

SECTION 305/209 – NGENC – 514 Subcommittee

MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2017 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: Ashok Sundararajan; MDOT: Al Johnson; NYSDOT: Ray Hessinger; NCDOT: Allan Paul; NNEPRA: Brian Beeler II; WSDOT: Jason Biggs</i>
ABSENTEES	<i>CDOT: Marci Petterson; Caltrans: John Pagano; CCJPA: Dean Shepherd; 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 4:02 PM.

2. Roll Call – Bryan Hong:

Bryan Hong called the roll.

3. Approval of Old Minutes – All:

Ray Hessinger motioned for the approval of the minutes from December, with a second from Allan Paul. The minutes were approved without modification.

4. Discuss Survey of States Results and Next Steps – All:

Members participated in a conversation about which major topics to look at in the next CIP update. The top responses from the survey (page 5, question 4) were the reconciliation process and cost transparency. There was general agreement and little surprise that these two were the main answers. Brian framed the discussion by asking how does the 514 Subcommittee address them, and how does it define what it wants to improve in order to begin its work?

Amtrak mentioned that Tim Ziethen's office is ready to support and help streamline the process. Tim thinks the unexpected condition of equipment is more of an issue than scope creep. One item to think about is what is the right time to have a conversation about the scope and current trends in order to make an effective response?

States shared that the Amtrak quarterly reconciliation calls are going very well. The challenge is how specific State corridors are being impacted by the results/trends, which do not translate how a(n) (un)favorable status impacts a State budget. Is the process in the CIP but not yet implemented? Once the draft reconciliation is in place is that enough? The group agreed things are very close and that people will have a better idea after the first version of the report is sent. The States agreed that they heard similar goals of improving cost transparency and reconciliation during the January 4th update call from Amtrak's President and CEO Wick Moorman. Other issues discussed by the group included reminding Amtrak to notify States of changes made to assigned equipment and any options available to them. States also shared that the CIP is used in some cases for their 3-5 year plans, which means if Amtrak expects a major program it will need to appear in the CIP's year 5, otherwise the amount for funding may not be taken into account.

Brian then asked what is needed in this CIP? What does the group need to accomplish? He outlined the following tasks:

- Amtrak will give a proposal about how it can keep the CIP "nimble" for State stakeholders.
- Brian will check the 514 Subcommittee's Charge Statement and see what has or has not been met, and where the group is with those items.
- States will examine how they interact with the CIP and determine what works of them in the document by the next meeting on February 13.

5. Other Issues – All:

- Darrell Smith shared that Amtrak received the last of the fleet service plans, which is appreciated.
 - Ray Hessinger reported that the Subcommittee is not adhering to the necessary structure laid out in its bylaws because no one from Amtrak is in a leadership position. Brian said this will be figured out once the issue is fully understood.
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6. Adjourn – Brian Beeler, II:

With no further business to come before the subcommittee today, Brian Beeler II adjourned the call at 4:59 PM Eastern.

Next 514 conference call February 13, 2016 – 4:00PM Eastern

Decisions and Action Items

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2. Brian will check the 514 Subcommittee’s Charge Statement and see what has or has not been met, and where the group is with those items.
3. States will examine how they interact with the CIP and determine what works of them in the document by the next meeting on February 13.
4. The 514 Subcommittee will need to address the lack of an Amtrak person in its leadership.

Attachments



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

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**Conference call
January 9, 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 (12/12) | All |
| 4. Discuss Survey of States Results and Next Steps | All |
| 5. Other Issues | All |
| 6. Adjourn | Brian Beeler II |

**Next 514 Conference Call
February 13, 2017**