



East Corridor Oversight Committee
Tuesday, February 28, 2006 10:00 a.m.
MTA Conference Room
Nashville, TN

MINUTES

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Ballard	Governor Appointee
Rob Shearer	City of Mt. Juliet
Randall Dunn	Metro - MDHA
Don Fox	City of Lebanon
Jim Ladieu	TDOT
Jeff Baines	City of Lebanon
Bill Drunic	NERC
Tom Brashear	Wilson County
Mike Choate	TDOT
Terry Bebout	TSG / NERC
John Kennedy	Metro
Bill Farquhar	RTA
Allyson Shumate	RTA
Teresa McKissick	RTA
Kevin Walker	RTA

Mr. Paul Ballard called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. on February 28, 2006.

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2. Approval of the Minutes from February 14 2006 ECOC Meeting

Mr. Paul Ballard called for the approval of the minutes from the February 14, 2006 meeting. Mr. Rob Shearer of Mr. Juliet motioned, Jim Ladieu seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. NES Easement At Donelson and Hermitage Station

Mr. Kevin Walker briefed the committee on the need for the easement agreement with NES. Tom Brashear motioned, Jeff Baines seconded a motion to approve staff to execute the required easements for the two stations. After little discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Review of Scheduling Options – Bill Farquhar

Mr. Bill Farquhar briefed the committee on the scheduling issues. This item addresses comments received from citizens in Lebanon and Martha. The main issue is the first departing train in the afternoon does not go passed Mr. Juliet. Comments received by staff indicate the potential riders believe this to be a very long day.

Mr. Farquhar reviewed the options for the train schedules, noting the limitation caused by having only one passing siding.

Mr. Tom Brashear stated the current schedule of morning departures does not allow for the drop off of children at the Lebanon special school district.

Teresa McKissick mentioned the possibility of putting out a questionnaire to potential riders to get more information the times needed. Mayor Fox suggested employer information by zip code be obtained. Mr. Ballard stated the MTA is working with the MPO as well as major employers in the area.

This was an information item and no action was needed by the committee.

5. Invitations to Opening Events – Teresa McKissick

Ms. McKissick briefed the committee on the opening ceremonies. She requested the committee prepare a list of invitees. The prior RTA board members that worked hard on this project should be included, such as Jim Harris and Tom Atchley.

6. Operations Mobilization Update – Bill Farquhar

Mr. Farquhar briefed the committee on the mobilization. Notices to proceed have been issued and activities are under way to finalize operating rules and procedures.

7. Funding Update – Allyson Shumate

Allyson Shumate briefed the committee on the status of the funds. The federal grant has been submitted and the notice of the review by the Department of Labor is underway. Signed contracts have been provided to TDOT for processes for the state matching funds. Mr. Jim Ladieu stated the contract amendments should be executed and funds available within three to four weeks. Invoices for remaining local match funds will be issued within the month.

8. Construction Update – Kevin Walker

Kevin Walker briefed the committee on the construction activities. The ballast cleaner has arrived and is in the field. Outlying stations are being finalized with paving and landscaping. Riverfront station is looking very good. Mr. Paul Ballard suggested the next meeting include a field trip to the Riverfront Station.

9. Other Business

Mr. Rob Shearer stated he has had several meetings with Print and Verizon on the possibility of wireless internet on the train. He requested permission to work with RTA to set up a time when the equipment could be tested with the trains operating at full speed. The committee concurred.

NOTE FOR TERESA Future Agenda - presentation on the Marketing Implementation Plan at the March 28 ECOC meeting. (Please delete after you read)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.