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OF
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

February 13, 2009
2:00 PM

The special meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Office Auditorium of the Virginia Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on February 13, 2009. The Chairman, Pierce R. Homer, presided and called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bowie, Davies, Dickens, Keen, Koelemay, Martin, Schwartz, Sterling, White, Witt, and Ms. Connally; Vice Chairman Ekern, and Mr. Tucker, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: Messrs. McCarthy and Davis; Ms. Carter

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Public Comment Period:

Senator W. Roscoe Reynolds addressed the Board regarding the Route 58 Project sharing the importance of that project to the area that he represents. Senator Reynolds asked that the CTB consider that project for construction when deciding how the Stimulus money should be spent. Senator Reynolds also shared the importance of the 669 connector to the community it would service, asking that this project be considered also when making decisions regarding the use of Stimulus money.

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Mark Rickards with Williamsburg Area Transport shared the importance of the service that his organization offers to the community citing the proposed budget cuts and how they would affect the quality of services his organization would be able to provide.

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Prior to the vote on the resolutions the Chairman asked each Board member if they had comments one either resolution.

The general comments of the Board revolved around the lack of funding available, the need for a new funding mechanism and frustration with the cuts that were needed. The Board members expressed concern regarding the lack of funding for much needed projects

throughout the Commonwealth. Several members shared their displeasure with the budget cuts but indicated they were cuts that had to be made based upon the economic realities the Commonwealth is facing.

Commissioner Ekern praised the Team who prepared the SYIP and Budget recognizing the long hours of work that had gone into the preparation of these documents.

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Agenda Item 1. Action on Revised Six-Year Improvement Program and Rail and Public Transportation Allocations For Fiscal Years 2009 – 2014.

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Koelemay.
Mr. Keen voted no, indicating that he did so to show that the cuts in the program were wrong.
Motion carried, resolution approved

Agenda Item 2. Action on Revised Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Budgets Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Department of Transportation.

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.
Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Davies.
Motion carried, resolution approved

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ekern briefed the Board on the *Transportation Components of the Final Stimulus Bill*; a copy of the presentation is attached hereto.

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A general discussion took place on the current General Assembly Session discussing the budget and actions underway in the Session.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the VDOT Central Auditorium in Richmond, Virginia, 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA

Approved:

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Chairman

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Secretary

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