

SECTION 305/209 – NGENC – 514 Subcommittee

MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2016 4:00PM EASTERN CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Brian Beeler II, NNEPRA</i>
ATTENDEES	<i>AASHTO: Bryan Hong; Amtrak: Darrell Smith, Max Johnson, Tim Ziethen; FRA: Ashok Sundararajan; MDOT: Al Johnson, Jeff Martin; NCDOT: Jonathan Dees; NNEPRA: Brian Beeler II; WSDOT: Jason Biggs, Brent Thompson</i>
ABSENTEES	<i>CCJPA: Tom Clark; Caltrans: John Pagano; CTDOT: Marci Petterson; NYSDOT: Ray Hessinger; ODOT: Mike Jenkins; TXDOT: Quentin Huckaby; WisDOT: Arun Rao</i>

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Welcome and Open Meeting – Brian Beeler II:

Brian Beeler II began the meeting at 4:03 PM.

2. Roll Call – Bryan Hong:

Bryan Hong called the roll.

3. Information to be Provided at the Quarterly Reconciliation Call (November 14th) – All:

Brent Thompson mentioned that he has not seen the report which is shown as a template on pages 64-65 of the CIP. Darrell Smith said that Amtrak is having internal discussions to figure out how to make the process better. States will not receive units used reports at the end of the year because Amtrak wants to focus its efforts on items that need distributing, rather than interim reports. The numbers that are being completed soon for FY 2016 are preliminary because there are no audited results yet, including for units used.

4. Recap of Chicago SAIPRC Meeting and Associated Outcomes – Brian Beeler, II:

Brian reported that there were two main items discussed in Chicago that relate to the Subcommittee's work. The first was a conversation related to SOGR policy and how to move that forward. Amtrak is close to having a new solution to test in the next few months. Secondly, Amtrak is verifying numbers to help develop a framework on dealing with cost boundaries/overruns that are acceptable.

5. Discuss Next Steps for CIP – All:

Brian outlined areas for improvement as the memo to the NGENC Executive Board explained, including definitions and application of terms (e.g. "look forward investment strategies"), budget accountability and state limitations, SOGR credits (e.g. current and future policy), and various methodologies (e.g. alternative capital charge structure). He asked for the States to think on these topics. Amtrak asked the States to focus on what they need from the document, as they are the main customers.

6. Discuss Plan for Major Update – All:

The group identified a main question moving forward is how can these documents be better? Brian mentioned the need to work toward an acceptable policy going forward that can document so all parties involved and in the future can reference for greater understanding. In comparing the areas outlined in the CIP with those listed from FRA, he pointed out commonalities in cost transparency, and processes for reconciliation and annual bill/cost transparency.

7. Other Issues – All:

Brian shared that from October 18-20 he will be traveling to meet with Amtrak's Mario Bergeron and the Mechanical team. He asked States to email him if they have questions or topics to raise. The group then discussed the frequency of future meetings. It was agreed upon that calls will be monthly, with the next one remaining on November 14.

8. Adjourn – Brian Beeler II:

With no further business to come before the subcommittee today, Brian Beeler II adjourned the call at 4:48 PM Eastern.

Next 514 conference call November 14, 2016 – 4:00PM Eastern

Decisions and Action Items

1. Future meetings will occur monthly, starting with the next call on November 14.

Attachments



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**Conference call
October 10, 2016
4:00pm, Eastern**

AGENDA

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| 8. Adjourn | Brian Beeler II |

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November 14, 2016**