

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Legislative Office Building, Room 301

Concord, NH

Monday, February 11, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. John Cloutier, Chair

Rep. Michael Edgar

Rep. David Danielson

Rep. John Graham

Rep. Mary Beth Walz

Sen. Lou D'Allesandro

Sen. David Watters

(The meeting convened at be 11:05 a.m.)

(1) Organization of Committee

(2) Committee Orientation:

JOHN CLOUTIER, State Representative, Sullivan County,
District #10: I call this first organizational/orientation meeting to Capital Budget Overview Committee to order. The first item of business is, and I hope you all got your packets, organization of the Committee. So I believe my understanding, and Representative Graham refresh my memory, that we do need to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk. So I don't know. I guess I will entertain motions to elect a Chair, first of all.

****** MARY BETH WALZ, State Representative, Merrimack County,
District #23: I nominate John Cloutier as Chair.

LOU D'ALLESANDRO, State Senator, Senate District #20: I'll second.

ACTING CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Nomination by Representative Walz, second by Senator D'Allesandro to nominate John Cloutier as Chair. Okay. Are there any other nominations for Chair? Are there any other nominations for Chair? Are there any other nominations for Chair? So I'm going to -- do I

have a motion? I probably should do it properly. Entertain a motion to close nomination.

****** JOHN GRAHAM, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #07: So move.

ACTING CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay, motion to close nomination by Representative Graham. Is there a second?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Second.

ACTING CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Second by Senator D'Allesandro. Are we ready for the vote to close nomination? All those in favor of closing nomination signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it. Nominations are closed.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I will now -- and I just want to do this properly, especially since I'm running the meeting. I would entertain a motion to instruct the Clerk, and I know we haven't elected the Clerk, but to cast one ballot for Representative John Cloutier as Chair of the Capital Budget Overview Committee.

****** SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: So move.

ACTING CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Motion by Senator D'Allesandro.

DAVID DANIELSON, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #07: Second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Second by Representative Danielson. All those -- are we ready for the vote? All those in favor of the motion to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Representative John Cloutier as Chair of Capital Budget Overview Committee, signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it and thank you very much for your confidence, everybody.

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. The next item is to elect a Vice-Chair. I will entertain motion -- nominations for Vice-Chair.

REP. GRAHAM: You willing? I would nominate Senator D'Allesandro.

REP. WALZ: I'll second that.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. A motion by Representative Graham, a second by Representative Walz to nominate Senator D'Allesandro as the Vice-Chair of the Capital Budget Overview Committee.

REP. GRAHAM: You willing to accept?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: I'm willing --

REP. GRAHAM: You got to ask that part.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: So are there any other nominations for Vice-Chair of the Capital Budget Overview Committee? All right. Do I -- I will entertain a motion to close nominations.

****** DAVID WATTERS, State Senator, Senate District #04: So move.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Motion by Senator Watters. Do I have a second on that motion?

REP. WALZ: Second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Second by Representative Walz. The motion is to close nominations. All those in favor to close nominations for Vice-Chair, signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it. The nominations are closed.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Again, I'm a stickler, but I would entertain a motion to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Senator D'Allesandro as Vice-Chair.

** SEN. WATTERS: So move.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: A motion by Senator Watters. Do I have a second?

REP. DANIELSON: Second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Second by Representative Danielson. So we ready for the vote? All those in favor of instructing the Clerk to cast one ballot for Senator D'Allesandro as Vice-Chair of Capital Budget Overview, signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it. Motion carries. Congratulations, Senator D'Allesandro.

*** **{MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Next, nominations for Clerk of the Capital Budget Overview Committee. And I've been the previous Clerk. So then you're not sure you sit by me and I will help you along. It's fairly easy in comparison of clerking for other committees thanks to our LBA staff.

REP. DANIELSON: Look at the eye avoidance.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. As I said, I will work with you because I'm the previous clerk.

REP. WALZ: So, Representative Cloutier, why don't you explain what's involved?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. When there's a motion to accept an item or minutes you would -- you'd just circle approved, denied, or tabled for whatever the motion is. And then the Members -- you circle the Members voting but the only thing to remember we vote as a block. So a majority of the Reps have to vote to accept an item and majority of the Senators. So

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it's -- but I think it's also for purposes of attendance, who is here. And the only other thing is if there was a division or roll call vote, and I think there's sheets here, you would -- the Clerk would circle if I had to call a division or roll call vote. It's rarely done. Usually most of our business is done by -- and I think Representative Graham can back me up -- by voice vote. We rarely get into roll calls or divisions or what we call show of hands.

