

# SECTION 305/209 – NGENC – 514 Subcommittee

MINUTES    SEPTEMBER 12, 2016    4:00PM EASTERN    CONFERENCE CALL

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	<i>Brian Beeler II, NNEPRA</i>
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<i>AASHTO: Bryan Hong; Amtrak: Darrell Smith, Mario Bergeron; Max Johnson; FRA: Michael Lestingi, Beth Nachreiner, Ashok Sundararajan; CCJPA: Tom Clark; CTDOT: Marci Petterson; MDOT: Jeff Martin; NCDOT: Jonathan Dees; Allan Paul; NNEPRA: Brian Beeler II; NYSDOT: Ray Hessinger; ODOT: Mike Jenkins; WSDOT: Brent Thompson; WisDOT: Arun Rao</i>
<b>ABSENTEES</b>	<i>Caltrans: John Pagano; TXDOT: Quentin Huckaby</i>

## DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

### 1. Welcome and Open Meeting – Brian Beeler II:

Brian Beeler II began the meeting at 4:01 PM.

### 2. Roll Call – Bryan Hong:

Bryan Hong called the roll.

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### 3. Approval of the Minutes from 8-07-16 – Brian Beeler II/All:

There were no minutes from the August meeting.

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

There were no action items from the August meeting.

### 5. Discuss Draft of CIP for Amtrak Equipment Deployed in State Corridor Service, FY17-FY21 – All:

Darrell provided an overview of the latest draft, which was sent to the Subcommittee before the call. This version featured an updated cover image, acknowledgements section, and several adjusted tables listed below:

- Page 21: The 13.09 average daily units used for SQ\_EQ\_DXDM Dual Mode Locomotive cab cars is a correction.
- Pages 53-54: At the request of WSDOT, the table at the top of pg. 54 under the Talgo section should be correct, reflecting there are 90 units in the fleet, 29 of which are owned by Amtrak.
- Pages 104-106: The Route 36 Cascades table was cleaned.

Brian then asked for feedback from the States. Ray mentioned there were a couple errors with the dual modes that were noted. When New York State's routes are taken as a whole, the numbers are even. However when each route allocation is looked at individually, there are a few issues. Brian said this could always be contractually addressed. Darrell acknowledged there are some items that are in a unique situation for New York, but Amtrak and NYSDOT have been communicating and he is trying to figure this out in APT.

Brian referred to David Kutrosky's prior email regarding P42s. Tom Clark answered that this issue will be handled separately.

Beth noted a couple items from FRA. She asked to clarify the chart on page 71 "Calculation of SOGR Credits," specifically Note #1 at the bottom, as the State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee (SAIPRC)'s Executive Committee is still talking about certain issues. Darrell says that since this is a minor update, only the tables were changed, not the content. Max confirmed this document is what Mechanical plans to do to the fleet, with no comment on items that are still under discussion. Brian reiterated the plan for Mechanical to produce the work, not necessarily speaking to how it will be paid for, which is what SAIPRC's Executive Committee is currently discussing.

FRA was looking for more numbers that showed totals across equipment type and inquired if a summary table by fiscal year for all equipment type exists. Darrell said there was never a previous request of the federal government's share

as the document was written for the states' perspective, and mentioned that during the last iteration FRA requested tables showing state funding by route, which are now displayed on page 77. Beth said such a summary table could be saved for next year's major update if the Subcommittee preferred, given the goal is to expedite the CIP draft. Brian then asked members for their opinions. NYSDOT, NCDOT, and NNEPRA indicated they were willing to defer this addition to next year. This table will be by fiscal year showing a summary of all equipment (total capital costs, state share, Amtrak general share) in order to see total programs by fiscal year and a breakdown of those paying.

**6. Discuss Next Steps for CIP – All:**

Brian said the Subcommittee will first come to a consensus on the CIP document and then refer it to the NGECE 305 Executive Board with an accompanying memo for approval. Brian will write it and send the draft to the Subcommittee before the end of the week for approval by email. The goal will then be to send both documents to the NGECE 305 Executive Board for its consideration on its September 20 conference call.

Brian Beeler, II called for a vote on a proposed motion to move the CIP document forward to the NGECE Executive Board. The results were as follows:

<b>September 12, 2016: CIP Minor Update Document to SAIPRC</b>		
<i>Entity</i>	<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Amtrak	Darrell Smith	Aye
FRA	Beth Nachreiner for Lynn Everett	Aye
CCJPA	Tom Clark for David Kutrosky	Aye
Caltrans	John Pagano	Abs
CTDOT	Marci Petterson	Aye
NNEPRA	Brian Beeler, II	Aye
MDOT	Jeff Martin for Al Johnson	Aye
NYSDOT	Ray Hessinger	Aye
NCDOT	Allan Paul	Aye
ODOT	Mike Jenkins	Aye
TxDOT	Gil Wilson	Abs
WisDOT	Arun Rao	Aye

After the motion's passage Brian thanked Amtrak's Mechanical Department for making requested changes and presenting them to the subcommittee throughout the draft's development. Mario thanked everyone involved for their time and effort.

Another meeting will need to be called to discuss next steps for the major update and establish a timeframe and meeting frequency.

**7. Other Issues – All:**

Brian called again for clarification and definition requests from newer members to put together a "514 101" class.

Ray commended how the quarterly update calls were going so far, but noted that something that is not included are financials for the states as it impacts each one. A suggestion was made to incorporate these into the quarterly discussion by possibly sending a spreadsheet. Max affirmed that Amtrak is looking to include them as well through a monthly bill sent with the rest of the update's materials. It was agreed that these will benefit future conversations.

**8. Adjourn – Brian Beeler II:**

With no further business to come before the subcommittee today, Brian Beeler II adjourned the call at 4:47 PM Eastern.

**Next 514 conference call October 10, 2016 – 4:00PM Eastern**

## Decisions and Action Items

1. The Subcommittee determined that it will request from Amtrak a summary table for next year's Major Update to the CIP. This table will be by fiscal year showing a summary of all equipment (total capital costs, state share, Amtrak general share) in order to see total programs by fiscal year and a breakdown of those paying.
2. By consensus the Subcommittee approved the latest draft to the CIP document and the motion to send it to the NGEC 305 Committee's Executive Board for its approval.
3. Brian will draft a memo to eventually accompany the CIP document. He will have a draft distributed by the end of the week. The Subcommittee will vote to approve this by email.
4. A meeting will convene after the materials in Action Item #3 to discuss next steps focused on next year's major update (timeframe, meeting frequency, etc.).
5. Members will email Brian if they have any requests for the "514 101" class being developed.

## Attachments

- Amtrak-State\_EQ\_CAPEX\_CIP\_2017\_draft\_20160907.pdf



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September 12, 2016  
4:00pm, Eastern**

### AGENDA

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| 2. Roll Call   | Bryan Hong          |
| 3. Discuss Draft of CIP for Amtrak Equipment Deployed in State Corridor Service, FY17-FY21 | Brian Beeler II/All |
| 4. Discuss Next Steps for CIP  | All                 |
| 5. Other Issues  | All                 |
| 6. Adjourn   | Brian Beeler II     |

**Next 514 Conference Call  
October 10, 2016**