

SECTION 305/209 – NGENC – 514 Subcommittee

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

FACILITATOR	<i>Brian Beeler II, NNEPRA</i>
ATTENDEES	<i>AASHTO: Bryan Hong; Amtrak: Darrell Smith, Max Johnson, Mario Bergeron, Tim Ziethen; FRA: Beth Nachreiner, Ashok Sundararajan; CDOT: Marci Petterson; MDOT: Jeff Martin; NCDOT: Allan Paul; NNEPRA: Brian Beeler II; ODOT: Mike Jenkins; WSDOT: Jason Biggs, Brent Thompson</i>
ABSENTEES	<i>CCJPA: Dean Shepherd; Caltrans: John Pagano; NYSDOT: Ray Hessinger; TXDOT: Quentin Huckaby; WisDOT: Arun Rao</i>

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

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

Brian Beeler II began the meeting at 4:02 PM.

2. Roll Call – Bryan Hong:

Bryan Hong called the roll.

3. Approval of Old Minutes – All:

Allan Paul motioned for the approval of the minutes from November, with a second from Darrell Smith. The minutes were approved without modification.

4. Discuss CIP Major Update and Top Issues from States – All:

Members began a conversation about which direction the Subcommittee wants to take the next CIP update, in order to make it more effective. The six survey results received so far indicated the following priorities:

- States have a range of budget cycles, with starts ranging from October (federal fiscal) to July (State fiscal) or others. Some cycles are one or two years long. A majority operate on a two-year cycle starting July 1.
- Issues
 - Reconciliation process: WSDOT expressed this was a priority because it seemed to take the longest to bring to conclusion.
 - Cost transparency: Amtrak mentioned its goal is to reach monthly reconciliation. WSDOT shared that quarterly updates in some instances are quick enough, since it did not want to overburden Amtrak. NCDOT and Maine/NNEPRA agreed they would be sufficient. How to merge this discussion with billing on follow ups to certain States instead of waiting until the end of the year?
 - Funding adjustments
- There was not any interest in forming smaller working groups.

The issues survey will remain open until the end of the month. States will respond to it unless they have done so already. Brian wants to select two topics to address. From that list the Subcommittee at the next meeting will select on what it wants to focus and how it will accomplish those items. Beth mentioned some of the NEC Commission documents and how they graphically arrange information that all entities need, and telling the story of equipment capital (why improvements are necessary, entity perspective, etc.). She encouraged the Subcommittee to think about these paths forward, similar to the State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee.

5. State of Good Repair Update – Brian Beeler, II:

Amtrak explained the work it completed based on the agreed-to formula. It will share its document with the rest of the Subcommittee. On the next call the group will go over the overages from budgeted versus actual work, in the context of this information being used in future Congressional outreach. The group discussed the next steps on this issue. Brian and Max will have an offline conversation about these while Beth goes back to look at the notes from SAIPRC's October meeting.

6. Other Issues – All:

States will submit their fleet plans to Amtrak by the end of December.

7. Adjourn – Brian Beeler, II:

With no further business to come before the subcommittee today, Brian Beeler II adjourned the call at 4:44 PM Eastern.

Next 514 conference call January 9, 2016 – 4:00PM Eastern

Decisions and Action Items

1. States will complete the issues survey by the end of this week. Brian will send out the final responses on Friday. This item and next steps will be a topic on the next meeting agenda.
2. States will submit their fleet plans to Amtrak by the end of December.
3. Brian and Max will have an offline conversation about SOGR and its impact on the Subcommittee while Beth goes back to look at the notes from SAIPRC's October meeting.

Attachments



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

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**Conference call
December 12, 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 (11/14) | All |
| 4. Discuss CIP Major Update (Top Issues from States) | All |
| 5. State of Good Repair Update | Brian Beeler II |
| 6. Other Issues | All |
| 7. Adjourn | Brian Beeler II |

**Next 514 Conference Call
January 9, 2017**