



FRA Southeast Regional Rail Planning Study

Stakeholder Group Workshop #1

Final Agenda

Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
University of South Carolina, University Technology Services Building, Room 301 B/C
1244 Blossom Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

Meeting Objectives

- Present high-level outline of the Southwest Study and its results
- Review major study milestones and timeline
- Discuss Stakeholder Group (SG) Charge and Guiding Principles
- Identify existing plans, challenges, benefits, specific outreach activities, and potential gaps in the planning process
- Identify potential Southeast connections in network and map of major opportunities and constraints
- Conduct first education session on CONNECT model, its possibilities and limitations
- Receive brief presentation on governance context and overview of North Carolina-Virginia Compact
- Identify action items and next steps

Agenda

9:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Kyle Gradinger, Project Manager, FRA

- Opening Remarks from Host Lead Stakeholder
- University of South Carolina Welcome
- University of South Carolina Remarks
- Study Team Introductions
- Review of Today’s Objectives and Agenda
- SG Member Self Introductions

Doug Frate, Director, Intermodal & Freight Programs, SCDOT

Dr. Robert Mullen, Professor and Chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Dr. Dimitris Rizos, Assoc. Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering, USC

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti, Lead Planner, FRA

Dave Solow, CH2M Project Manager

Discussion

9:45 AM

Study Overview

Kyle Gradinger, Project Manager, FRA

- Study Approach and Objectives
- Overview of Work Plan
- Overview of Stakeholder Involvement Plan
- Review SG Charge and Guiding Principles
- SG Input on Study Overview

Kyle Gradinger, Project Manager, FRA

Sunserea Dalton, CH2M Deputy Project Manager

Sherry Appel, CH2M Stakeholder Lead

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti, Lead Planner, FRA

Discussion



10:45 AM – Break

11:00 AM CONNECT Model Update Kyle Gradinger, Project Manager, FRA

11:30 AM Moving the Carolinas Forward: A Rural Freight Rail Project R.J. Corman Railroad Group

12:00 PM to 12:45 PM – Lunch (on-site)

12:45 PM Baseline and Market Conditions Scott Richman, CH2M

- Overview: Study Area, Megaregions and Core-based Statistical Areas (CBSAs)
- Demographic and Travel Market Highlights
- Existing/Planned Major Transportation Infrastructure
- Key Opportunities/Constraints-to Inform Initial Connections

1:45 PM SG Input on Key Network Connections **Breakout Sessions**

- Review Opportunities/Constraints
- Identify Potential Network Connections

2:30 PM Present Key Input from Breakout Session Session Moderators

2:50 PM – Break

3:00 PM Introduction to Governance

- Overview of Governance Context Dave Solow, CH2M Project Manager
- NC/VA Compact (NCDOT Perspective) Paul Worley, Rail Division Director, NCDOT
- NC/VA Compact (NCDOT Perspective) Representative William Brawley, N.C. House of Representatives
- NC/VA Compact (VDRPT Perspective) Mike Todd, Rail Enhancement and Corridor Planning Manager, VDRPT
- SG Roundtable Discussion Sherry Appel, CH2M Stakeholder Lead

3:40 PM Review of Future Action Items and Next Steps Sherry Appel, CH2M Stakeholder Lead

3:45 PM SG Member Closing Comments Kyle Gradinger, Project Manager, FRA

4:00 PM – Adjourn

Interested parties may view workshop materials online at SouthEastRailPlan.org as items are finalized. Any comments or questions on workshop materials can be submitted on the website or to the FRA Lead Community Planner, Jessie Fernandez-Gatti by email at Jessie.Gatti@dot.gov or by phone at (202) 493-0454.