



Southeast Corridor Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

**Roll Call**

Marston Raue conducted a roll call at 10:03 AM on June 22.

**Present**

<b>Committee</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Commission Member / Proxy</b>	<b>Technical Committee Member</b>	<b>Others</b>
DC	Jefferey Bennett (proxy)	<i>Not present</i>	Andrew Wright
Virginia	Michael McLaughlin	Emily Stock	
North Carolina	Julie White	Eddie McFalls	
South Carolina	Brent Rewis	Doug Frate	-
Tennessee	Dan Pallme (proxy)	Amy Kasonovic	-
Georgia	Meg Pirkle / Carol Comer	Ashley Finch	Joanna Campbell
Florida	Rickey Fitzgerald (proxy)	Holly Cohen	-

<b>Non-Voting</b>	
FRA	Randy Brown, Jessie Gatti
Consultants	Corey Hill (Kimley Horn), Emily Grenzke (Kimley Horn), Marston Raue (Mott MacDonald), Brian Speight (Mott MacDonald)

**Old Business**

Julie White welcomed everyone and began with action items from the February meeting. Julie White made a motion to approve February’s Commission meeting minutes. Motion was moved by Meg Pirkle, seconded by Mike McLaughlin. Ayes from DC, VA, NC, SC, TN, GA.

Marston Raue read the proposed Mission Statement; Julie White made a motion to approve the mission statement. Motion was moved by Jeff Bennett, seconded by Mike McLaughlin. Ayes from DC, VA, NC, SC, TN, GA.

**New Business**

Emily Grenzke presented on the Economic Impact of Rail scenarios that will be studied under the grant. Group agreed to do a virtual vote in 3 weeks after the Commission members have reviewed the technical memo and presentation information.

States presented on new or existing rail initiatives:

- Washington, DC: The draft EIS for the Long Bridge Project is still under review. The streetcar extension project is at the 30% design phase.
- Virginia: Finalizing agreements with CSX, continuing to progress Long Bridge.
- North Carolina: Received SOGR grant; submitted CRISI 2020 application to fund acquisition of the Raleigh to Ridgeway portion of the S-Line; continuing work on State Rail Plan

- South Carolina: Currently updating State Rail Plan, expecting delivery to SCDOT Commission in July; continuing to work through FY2018 BUILD award grant agreement with MARAD as administrator of grant.
- Tennessee: FRA approved state rail plan; CRISI applications submitted for shortline rail; a needs assessment is being completed for the shoreline railroads, should be completed in Q4.
- Georgia: GDOT has responded to all public comments related to the Draft EIS for ATL-CLT, waiting FRA approval, hoping to have final EIS by end of summer; progress on state rail plan; currently taking an inventory of GDOT owned shortline rail assets and conducting a condition assessment of lines for future project development; documenting freight and passenger rail needs and opportunities, plan for virtual public involvement opportunity; senate bill dropped to define rail lines in budget, does not define funding though.
- Florida: Conducting an additional capacity enhancement and safety improvement plan.

Jessie Gatti presented the FRA Regional Rail Plan update; this presentation included adding the Regional Rail Plan stakeholders to the call. The Plan will be ready for review by the Technical Committee, Commission, and Plan stakeholders in July/August and will include specific editing instructions.

#### **Scheduling of Next Meeting**

September 28, 10:00AM meeting date/time was approved.

#### **Additional Agenda Items**

N/A

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM by Julie White.

*Minutes prepared by: Marston Raue*

*Minutes submitted by: Meg Pirkle*

*Approved on: September 28, 2020*

*These minutes will be circulated to Commission nominees, Proxies, Technical Committee members, and other attendees for comments. Any comments received within ten days of distribution will be incorporated into a final version. These meeting minutes will be formally approved at the subsequent Commission meeting.*