

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

May 16th and 17th, 2017

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD ROOM

190 N. Independence Mall West

Philadelphia, PA

Minutes

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the “Council”), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on May 15 and 16, 2017 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM, on May 15, 2017 by Chairman John McCreavy.

The following members were present: Chairman John McCreavy, SMS Rail Services, Inc.;

Treasurer/Secretary: Nate Asplund, Red River Valley & Western; Michael Peters, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.; Ms. Shelley Sahling-Zart, Lincoln Electric System; Mr. Tom Giovinazzi, Holcim (US), Inc.; Ms. Robin Burns, Occidental Chemical Corp.; ; Robert Byrd, Nucor Corporation; Mr. Tom G. Williams, BNSF Railway; Mr. Wayne Hurst, Agricultural Shipper; Ms. Jeanne Sebring, International Paper; Mr. Lawrence Malski, Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority; Mr. Tim McNulty, CSX Transportation; Ms. Kelly Levis, Canadian National Railroad.

Acting Chairman Ann D. Begeman, Surface Transportation Board; Vice Chair Daniel Elliott, Surface Transportation Board; Vice Chair Daniel Elliott Deb Miller, Surface Transportation; Michael Lestingi, Federal Railroad Administration

Also Present: STB staff members Brian O’Boyle and Katherine Bourdon

Not Present: Vice Chairman Mr. Michael R. Christensen, Port of Long Beach; Mr. Kevin Murray, Red Gold Inc.;

Day 1 - Monday, May 15, 2017

1. Meeting convened – Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRCP) Board Room
2. Opening remarks by Chairperson John McCreavy
3. A Safety Briefing was conducted by Ted Dahlburg of DVRCP
4. A History of Philadelphia was presented by Sam Katz, Executive Producer and Founder, History of Philly (www.historyofphilly.com)

5. The Role of an MPO in Infrastructure Planning was lead by Barry Seymour, Executive Director, DVRPC and Ted Dahlburg, Manager, Office of Freight and Aviation
6. The RSTAC Financial Report and Draft Minutes for February 2007 Meeting was presented by Nate Asplund
7. A resolution was approved by the Council accepting the minutes of the last RSTAC meeting.
8. A resolution was approved stipulating RSTAC support of the 45G Tax Credit legislation before Congress relating to Class II and Class III railroads.
9. With the vacancy of the Vice Chairman position of the RSTAC, Chairman McCreavy recommended Larry Malski for this position. A resolution was approved appointing Mr. Malski as Vice Chairman.
10. Legislative Update was given by Shelley Sahling regarding STB funding and the process underway to add 2 new positions to the Board and the same for other agencies such as the FRA.
11. Field Reports were given by RSTAC Members

Day One meeting Adjourned approximately 5pm.

Day 2 – Tuesday, May 16, 2017

1. Philadelphia area logistics/infrastructure tour commenced 0715 in Front of the Union League for New Jersey
2. RSTAC Members and STB Commissioners and Staff were transported by coach bus to SMS Rail Services in Bridgeport, New Jersey
3. A safety briefing was presented by Jim Pfeiffer of SMS Rail Services
4. A presentation was made on the History of the Pureland Industrial Complex by Charlie Walters, Co-Founder
5. The group completed a comprehensive tour of the SMS operations and transload facilities, led by Jeff Sutch, SMS President
6. RSTAC Members and STB Commissioners and Staff were transported by coach bus to the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority in Philadelphia
7. A comprehensive presentation on the capabilities and growth plan for the Regional port was presented by Dominic O'Brien, Marketing

Day Two Meeting Adjourned at approximately 3:20 PM