So that -- and the other thing you just -- once the minutes are approved you would sign the minutes. I have a copy of the minutes. We will get into the minutes, but I believe since I'm the outgoing Clerk I have to sign them. But this is what you would do. And the minutes -- our minutes if you got in your packet is the minutes of the last meeting. You simply sign at the bottom. Okay.

REP. GRAHAM: The minutes are prepared by.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: But you get a lot of help and I think in comparison being a Clerk of a House Committee it's a little bit easier. That's my opinion. I've been a Clerk of Public Works and Highways, so I -- I think I have a little experience in that. So I don't know. Does anybody --

** REP. GRAHAM: All right. I nominate Representative Danielson. Let's make that a bi-partisan thing.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Good. Do you accept, Representative Danielson?

REP. DANIELSON: I do.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: You'll keep us honest. Okay. Do I have a second on the motion?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: I'll second the motion.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Second by whom? Senator D'Allesandro. Thank you. There's a motion has been made to nominate

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Representative Danielson as Clerk. Are there any other nominations for Clerk? Are there any nominations? Are there any nominations? I believe should do it three times. Okay. I will entertain a motion to instruct -- okay, close nominations, first of all.

****** SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: So be it.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: A motion by Senator D'Allesandro. Do I have a second on that motion?

REP. WALZ: Second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Second by Representative Walz. All those in favor of closing nominations for Clerk of the Capital Budget Overview Committee signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it. Motion carries. Nominations are closed.

**** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I will now entertain a motion to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Representative Dave Danielson as Clerk of the Capital Budget Overview Committee.

****** SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: So move.

REP. WALZ: So move.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Sorry. Motion by Senator D'Allesandro. Who made the second?

REP. WALZ: I did.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Representative Walz made the second. Are we ready for the vote? Okay. All those in favor of instructing the Clerk to cast one ballot for Representative Danielson as Clerk, signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it. Motion carries.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Congratulations, Representative Danielson. If you want to join me, I will try to instruct you as to correct --

REP. GRAHAM: To try?

REP. DANIELSON: And I'll try to understand.

(3) Acceptance of Minutes of the November 29, 2019 Meeting.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: And I'm a Clerk. Okay. The next item is the minutes of the last -- and for a note to Representative Danielson, I have to sign these since I'm the outgoing Clerk from the previous term. So you have the minutes of the November 29th, 2018, meeting. I will entertain a motion to accept these minutes, please.

****** REP. GRAHAM: So move.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: A motion by Representative Graham. Do I have a second?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Second by Senator D'Allesandro. Are we ready for the vote? All those in favor of accepting the minutes of the November 29th, 2018, meeting signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it.

REP. WALZ: I'm going to abstain since I wasn't here, and I have no idea.

SEN. WATTERS: Abstain.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. I guess the only thing I'm concerned is I understand people weren't here. That's okay. Probably still a majority. Okay. All right.

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REP. GRAHAM: Senate voted yes. We voted yes.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Senator Watters and Representative Walz abstained because they were not here. Everybody else voted yes, a voice vote. So -- well, Senator D'Allesandro, majority of the other reps. Yeah, it passes. Okay. The minute meetings are accepted of November 29, 2018.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Next item on the agenda -- okay. We have the Committee Orientation and you should have received in your packets revised statute, you know, RSA for the Capital Budget Overview Committee. Are there any questions and I will, you know, Mr. Shea and Miss Ellis of the LBA are here so, hopefully, they can help us if we have some questions that I cannot answer. Because I know some of you are new to the Committee. And I would like to if you have questions before we get started, I'd like to, you know, make sure everybody is on the same page, if possible. Yes, Representative Graham.

REP. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is for the LBA. There's one-page Capital Budget Overview Committee guidelines and procedures dated February 9th, 2019. Do you -- would you prefer that we adopt these for this biennium? I note these are continuation of what we have been doing in the past.

CHRISTOPHER SHEA, Deputy Legislative Budget Assistant, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant: Right. So yes. The answer would be yes, you could adopt that. But we also wanted to bring it before the Committee so the Committee could identify if there are any other items that they would like to have included here. We couldn't identify any on our own looking back as to what practices had occurred in Capital Budget Overview, unlike Long Range where there are some things that that Committee has done in the past that they wanted to kind of memorialize going forward. So we just have two items on here. One was to make it known that agencies that have an item for the agenda provide 15 copies and original to our office two weeks prior to the actual date of the meeting. And the reason for that is to give us an

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opportunity to take a look at the item, make sure that it falls under one of the statutes within the packet that you have.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Does everybody have -- this should have been included, guidelines and procedures dated -- I just want to be sure. This is an additional item. So it's only two of them. So any questions about that, please?

