



501 Union Street, 6th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-1705



East Corridor Oversight Committee
Tuesday, October 26, 2004 10:00 a.m.
MTA Conference Room, Nestor Street, Nashville, Tennessee

MINUTES

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Ladieu	TDOT
Jeff Baines	City of Lebanon
Diane Thorne	Metro
Rob Shearer	City of Mt. Juliet
Paul Ballard	MTA
Gene Turnage	NERC
Diane Davidson	TDOT
Betty Laurs	RTA – NS/BAH
Deb Varallo	RTA – NS/BAH
Eric C. Beyer	RTA
Noel Peck	RTA – NS/BAH
Randall Dunn	MDHA
Tom Brashear	Wilson County
Allyson Shumate	RTA
Kevin Walker	RTA – NS/BAH
Hanne Flippen	RTA
Paul Price	RTA – NS/BAH

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Paul Ballard called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 on Tuesday, October 26, 2004.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 12, 2004

Mr. Ballard called for approval of the minutes from the October 12, 2004 meeting. Tom Brashear made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeff Baines seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS AND ACTION PLAN

RTA staff briefed the committee on the status of the Supplemental Environmental Review. The Phase II archeological investigation at Riverfront has been completed. A letter has been received by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that nothing of significance was discovered and the project can move forward. This enables Metro to restore the parking area. The next step is to finalize the Supplemental Environmental Assessment and issue for public review and comment. A public hearing will be scheduled. After the public hearing, a Supplemental Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is expected from the FTA.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

- **Management Action Plan**

Mr. Paul Price briefed the committee on the status of the Request for Proposal for the Operations and Maintenance of the Music City Star East Corridor. A technical tour was held on Monday with a tour of the alignment and inspection of the equipment. Six firms were represented on the tour. Mr. Price thanked Mr. Ballard for making a bus available for the tour. Mr. Price informed the committee that the pre-proposal conference was being held that afternoon at 1:00.

- **Review / Status Management Action Plan**

Mr. Paul Price stated that the scope of services which San Diego used for real estate brokerage services has been received by RTA staff. RTA staff will review, modify and issue to the committee for review within the next several meetings.

- **Construction Status Update**

Kevin Walker briefed the committee on the three contracts underway. The Notice to Proceed (NTP) has been issued to the signal contractor. The track rehabilitation contract is being routed for signature currently and the NTP is expected to be issued within the week.

Mr. Walker briefed the committee on the bid option that was added to the signal bid at the request of TDOT. This option provides for automatic block signal system (ABS) and broken rail detection. There is a small change order that is needed for the contractor to provide stamped drawings for this item. This will be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

Mr. Walker informed the committee that a meeting was held with TDOT to coordinate the work at the HWY 109 and HWY 70 interchanges. TDOT is currently behind schedule due to property acquisition issues. There are also coordination efforts necessary at the Donelson Station for utilities. This will be coordinated.

- **Status of Peer Review Final Report**

Mr. Paul Price stated the final report has been issued to RTA staff. RTA staff is reviewing and will issue to the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

The FTA Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2004 at 10:30 at the RTA office. Box lunches will be provided.

The Commuter Rail Director Search Committee is scheduled to meet at 11:00 directly after the ECOC meeting is adjourned.

Mrs. Diane Thorne briefed the committee on the meeting with the NERA Executive Committee regarding the financing remaining funds needed. The NERA is borrowing funds to improve the line from Lebanon to Allgood. There was some interest in assisting the RTA if all other sources fail.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.