

# SECTION 305/209 – NGENC – 514 Subcommittee

MINUTES      MAY 23, 2016      4:00PM EASTERN      CONFERENCE CALL

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	<i>Jeremy Jewkes, WSDOT</i>
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<i>AASHTO: Bryan Hong; Amtrak: Darrell Smith, Mario Bergeron, Tim Ziethen, Max Johnson, Daniel Ruppert; FRA: Beth Nachreiner, Ashok Sundararajan; CTDOT: Marci Petterson; MDOT: Jeff Martin; NCDOT: Allan Paul, Jonathan Dees, Paul Worley; NNEPRA: Brian Beeler II; NYSDOT: John Bell, Ray Hessinger; WSDOT: Jason Biggs, Brent Thompson; WisDOT: Arun Rao</i>
<b>ABSENTEES</b>	<i>CCJPA: Tom Clark; Caltrans: John Pagano; ODOT: Mike Jenkins; 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 4-11-16 – Jeremy Jewkes/All:**

On a motion by Brian Beeler, and a second from Allan Paul, the minutes from the May 9, 2016 meeting were approved as amended and without exception.

**4. Action Item Status Review – Bryan Hong:**

*Action Items from 5/9*

1. States are to submit any updates and questions to Darrell Smith by next Friday, May 20.  
  
One comment was submitted from NNEPRA which Amtrak has seen and incorporated into the database.
2. Members will send suggestions for Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair positions to Jason Biggs and Jeremy Jewkes by next Monday, 5/16. These suggestions will be sent to the NGENC Executive Board on Tuesday, May 24.  
  
Subcommittee members submitted two nominations for the chair and vice-chair positions. These will be considered under Agenda Item #7.
  - Brian Beeler, II, NNEPRA (for chair or vice-chair)
  - Jonathan Dees, NCDOT (for vice-chair)
3. Bryan Hong will look up the duration of the chair/vice chair positions and send the information out with the draft minutes.

This item was completed on Wednesday, May 11.

**5. Status on FFY2015 Final Reconciliation – All:**

Darrell has not received further information, but will pass it along to Jeremy for the Subcommittee once that happens.

**6. Amtrak Mechanical on Changing FY2017 Program Costs by Overhaul Type – Tim Ziethen:**

Tim Ziethen presented the comparison Amtrak did between its draft FY17 budget and the CIP published this past year. Amtrak is still working through the final steps of its internal financial process, but generally it is at or below the CIP in most projects and programs—with only a couple of variances. This material was in PowerPoint format. Jeremy asked it was possible to receive breakdowns of the CIP-eligible costs and other work being done on the fleet but not part of

that bigger picture. Darrell said it was possible to do so, but that the food-service coach conversion with Virginia equipment is the only such project. Jeremy mentioned that future conversations will occur over the next few weeks ahead of the July 15 deadline, and asked Amtrak how the final updates will go out to the States. Darrell said Amtrak's Mechanical Capital Budget will need to set a deadline for entering in program numbers for the CIP, and then let States know how these impact their routes before final publication by reissuing the tables. He asked Tim how close they are to that point and if there was any other impacts to consider for the 18-21 update. Tim said the LCPM schedule and Life Extension piece were two items he thought could be finished depending on how soon they receive relevant data. Darrell asked if it was okay with the States if Amtrak did not have the Life Extension information by the July deadline, but suggested that the CIP itself not be delayed any further.

**7. Nominations for New 514 Subcommittee Leadership – All:**

Jeremy moved that this agenda item be handled after the Action Item Status Review. He explained the process to the group and said it involved making an internal consensus that would then be passed to the Executive Board for a final decision. As there were no objections to the nominations of either Brian Beeler, II or Jonathan Dees, or any further names recommended, he asked for a motion and a subsequent roll call vote. Arun Rao made the motion to recommend the names for consideration to the Executive Committee, which was seconded by Ray Hessinger and followed by the vote. Amtrak and FRA abstained as they considered this decision one that the states alone should make. The motion carried with seven States voting in the affirmative and four States being absent.

<b>On the Motion to recommend the nominations for Chair (Brian Beeler, II) and Vice Chair (Jonathan Dees) positions to the NGEN Executive Board for consideration.</b>		
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Amtrak	Darrell Smith	<i>Abstain</i>
FRA	Lynn Everett	<i>Abstain</i>
CCJPA	David Kutrosky	<i>Absent</i>
Caltrans	John Pagano	<i>Absent</i>
CTDOT	Marci Petterson	Y
NNEPRA	Brian Beeler	Y
MDOT	Al Johnson/Jeff Martin	Y
NYS DOT	Ray Hessinger	Y
NCDOT	Allan Paul	Y
ODOT	Mike Jenkins	<i>Absent</i>
TxDOT	Quentin Huckaby	<i>Absent</i>
WSDOT	Jason Biggs/Jeremy Jewkes	Y
WisDOT	Arun Rao	Y

**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 4:49 PM Eastern.

**Next 514 conference call June 6, 2016– 4:00PM Eastern**

**Decisions and Action Items**

1. The Subcommittee approved a motion to recommend Brian Beeler, II (NNEPRA) for Chair and Jonathan Dees (NCDOT) for Vice Chair to the NGEN Executive Board for its consideration on 5/24/16.
2. Darrell has not received further information on the FFY2015 Final Reconciliation, but will pass it along once that happens.
3. States will think about whether they need Life Extension information by July 15, or can it wait to have more updated information in the tables.

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- Amtrak in two weeks will give an update with the most updated program numbers and where it is on 5-year impacts on the LCPM piece. Two weeks after that it will have updated tables for all on their individual route impacts.

## Attachments

- Amtrak presented the file named, "Mechanical\_CIP FY17 vs Budget FY17.pdf"



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#### AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome/Open  | Jeremy Jewkes     |
| 2. Roll Call   | Bryan Hong        |
| 3. Approval of the Minutes from 5-09-16                                | Jeremy Jewkes/All |
| 4. Action Item Status Review   | Bryan Hong        |
| 5. Status on FFY2015 Final Reconciliation                              | Amtrak            |
| 6. Amtrak Mechanical on Changing FY2017 Program Costs by Overhaul Type | Tim Ziethen       |
| 7. Nominations for New 514 Subcommittee Leadership                     | Jeremy Jewkes     |
| 8. Other Issues  | All               |
| 9. Adjourn   | Jeremy Jewkes     |

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