MR. SHEA: And then we typically will send one week prior to the meeting a packet out to the Members of the Committee. So, again, that's why the two-week notice. And then the second item is to have all late item requests go through the Chair of the Committee.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. All right. Thank you very much, Mr. Shea. Any questions? Any other questions? Probably Mr. Shea, Miss Ellis, they can help us out with. Okay. So if we are done with that then we move on to --

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Representative Graham.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

****** REP. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I would move that the Committee adopt these guidelines and procedures for the Committee for this biennium, at least.

SEN. WATTER: Second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: All right. Okay. So a motion by Representative Graham, a second by Senator Watters to move the adoption of the guidelines and procedures as written in this -- this sheet of paper; is that correct, Representative Graham?

REP. GRAHAM: Sure.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Be sure everybody understands what we're voting on, please. Thank you. Okay. Any further questions or discussion on this motion? Seeing none. I will call for a

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vote. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it? Motion carries.

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Thank you, Representative Graham and Senator D'Allesandro. Senator Watters, sorry.

REP. GRAHAM: The Clerk has enough work to do.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yeah, okay.

(4) Old Business:

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Old Business. Is there any Old Business any Member of the Committee or, you know, LBA have to bring before us? Okay. So I guess there's no Old Business. Feel free to ask -- yes, go ahead, please, Representative Walz.

REP. WALZ: If this is supposed to be an orientation we got this whole packet here. I'm assuming a good deal is irrelevant to the functions of this Committee. There seemed to be an awful lot in here, unless I don't understand this Committee, like investment and debt management. Is all that relevant to this Committee?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay, maybe you could answer better than I could, Mr. Shea.

MR. SHEA: Every statute you see identified in here --

REP. WALZ: Hm-hum.

MR. SHEA: -- the Capital Budget Overview Committee is mentioned in that statute. It may be when they receive information as it relates to something is going to happen or if they need to take an active vote to approve something. But that's the reason these RSAs are included here. So there are a lot. You're very correct.

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REP. WALZ: No, I just didn't realize it was mentioned in every statute. I was saying why do we have all these other things here. Thank you.

MR. SHEA: Wherever in the statute the Committee may have popped up we've tried to include.

REP. WALZ: All right. Well, thank you. That explains it.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Thank you, Mr. Shea, Representative Walz. Any other questions, please, that we can answer today? Any other questions? Feel free to, you know, don't hesitate if you're not sure. Okay. So are there any other questions? If you want to, we can talk about it in another meeting maybe the RSAs if any Committee Member has further questions. Okay.

(5) New Business:

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Moving on to New Business under -- and this is from the Department of Transportation use of toll credits. This requests approval to use \$147,400 of Turnpike Toll Credits based on 737,000 estimated research related work costs to meet funding match requirements for eight proposed research projects as described in the federally approved Department's 2019 State Planning and Research Part II Work Program, subject to conditions as specified in the request dated January 10th, 2019. And I believe here for further explanation we have some officials from the Department of Transportation. So if you want to come forward and maybe give a brief explanation, and then answer questions from Committee Members, please. Appreciate you coming. Thank you very much. For the record, if you could please identify yourselves.

MARIE MULLEN, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation: Yes. My name is Marie Mullen. I'm the Director of Finance for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

ANN SCHOLZ, Civil Engineer V, Department of Transportation: My name is Ann Scholz. I'm the Research Engineer that manages the research program at the Department.

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Are there -- on this item, I don't know if you want to make a brief statement. Otherwise, I will open it to questions from the Committee.

MS. MULLEN: Hum -- just brief statement. We're required by law to come to the Committee to request Turnpike Toll Credits for projects that are not road or bridge related. So where this is a research program, we're required to come to get permission to use the toll credits. Just as for informational purposes, the balance of our toll credits at the DOT at this time at the end of Fiscal Year 18 is \$236 million. That is not cash. That is a credit. That is used as the match for the federal program for those who may not be familiar with that.

So the federal program, this research fund requires an 80 -- it's an 80/20 match, 80% federal funds, 20% State Match. Since the State has not appropriated cash funds for that match. We use toll credits to match the federal program, essentially making the projects 100% federally funded. I don't know if you have specific questions about the research program, but Ann can talk about any of those items.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Representative Graham, please.

REP. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll show my ignorance. What's a Smart Rock?

