

SECTION 305/209 – NGENC – 514 Subcommittee

MINUTES MARCH 14, 2016 4:00PM EASTERN CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Jeremy Jewkes, WSDOT</i>
ATTENDEES	<i>AASHTO: Bryan Hong; Amtrak: Darrell Smith, Mario Bergeron, Tom Butler, Tim Ziethen; FRA: Ashok Sundararajan; MDOT: Al Johnson, Jeff Martin; NCDOT: Paul Worley; NNEPRA: Brian Beeler; NYSDOT: John Bell; ODOT: Mike Jenkins; WSDOT: Jason Biggs; WisDOT: Arun Rao</i>
ABSENTEES	<i>CCJPA: David Kutrosky; Caltrans: John Pagano; CTDOT: Marci Petterson; TXDOT: Gil Wilson</i>

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Welcome and Open Meeting:

Jeremy Jewkes began the meeting.

2. Roll Call – Bryan Hong:

Bryan Hong called the roll.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 2-08-16 – Jeremy Jewkes/All:

On a motion by Darrell Smith, and a second from John Bell, the minutes from the February 08, 2016 meeting were approved as amended and without exception.

4. Action Item Status Review – Bryan Hong:

Action Items from 2/08

1. Bryan Hong will reach out to the states who were not on today's call and confirm with them their Voting members.

Bryan reported that states were contacted during the distribution of the previous meeting's minutes, with the remaining states being Connecticut and North Carolina. He confirmed with Paul Worley that Allan Paul is the Voting member.

5. Update on Memo to SAIPRC – Jason Biggs:

Jason informed the Subcommittee that NGENC Chairman Eric Curtit sent the memo to SAIPRC Chairman David Kutrosky. The memo was a topic of conversation during the SCORT meeting in February. The next steps are coordinating with David about the construct and membership of any group formed to examine the policy issues outlined in the memorandum. Jason will talk with Kutrosky on the status of these items. Jason also mentioned having talked with Toyin Ogunfolaju of CH2M and it is possible that membership would be settled prior to the June meeting, with a potential first gathering together on the 16th or 17th. If you have an interest in leading or participating in one of the work groups, let WSDOT know or directly reach out to SAIPRC.

Ashok mentioned that the policy memo was also discussed during last week's SAIPRC Executive Committee call. A follow-up call is happening on 3/15/16 with Amtrak, FRA, David Kutrosky, and himself to think through more of these next steps.

6. Status on Draft Minor Update – Darrell Smith:

Darrell reported that he and Jeremy had a conversation on Friday about the Minor Update. All 21 fleet and service plans were submitted to Amtrak on-time in December. This morning, all of those planned units used for FY17 were entered into the database. Since the capital budget is still on the federal side, Amtrak's side is still in formulation so what will be shown on 3/31/16 are the same total program dollar amounts (capital budget for each equipment type as we have in the current CIP for FY17). Like last year, the freed equipment Amtrak owns will be a separate category. As Amtrak's mechanical department refines its budget, it will come back with any specific discussion points that might be

necessary. Each of those will be addressed in turn, which will improve the process from last year. By 3/31/16 the Subcommittee will receive documents with tables through Bryan Hong, including the set for each route included in last year's CIP and the two updated summary tables showing capital overhaul by program and capital overhaul by route. Tom Butler added that to address questions of scope and what's needed, Amtrak will also provide where it is in terms of securing an evaluation from a contractor on the future of the Amfleet equipment, and what would be necessary to keep it viable for the next 20-25 years. This could have an impact on FY17.

7. Updates from Amtrak – Mario Bergeron:

Mario Bergeron brought up three issues:

- The recent Southwest Chief train #4 derailment near Dodge City, Kansas. 131 passengers were onboard with 14 crew members, some 20-30 of whom required medical attention. The cause is still being investigated.
- Tom Butler's retirement and introduction of Tim Ziethen to the Subcommittee. Mario thanked Tom for all his work on these issues.
- Comments are welcomed from the last User Group Meeting.

8. Other Issues

There were no other issues brought up for discussion.

Adjourn –

With no further business to come before the subcommittee today, Jeremy Jewkes adjourned the call at 4:28 PM Eastern.

Next 514 conference call April 11, 2016– 4:00PM Eastern

Decisions and Action Items

1. Bryan will confirm Connecticut's Voting member with Marci Petterson.
2. Amtrak will have documents ready for distribution to the Subcommittee by March 31st, 2016.

Attachments



The NGEC will provide national leadership in standardization, acquisition, financing and management of passenger rail equipment.

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March 14, 2016
4:00pm, Eastern**

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome/Open | Jeremy Jewkes |
| 2. Roll Call | Bryan Hong |
| 3. Approval of the Minutes from 2-08-15 | Jeremy Jewkes/All |

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| 4. Action Item Status Review | Bryan Hong |
| 5. Update on Memo to SAIPRC | Jeremy Jewkes/All |
| 6. Status on Draft Minor Update | Darrell Smith |
| 7. Other Issues | All |
| 8. Adjourn | Jeremy Jewkes |

**Next 514 Conference Call
April 11, 2016**