

SECTION 305 NGENC Executive Board

MINUTES

MARCH 27, 2018

11:30 EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGENC Executive Board</i>
ATTENDEES	Board Members: Eric Curtit, Eric Curtit also as proxy for Tim Hoeffner, MDOT, and for John Oimoen, IDOT, Charlie King, Tim Ziethen, Ray Hessinger, Jeff Gordon for Michael Lestingi, Amanda Martin, Momo Tamaoki for Kyle Gradinger, Brent Thompson for Ron Pate, Mike Jenkins, Brian Beeler II Support Staff: Shayne Gill, Steve Hewitt, Patrick Centolanzi
ABSENTEES	Board Members: Michael Lestingi, John Oimoen, Ron Pate, John Rosacker, Tim Hoeffner, Allan Paul, Arun Rao Kyle Gradinger, Support: Jason Biggs, Jon Dees, Sal DeAngelo, Karim Karmali, Chris Witt, George Hull, Max Johnson, Larry Salci

DECISIONS MADE

1. Welcome –Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGENC Executive Board:

Chairman Curtit, Missouri DOT, convened today’s meeting and asked Steve Hewitt to call the roll.

2. Roll Call –Steve Hewitt, NGENC Program Manager:

Steve Hewitt called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

3. Action items Review – Steve Hewitt:

Steve Hewitt noted that mostly all open action items are included in the agenda.

The status of all open action items can be found below:

Procurement Updates:

Status Update – Multi-state Car Procurement (Caltrans - Lead State):

As of 3-13-18:

- Detailed Master Schedule was submitted by SCOA/Siemens on Jan 5. Caltrans/IDOT reviewed the schedule thoroughly and it was approved with a few updates requested for the next submittal. We had a meeting with SCOA/Siemens on 2/28 to resolve all the open items on the Master schedule.
- The next design review is scheduled for the week of 3/19. The discussion topics include end doors for IDOT, wheelchair lift, diagnostics, seats and safety appliances.
- Siemens will be visiting Chicago Maintenance Facility on March 19. They will be taking a facility tour, meeting with IDOT and Amtrak mechanical and operational staff to learn about the standard practices and tooling requirements in Illinois.
- The Mock up review is scheduled in the week of April 9 in Florida. We will be using Brightline’s cars to review some of the components in the cars, such as toilet rooms, gangway, HVAC, communication system, etc.
- Caltrans has been developing and submitting Document Change Requests (DCR) to NGENC. Caltrans has submitted 15 DCRs last week and awaiting approval from NGENC. 12 out of those 15 items were HVAC related and three are related to Seat tracks, Door Operators, and Air Brake Control Valve.

Michael Burshtin, Amtrak (current Document Control Manager) has been working closely with Caltrans and has assigned numbers to the DCRs and distributed them to the appropriate technical working groups.

The Charger - Diesel-Electric Locomotive Update: As of 3-13-18

- a. Of the 33 units IDOT locomotive order, all 33 have been conditionally and finally accepted with Siemens.

- b. *110 mph testing on the Chicago/St. Louis line was completed, the reports received by the FRA and the locomotives have been approved to run in the lead on the corridor.*
- c. *238.111a testing still needs to be completed on two Michigan corridors pending resolution of equipment and testing issues. The locomotives for the MI corridors are still being held in Pueblo until this testing is completed.*
- d. *Twenty-One Chargers are currently in the Midwest, and two more are on their way.*
- e. *The locomotives stored at TTCI will ship to Chicago as soon as storage space becomes available. Storage space in Chicago is being freed-up with the re-deployment of P42 locomotives by Amtrak.*
- f. *Amtrak has started to re-deploy their P42 fleet from the Midwest to other locations.*
- g. *WSDOT units are operating in revenue service*
- h. *Caltrans locomotives are operating revenue service*
- i. *The Failure Review Board is established and running, with all JPE's, Amtrak, Siemens and the new addition of Brightline as participants.*

Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT:

Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT, reported that Metro-North has begun the process for procuring Dual Mode Locomotives and has advertised a pre-bid meeting for potential builders to attend on 3-28-18. Metro-North is in discussions on potential DCRS to be submitted as the process moves forward. He also noted that on the most recent SAIPRC equipment capital working group call, Max Johnson, Amtrak, noted Amtrak's intent to procure Dual Mode locomotives as well, and the possibility of working through this procurement. Ray added that there will be a meeting later this week to discuss Amtrak and others who may wish to be a part of the procurement.

An update/progress report on the Metro-North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement will become a standing agenda item on the Executive Board and Technical subcommittee calls going forward. Steve Hewitt will add Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT, to the email list and call schedule for NGENC Technical subcommittee calls to provide the bi-weekly updates.

