

SECTION 305/209 – NGENC – 514 Subcommittee

MINUTES MARCH 27, 2017 4:00 PM EASTERN CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Brian Beeler II, NNEPRA</i>
ATTENDEES	<i>AASHTO: Bryan Hong; Amtrak: Tim Ziethen, Darrell Smith, Max Johnson; FRA: Ashok Sundararajan; CCJPA: Dean Shepherd; CDOT: Marci Petterson; MDOT: Al Johnson, Jeff Martin; NCDOT: Jon Dees, Allan Paul; NYSDOT: Ray Hessinger, John Bell; NNEPRA: Brian Beeler II, Patricia Quinn; ODOT: Mike Jenkins; WSDOT: Jason Biggs</i>
ABSENTEES	<i>Caltrans: John Pagano; TXDOT: Gil Wilson; WisDOT: Arun Rao</i>

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

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

Brian Beeler, II began the meeting at 4:00 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 March 13, with a second from Ray Hessinger. The minutes were approved without modification.

4. Discuss CIP Update – All:

Darrell Smith provided an overview of the materials from Amtrak sent by AASHTO before the meeting.

- a) "Summary_BL_UU_FY2018_20170322" shows the spread of forecast units used for the first year of the 5-year plan (FY18) by equipment type between state corridors, long distance, and NEC, with an added category for redistribution. This explains what is happening in terms of the percentages of what shared capital is going to be funded by the states as opposed to the FAST Act National Network or the NEC. Regarding the release for redistribution of the P42s, these are the units that could either be retired or reassigned to other service, of which there are now 18 available. Amtrak plans to retire the F59s. The biggest drivers of the swings in the figures are the Hoosier State, the San Joaquin, the Pacific Surfliner, and the Capitol Superliner.
- b) "StateCor_FY2018-22_EQCAPEX_Cost_per_UU_05_20170320" provides the estimates for each route for each of the five years. Not much has changed from last year. In the cases where the same equipment is listed more than once there are two reasons: 1) the Amfleet type has two levels of overhaul so each line includes the project number for the overhaul type and the included equipment/car type, and 2) if it is a "peak only" car. Based on units used, this is how the original budget will look given the updated units used information from the states.
- c) "FY2018_CIP_Project_Comparisons_20170324" is meant to show that the dollar amount of the program has not changed, but the state share of the program have done so based on the changes in units used. Because the Long Distance and NEC shares of units used increased, the total states share between FYs 17 and 18 decreased.
- d) "state_estimate_comparison_EQ_CAPEX_FY2018_FY17vs18CIP_20170324" displays information similar to the CIP Project Comparisons spreadsheet, but by state corridor.

States will review and study the four documents, specifically the particular state-service breakdown, and see how the change in units used is impacting their service. Darrell shared that on Friday, March 31 the distribution of the overall annual FY18 forecast for basic operating costs occurs, which will include these figures.

5. Other Issues – All:

- Brian reminded the subcommittee of next meeting's deadline to determine the priorities for the CIP document to address. The group previously identified the following areas to consider:
 - Improvement to the reconciliation process

- Cost transparency
- End-of-life equipment plan/New equipment coming online plan

More details and concepts were explained in Brian's update to the NGEN Annual Meeting. AASHTO will send these slides to the Subcommittee.

- Max Johnson reported that at the latest Amtrak Board meeting, internal funding that was unable to be spent but has to in FY17 was dedicated to a cosmetic upgrade to the Amfleets (ex. seat cushions, carpeting, restroom improvements). States wondered how this impact the schedule for the rest of the capital work. Amtrak will reach out to Brian and Bryan within two weeks to schedule a call with impacted Amfleet users and others who are interested. Brian thought it would be useful to have someone on that call who can provide the rationale of why this could be a cost to the States.
- Tim Ziethen reported the updated capital equipment budget numbers are currently being worked on and are expected to be ready by the end of April, which is similar to when it was released last year. Amtrak's next steps are to refine its budget estimates for the FY18-20 and total them for each overhaul program, review what is changing for each (ex. Scope, costs, etc.), enter the figures into the database, and redistribute it so all know what the numbers look like for each service.

8. Adjourn – Brian Beeler, II:

With no further business to come before the subcommittee today, Brian Beeler II adjourned the call at 4:49 PM Eastern.

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Decisions and Action Items

1. States will review and study the four documents, specifically the particular state-service breakdown, and see how the change in units used is impacting their service.
2. The Subcommittee will determine what priorities to focus on in the CIP document by the next meeting.
3. AASHTO will send the Subcommittee the slides Brian Beeler, II used at the NGEN Annual Meeting.
4. Amtrak will reach out to Brian Beeler, II and Bryan Hong within two weeks to schedule a call with impacted Amfleet users and others who are interested about the funds allocated toward cosmetic upgrades.

Attachments [6]

- Summary_BL_UU_FY2018_20170322 (PDF)
- StateCor_FY2018-22_EQCAPEX_Cost_per_UU_05_20170320 (PDF)
- FY2018_CIP_Project_Comparisons_20170324 (PDF)
- FY2018_CIP_Project_Comparisons_20170324 (XLSX)
- state_estimate_comparison_EQ_CAPEX_FY2018_FY17vs18CIP_20170324 (PDF)
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AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome/Open | Brian Beeler II |
| 2. Roll Call | Bryan Hong |
| 3. Approval of Old Minutes (March 13) | All |
| 4. Discuss CIP Update | All |
| a. Overview of latest draft and discussion | Amtrak & All |
| 5. Other Issues | All |
| 6. Adjourn | Brian Beeler II |

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