

SUMMARY MINUTES
DULLES CORRIDOR COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 21, 2014

Mr. Davis called the May 21 Dulles Corridor Committee Meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. A quorum was present – Mr. Griffin, Co-Chair, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Gates, Ms. Lang, Ms. McConnell, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Williams and Mr. Conner, *ex officio*. Mr. Curto, Ms. Hall, Ms. Merrick, Mr. Session and Ms. Wells were also present.

Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Monthly Cost Summary for Phases 1 and 2 (As of March 31, 2014). Ginger Evans, Vice President for Engineering, reported that March expenditures for Phase 1 totaled \$10.7 million. As of March 31, Project expenditures totaled \$2.668 billion for Phase 1. The cost forecast to complete the Phase 1 Project remained at \$2.905 billion. The contingency funds obligated in March had been \$1.7 million, bringing the total Project contingency funds obligated through March to \$440.6 million, with a remaining contingency of \$21.7 million. Ms. Evans noted that the remaining contingency had continued to decrease during recent months, and that staff would continue to vigorously manage the contingency utilization. Ms. Evans reported that the Authority had recently received a letter from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for additional costs totaling \$15.7 million, including a substantial amount for extended staff costs. She noted that the rail cars had cost \$10 million less than estimated and that staff would closely manage all the costs associated with the Project. Ms. Evans reported that that Dulles Transit Partners (DTP) had indicated to staff that it intends to submit a time impact analysis on all the recent changes. She estimated that it would take six to eight months to finish the contract tasks for Phase 1.

Ms. Evans reported that the Authority had concurred with DTP's April 9 Declaration of Substantial Completion for Phase 1 of the Project. With respect to WMATA's Operational Readiness Date (ORD), Ms. Evans reported that the Authority and WMATA had agreed to a fourth amendment which includes 13 major and 31 sub items to be completed (by the Authority) prior to WMATA declaring its ORD. Presently, the Authority had submitted responses to 28 of the 31 sub items, and Ms. Evans noted that staff estimated that the responses to the remaining sub items would be submitted by the end of that week. She reviewed issues that WMATA had recently reported on, which included: 1) ceiling intersection guards for escalators, which needed to be welded instead of bolted and had been resolved; 2) track gauge issue, for which the warranty needed to be strengthened and staff had submitted a letter to

resolve the request; 3) loss of speed read outs, which is relative to the programming of Alstom Signaling, Inc. would require substantial time to resolve; 4) the installation of two additional capacitors, which had initially been borrowed from Boston because of the manufacturing lead time and vibration issues had occurred because the temporary capacitors had not been installed for permanent use. Ms. Evans reported that the two new capacitors had since been received and that the final testing would occur that night. She also noted that the Department of General Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia had committed to processing the approval for the final set of speakers by the end of the week, which would complete all the items on the ORD list. Ms. Evans reported that staff intended to submit paperwork to WMATA the following day for its review on May 23 with regard to ORD.

Mr. Davis inquired about the allocation of additional costs. Ms. Evans responded that cost proposals had not yet been received. Additionally, Mr. Potter reported that staff would have to determine whether the additional requests had been made by WMATA or the Authority, and that contractor deficiencies would also be considered.

With respect to Phase 2, Ms. Evans reported that expenditures in March had totaled \$6.7 million, bringing the total expenditures to date to \$219.8 million. The forecasted amount to complete the Project totaled \$2.227 billion.

Ms. Evans reported that the unobligated contingency remaining for Phase 2 is \$550.8 million. Mr. Session inquired about the contingency use thus far for Phase 2 totaling \$700,000. Ms. Evans stated that she would provide the requested information.

Mr. Davis inquired about the timeline when the Silver Line would be available to the public. Ms. Evans responded that WMATA was expected to declare ORD the following week and that ridership would occur within 90 days.

Mr. Conner noted that the amount used in contingency funds for Phase 2 had resulted from a storm water change. He stated that it was important to remember that regulatory changes would likely occur on a project this size from the time it was designed until it is actually constructed. Mr. Conner requested that staff provide a breakdown of oversight functions in place with respect to the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

The Meeting was thereupon adjourned at 9:15 a.m.