

# SECTION 305/209 – NGENC – 514 Subcommittee

MINUTES    NOVEMBER 14, 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, Max Johnson, Mario Bergeron; FRA: Beth Nachreiner; CCJPA: Dean Shepherd; CDOT: Marci Petterson; MDOT: Al Johnson, Jeff Martin; NCDOT: Jonathan Dees; NNEPRA: Brian Beeler II; NYSDOT: Ray Hessinger, John Bell; 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 4:02 PM.

**2. Roll Call – Bryan Hong:**

Bryan Hong called the roll.

**3. Approval of Old Minutes – All:**

Brent Thompson motioned for approval of the minutes from September and October, with a second from Darrell Smith. The minutes were approved without modification.

**4. Recap of Chair’s October Meeting with Amtrak Mechanical Team – Brian Beeler, II:**

Brian began by thanking Mario Bergeron and his team for the chance to meet them in Wilmington and have an open, behind-the-scenes look that helped his understanding and confidence. He said while some questions and challenges remain, the openness between entities and willingness to make progress mattered a great deal. Brian thinks others would benefit from similar opportunities if it is feasible. Mario echoed this sentiment and mentioned the importance of Brian’s sharing State concerns, in addition to what Amtrak provided, to the exchange of information. Brian will work with AASHTO to send his presentation out to the rest of the Subcommittee.

**5. Discuss any CIP Major Update Preparations – All:**

Brian asked the group what’s needed to get the process moving. He mentioned SOGR and how to put parameters for cost controls in place. Darrell gave three: 1) the FY18 forecast process (Amtrak’s started the background work), 2) the timeline of its release given when it is really needed (although finalizing the past year’s update in September was an improvement), and 3) prioritize which of the next steps in the transmittal memo to address.

Brian addressed the timeline issue and agreed with Darrell’s point. For it to be useful it has to be ready at least two months before entering into a contract. Brian thought a need exists to have it done before September. This will determine the size of the overall the document receives this year. Of the key issues we identified in the policy memo, which are the top two in your State? How do we want to see the CIP working? Brian will work with Bryan to see how to best capture this information to develop a realistic timeline. Beth raised the new FAST requirement that Amtrak produce 5-year service (due circa mid-February 2017) and asset line plans (due 2019), and there being an alignment between these and the CIP. FRA wants the next iteration to provide more clarity on the federal contribution share.

**6. State of Good Repair/SAIPRC Update – All:**

Max said that Amtrak is sending revised calculations to Brian and FRA soon. Brian thought that this discussion is meant for this group and invited the other members to contribute.

**7. Other Issues – All:**

Brian expressed that there was good conversation and an informative presentation from Amtrak at the previous quarterly update call earlier in the day.

**8. Adjourn – Brian Beeler, II:**

With no further business to come before the subcommittee today, Brian Beeler II adjourned the call at 4:40 PM Eastern.

**Next 514 conference call December 12, 2016 – 4:00PM Eastern**

**Decisions and Action Items**

1. Brian Beeler, II will send his PowerPoint presentation to Bryan Hong who will distribute it to the whole group.
2. States will think about the top issues to consider addressing in the next iteration of the CIP. Brian will work with AASHTO to collect this feedback as derived from the 2016 policy memo.
3. Amtrak will send Brian revised calculations soon on SOGR.

**Attachments**



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

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**Conference call  
November 14, 2016  
4:00pm, Eastern**

**AGENDA**

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| 1. Welcome/Open   | Brian Beeler II |
| 2. Roll Call  | Bryan Hong      |
| 3. Approval of Old Minutes (9/12 and 10/10)                     | All             |
| 4. Recap of Chair's October Meeting with Amtrak Mechanical Team | Brian Beeler II |
| 5. Discuss any CIP Major Update Preparations                    | All             |
| 6. State of Good Repair/SAIPRC Update                           | Brian Beeler II |
| 7. Other Issues   | All             |
| 8. Adjourn  | Brian Beeler II |

**Next 514 Conference Call  
December 12, 2016**