Mid-West States – Section 6 progress report:

The next monthly meeting will take place next week. (week of 3-19-18) – There was nothing new to report on today's call (3-13-18).

Technical subcommittee Progress Report:

Progress report was provided at the NGENC Annual Meeting – Presentation can be found at www.ngec305.org

Next update – 4-10-18

Finance and Administrative Subcommittee update as of 3-13-18:

Status Revised Grant Agreement SOW:

Amtrak has accepted the FRA's proposed changes to the SOW – primarily the change recommended was to remove the historical context information related to 514. This makes for a cleaner document and speaks to going forward.

Michael Lestingi, FRA, reported that Beth Nachreiner has informed him that it has cleared "our office" and "is in the final loop".

Status Contract for Document Control Manager:

Tim Ziethen reported that he has received a revised SOW from Tammy Krause and has reviewed it. He is now putting it together as a sole source contract, following NGENC procedures which were provided to him last week by Steve Hewitt. Tim hopes to have it completed for final review by the end of this week or early next week.

Acquisition and Ownership Best Practices Working Group:

A progress report was provided at the NGENC Annual Meeting – The presentation can be found at www.ngec305.org
The 3-8-18 conference call was canceled due to schedule conflicts. The next call of the group will be scheduled soon with the expectation that the topics list will be completed, and tasks will be assigned.

4.

Approval of the Minutes from the 3-13-18 Conference Call Meeting – Eric Curtit:

On a motion by Brian Beeler II, NNEPRA for Maine DOT, and a second by Amanda Martin, Iowa DOT, the minutes from the 3-13-18 Executive Board Conference Call Meeting were approved without exception.

5.

Updates – SOW Related Activities - Tim Ziethen, Amtrak:

- a. Status of the FRA Grants Office review of the grant agreement SOW changes:
Tim Ziethen reported that he is still waiting for final approval from FRA on the revised Grant Agreement SOW. FRA has informed Amtrak grants that they have requested that SAIPRC's Executive Board change its SOW of charter to include the 514 responsibilities. FRA wants to approve the changes to both committees (NGEC and SAIPRC) simultaneously. They have no issues with the NGEC proposed changes which will remove 514 from the NGEC, but they want to ensure the move to SAIPRC is in place at the same time.

Jeff Gordon, FRA, concurred with Tim's report, and reiterated that the NGEC revisions look good to FRA, but they want SAIPRC to complete its revisions at the same time and have both sets of paperwork completed simultaneously and seamlessly.

Asked by Tim Ziethen if this has been communicated to SAIPRC, or if further action by Tim was needed, Jeff responded that he would check back with FRA to see if any further action was required by Tim.

- b. Status – Document Control Management contract:
Tim Ziethen reported that he has received the updated information (scope and budget) from Tammy Krause and has what he needs, but that he still needs to have a brief conversation with Charlie King. Tim noted that he has the procedures (provided by Steve Hewitt), and he should be able to move things forward around the first part of next week.
- c. Resolution on missing invoice payment:
Tim Ziethen reported that the Amtrak Grants office is talking with FRA Grants to see how to process the payment. Apparently, Amtrak, for some reason had never seen the invoice in question, but it appears, from Amtrak Grants review that all is in order and it is a matter of getting input from FRA on how to process it. Amtrak is going ahead and getting it through its process internally so that once FRA has provided input, it will be ready to go.

6.

Update – Multi-State Car procurement – Momo Tamaoki for Kyle Grading, Caltrans:

- *The design review meeting took place in Chicago on March 20 & 21. The discussion topics included end doors for IDOT, wheelchair lift, diagnostics, seats and safety appliances. The meetings were productive, and a lot of action items were closed. We also had some preliminary discussions on café cars design. These concepts will be reviewed and discussed with Public Health team, FDA as well as ADA representatives from California and Mid-west states.*
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Update - Mid-West Section 6 Activities:

No report today.

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Update – Charger Locomotives – Eric Curtit, MODOT for John Oimoen, IDOT:

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Update: Metro-North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement - Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT:

Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT reported that Metro North is hosting an information session for vendors in lower Manhattan on 3-28-18. Ray Hessinger will be in attendance representing NYSDOT. Connecticut DOT will also be present.

Ray noted that Metro-North continues to refine the specification to fit its needs. They have made quite a few changes – some will, at some point, be harmonized with the NGEC PRIIA Specification.

Ray also noted that there is no schedule set yet beyond the informational meeting this week.

Ray added that this is a big order and there will be a large amount of changes – some Metro-North specific - and others that will be improvements to the spec made by an entity that does a lot of equipment buying and is relying on lessons learned and adding value.

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Adjourn:

With no other business forthcoming, Chairman Curtit adjourned today's call at 11:46am Eastern.

The next conference call is 4-10-18

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Next Call -4-10-18