http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/media/1963/tcprab_prioritization_20161104.pdf

3. A recommendation from TSDAC on Prioritization Process and Measures – John McGlennon, Chair of the Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee was introduced. He agreed with the direction that RAB was taking with the discussion up to date. He stated that TSDAC has a meeting in January and is looking forward to modeling the use of the prioritization process to assess impacts and adjust where needed. Cindy Mester (Falls Church), Vice-Chair of TSDAC emphasized on how important and valuable that the process is. She mentioned that the process needed flexibility and predictability. She posed the question of how this new effort will affect the tiers adopted by TSDAC. Kate Mattice (NVTC) from TSDAC spoke and stated how important that the role of the tiers are. Director Mitchell followed up on the discussion with the TSDAC included consensus on the process in order to move forward with modeling of scenarios and the application of tiers to the prioritized list of projects.
4. Transit Resource Allocation Plan Update - Nate Macek, Parsons Brinkerhoff, went through the Transit Resource Allocation Plan Capital Project. He went through 4 scenarios with different variables.

The state does not have authority to renew the bonds that are set to expire soon. However, even if the state was able to renew the bonds and PRIIA were reauthorized, there would still be a deficit in transit capital funding.

Chairman Williams stated that it was important to summarize the scenarios in the interim report for CTB and the General Assembly.

5. Lunch (12:00 PM)
 - a. Virginia Transit Association Video
6. Recommendations from TSDAC on Transit Resource Allocation Plan – John McGlennon (I did not hear most of what he discussed).
7. CTB Briefing and Interim Report to General Assembly – Chairman Williams stated that the issue of the gap in funds needs to be addressed in the Interim Report, the other members of RAB agreed with that statement. Delegate Tom Rust said that we cannot assume that legislators are aware of the gap and that bonds are ending so legislators need to be educated on this issue. The funding cliff is an issue statewide and will be a burden on localities, and some localities will need to cut service if the state of good repair tier cannot be maintained. The CTB will be briefed at their December 6th meeting in Richmond; they will need to be made aware of the funding gap and prioritization.
8. Public Comment –
 - a. Kate Mattice (NVTC) – Ms. Mattice discussed the gas tax in the state. She asked the RAB members evaluate establishment of a floor on the regional gas tax as it was omitted when it was established for the region. Chairman Williams stated that is an issue that needs to be addressed, but at this time it is an issue that is not within the scope of the board. Vice-Chair McKay agreed that it was not within the scope; however, if the scenarios that Mr. Macek showed the board could include a scenario with the gas tax as a source of revenue to educate legislators.
9. Wrap up/Next Steps – The next meeting will be scheduled in early March after General Assembly ends. TSDAC is scheduled for January 31st.
10. Adjourn (12:49 PM)