MS. SCHOLZ: Well, I'll try and explain that. I'm not a geotech engineer, but it was the proposal that came through our geotech section and our materials research. We have a lot of rock slopes where we do old fashion ways of determining what kind of cut we should have. So the proposal is a Smart Rock and it's some type of a gyroscope that's put inside a rock dropped off, and we can tell like from the slope height or where it's going to fall, so that when we develop those cuts and the safe zone next to our roadways, we're not over excavating or over cutting. So it's a better way to determine the equations that we come up with to generate that information.

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REP. GRAHAM: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. All right. Further questions from -- yes, Representative Walz, please.

REP. WALZ: Well, being a newbie I have several. So it seems that we have to spend 2% of the fund be set aside for planning and research. I'm assuming it's 147,000, a lot less than 2% so there will be other funds set aside?

MS. SCHOLZ: That 147 was the match, that 20% match that we need.

REP. WALZ: But it also says in here that there has to be 2% of the State apportioned funds to be set aside for planning and research.

MS. SCHOLZ: Yes, planning and research. The 2% is planning and research and research gets about a quarter of that percentage.

REP. WALZ: Right.

MS. MULLEN: So those are the federal funds. So 2% of the federal funds are set aside. We get about 150, 160 million dollars of federal funds each year appropriated to the State of New Hampshire. So 2% of that is set aside for research and planning.

MS. SCHOLZ: The allocation for this Fiscal Year is around \$880,000; but we also participate in national research which does not require a State Match.

REP. WALZ: Okay. But my question still is the hundred and forty-seven four is still less than the full 2%. So there will be other monies spent on research beyond this hundred forty-seven four?

MS. MULLEN: Yeah. The 147,400 is the match to that program.

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REP. WALZ: I understand that; but the question I was asking is is this less than the full 2%?

MS. MULLEN: Yes.

REP. WALZ: Okay? Next question is what is Log Jam Monitoring?

MS. SCHOLZ: Log Jam Monitoring. One of the things that the State has grown into is that we have a lot of erosion next to our water courses.

REP. WALZ: Hm-hum.

MS. SCHOLZ: And the expensive and less environmental- friendly thing is to do is to dump a lot of riffraff and that requires the Department to pay into the mitigation funding, because we do a lot of wetland impacts with that. So one of the things the Department has worked out with the Department of Environmental Services is to put in a Log Jam and what that is is that the trunks of a tree are buried into the embankment and what is in the river is like the root ball. So it creates a very natural erosion measure. We have never done this before as a Department. It's the first one we are going to try in the State. DES is going to allow us to do this, but they're requiring that we do a three-year monitoring on that application. So we're going to have a subject matter expert help us out with that information and, hopefully, down the road this will be a less expensive alternative and more environmental-friendly alternative to what we're doing out there.

REP. WALZ: And --

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yes. Okay, you have another one. Please continue.

REP. WALZ: Okay. LED Snowplow Lights. Why do you have to study? What's \$16,000 for? Is this to replace the bulbs or I guess my question is why do you have to study it? If I want to

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replace headlights I just put in what I want. Why do you guys need to study?

MS. SCHOLZ: Well, that's exactly why, because we don't have a Department standard practice on that. There have been plow operators that would prefer to do this, but they are more expensive; although, hopefully, long-term the replacement cost will be the savings because the halogen lights they tend with all the bouncing around and they tend to burn out quicker. So we've had snowplow operators saying I want to use LED lights on my plow, but there isn't a standard for the Department. So we decided let's turn it into a research project. We are going to find out from residents is this a headlamp that's blinding them more so. We're going to find out from operators that would be in favor or opposed to see if they prefer an LED light instead of the basic halogen lights. So it's not a big, it's \$15,000. It's going to be in-house which is helpful. So it's basically buying the bulbs for about 20 something trucks in our northern district, running it probably through the rest of this winter and next winter, and then surveying those operators and surveying the general public on how they like it. And then at the end we'll either have a policy to use them or not to use them.

REP. WALZ: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: All right. So any other questions? Yes, Representative Graham, please follow up.

REP. GRAHAM: Just for information purposes, could you explain the Research Advisory Council, who's on it, and how it operates?

MS. SCHOLZ: Sure.

REP. GRAHAM: And they're the ones who made all these recommendations.

MS. SCHOLZ: Correct, absolutely. Last summer, we actually kicked off a campaign to solicit research needs throughout the

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Department trying to identify what problems we were having, if there's any types of policies that we could address or anything. So the solicitation was all in-house and it was generated about 12 research needs. And then last fall we put together our Research Advisory Council and that's made up of all the Bureau administrators and our Assistant Director of Project Development. And we have -- meet off-site and we have presentations on all those research needs. And then those administrators vote on if they feel it's a priority or not for the Department. So those 12 research statements were ranked and prioritized.

