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**East Corridor Oversight Committee**  
Tuesday, February 8, 2005 10:00 a.m.  
Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA)  
130 Nestor Street, Nashville, TN

**MINUTES**

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:**

Paul Ballard	MTA
Diane Davidson	TDOT
Mike Choate	TDOT
Jeff Baines	City of Lebanon
Rob Shearer	City of Mt. Juliet
Randall Dunn	MDHA
Deb Varallo	RTA – BAH/VPR
Gene Turnage	NERC
Tom Brashear	Wilson County
Allyson Shumate	RTA
Bill Farquhar	RTA – NS
Joseph Perry	Citizen
Paul Price	RTA – NS
Kevin Walker	RTA – NS/BAH
Hanne Flippen	RTA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Paul Ballard called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2005.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Joseph Perry made note of the Metrolink accident in Los Angeles and was concerned that some reports of a cab car leading a train may have contributed to the incident. In response, Mr. Bill Farquhar stated that he was at the crash scene in LA where the Metrolink accident took place. He stated that the biggest misconception is that it was a grade crossing accident. The person involved drove down the right of way and was trapped in the tracks. Instead of the train bouncing off, the car got trapped under the train car. This caused the train to go off on a switch where a UP work train was located. Whether it was a cab car lead or locomotive lead would not have made a difference.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 25, 2005**

Mr. Ballard called for approval of the minutes from the January 25, 2005 meeting. Tom Brashear made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeff Baines seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS AND ACTION PLAN

The transcript from the public hearing which was held on January 11, 2005 has been given to the consultant for incorporation into the document. The document will be finalized and mailed to the FTA with request for approval by the end of this week.

## PROJECT STATUS REPORT

### a. Management Action Plan – Paul Price

Mr. Paul Price stated he wanted to bring up several highlights from the Management Action Plan. He stated that the completion of technical items in the plan indicate that we are starting to spend more time on marketing and Operations Lifesaver. This demonstrates that we are moving from technical aspects to the start of service.

Another items to highlight is the coordination of the HWY 109 grade separation and the issue of grade crossing protection. The project team is considering the use of a flagging operation during the commute times rather than expending capital on crossing upgrades. There are three crossings that will be affected by this schedule delay. Mr. Michael Choate of TDOT stated that October is when the contract is expected to be awarded. Utility relocation will be the first activity to be completed.

Mr. Price mentioned that he and staff will going to Oakland to meet with B ART on the TVM machines. Price delivery and schedule are the critical items to be discussed and finalized.

Mr. Price also mentioned the updated Memorandum Of Understanding with Metro on Riverfront station and the operations phase of the project. This needs to be moved forward.

Mr. Paul Ballard asked if the issue with the ticket stock had been resolved. Mr. Price stated that it was still being evaluated.

Jeff Baines stated that Mayor Fox is planning a trip to DC with a delegation of RTA Board members and wanted to know if there was a Metro representative. Mr. Ballard stated that he would represent Metro in the interim.

### b. Construction Status and Update – Kevin Walker

Kevin Walker briefed the committee on the status of construction. A report was handed out and is attached.

### c. Fare Policy Discussion – Paul Price

Paul Price mentioned the issue of the new transfer policy implemented by the MTA and the impact on the RTA fare policy. If the RTA contracts with the shuttle, then there is no issue. This is a wrinkle that we need to work through and will provide more information at a later date after more evaluation is performed.

### d. Spare Locomotive – Lease Agreement - Paul Price

The lease agreement for the west end spare locomotive is with the Tennessee Central Museum and we expect comments soon.

### e. Budget / Contingency Review – Allyson Shumate

Allyson Shumate briefed the committee on the forecasted changes that would need to be funded from the contingency. The Operations and Maintenance Contractor mobilization was clarified as hiring or staff, training, modifications to the cars and other items to get to start of service. This item was not budgeted.

Rob Shearer stated that Mt. Juliet is interested in commercial development at the station, such as a retail center. It was determined that the design should be reviewed to determine what type of development could be included into the current design. Mt. Juliet is making zoning changes to be transit friendly.

### f. Schedule Review – Allyson Shumate

Allyson Shumate reviewed the schedule with the committee. Items of concern are the Mt. Juliet Station and the Hermitage Station. There are properties that require the amended FONSI and potential condemnation. This will require a longer lead

time than anticipated. Kevin Walker will prepare special conditions that will address the phased construction around the property.

Kevin will provide a detailed schedule on the 109 project so that as property is available the project can move forward. Mike Choate will work with Kevin. Mike Choate provided a detailed update of the grade separation project.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **Regional Finance Committee – Eric Beyer – (defer for next meeting)**
- b. **Status of Rail Director – Paul Ballard**  
He is here in the present. The board will be acting on the position at the February Meeting.



## Music City Star East Corridor Commuter Rail Construction Update for the ECOC – February 8, 2005

### Work Performed

#### Railroad Rehabilitation

- All Phase I ties have been installed.
- Work continued on the Stoner's Creek Bridge Rehabilitation at M.P. 13.3 and Dry Fork Creek
- Grading for the Donelson Siding was started.
- The Grade Crossing at River Hills Drive and Fessler's Lane were replaced.

#### Signals

- Grade Crossing signal work was continued at Anthes Drive, Central Pike, Old Lebanon Dirt Road, Tate's Lane and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### Look Ahead

#### Railroad Rehabilitation

- Queen City will continue installing ties, working from west to east.
- The second rail train will arrive and rail installation will begin.
- Grade Crossing construction will begin at Omohundro Place (M.P. 2.38) and McGavock Pike.
- Dry Fork Creek and Stoner's Creek bridge work will continue.
- Grading for the Donelson Siding will conclude and the track panel will start to be constructed.

#### Signals

- Train Signals will be installed.

### Progress to Date

As of the 1/25/05, \$4,197,927 (29.5%) worth of work of has been completed of the currently \$14,241,523 that has been obligated.