So then we look at what funding is available basically and make it kind of based on that, unless it received a very poor rating and, obviously, not an important item to move forward for the research program.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Any further questions? Representative Danielson, please.

REP. DANIELSON: Thank you, Chairman. Thank you for being here this morning and taking my question. What's the program on the unmanned -- the drones?

MS. SCHOLZ: That is going to be -- so, actually, if you look back at our 2017 program, we did a UAS study and that looked at individual case studies on trying to see if the drone can help us do any type of railroad inspection or construction issues like for traffic backup or phasing of construction. So we've done like a two-year study, and we determined through those case studies that there would be an advantage for the Department on safety of our personnel, time savings, cost of evaluating and bridge inspections and everything. So now we want to push it a little bit further and see what's the best way to implement this practice.

So the study is going to be on gathering best practices from other states, looking at if it's worthwhile to own our own drones or hire a consultant to do this for us. So developing

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that plan of what's going to be the best practice for the Department.

REP. DANIELSON: So it's research --

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Please continue. Follow-up.

REP. DANIELSON: Thank you. So it's research to -- to determine the implementation process that you'll have.

MS. SCHOLZ: Right. And at the end we would have some type of a plan to put into place.

REP. DANIELSON: Just another question that's not on here, Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay, please continue.

REP. DANIELSON: Last question. Question isn't on here. I'm concerned about our -- not our highways but other roads that we have and the condition of those roads. Do we continue to have an analyses of our other roads, our State-owned highways not relative to the status of those roads? Are they in good shape? I have backup reason for that, but --

MS. MULLEN: Yes, we do. We have our asset management policy and program where we review the status of the roads and we classify them as in good, fair, poor, and very poor condition. And we do keep a status on that, and we evaluate those roads. We have a van that goes out and evaluates the condition of the roads on a cycle, and we're always evaluating that. We have had several presentations -- I don't have it here with me today -- that show the condition and how are the conditions improving slightly. But over time we see that flattening out based on the funding of those programs and that type of thing. So I can bring that to you at a different time or provide that to you via e-mail, if you like.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: You have another question, Representative?

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REP. DANIELSON: Yes, thank you. I'm sorry. My follow-up is actually part of the question that the reason for the question. In your analyses, do you look at accidents along those roads as part of your evaluation?

MS. MULLEN: We do have a Highway Safety Program within the DOT that looks at various intersections and roads and they prioritize projects based on accidents and deaths in certain areas, and they do have -- we do have a Highway Safety Improvement Program that does look at those roadways and prioritizes those needs through our program. That's part of the 10-year plan process.

REP. DANIELSON: Thank you, ma'am. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Thank you very much. Further questions? Yes, Senator D'Allesandro.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Representative. Appreciate that. First of all, thanks for coming, appreciate it. There were two things that I wanted to ask. I come to these meetings, been coming to them a long time, and we always have this nonsense about toll credits. In effect, we're exhausting our toll credits. It's clear that toll credits are a replacement for money.

MS. MULLEN: Yes.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. So when the question is brought up constantly are we exhausting our toll credits, the capacity, what's our toll credit inventory as we speak? I think you gave it at the beginning.

MS. MULLEN: Yeah, it's 236 million.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: So we have \$236 million in toll credits. So we're not exhausting it.

MS. MULLEN: No.

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SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: We had a very long deliberate discussion. And the next point is with regard to the condition of the roads and bridges, would it be -- maybe I'm speaking out of turn because I'm not the Chairman -- but would it be a good idea to present to the Transportation Committee, both the House and the Senate, an upgrade on what's been done to address that situation? The TIFIA Program has been in place now. We have some time left on that and that's a plan to take care of our roads. We have done some work on bridges; but, indeed, the facts are we have more bridges that need work, the work abounds, and I think people should be fully cognizant of how much work needs to be done, because you're going to be talking about financing for a long period of time around here. But the work that needs to be done on roads and bridges, particularly the second-class roads that don't get much attention. Just thought it might be a good idea some time to present the factual evidence to the Transportation Committee as they deliberate legislation.

REP. GRAHAM: Public Works.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Public Works.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: All right. Senator Watters.

SEN. WATTERS: Comment on that, Mr. Chairman, Senator. We have received a report at our first Transportation -- Senate Transportation Committee on these conditions. And then as part of the 10-year highway plan we really scrubbed this. That's where the funding is determined of how much we can put into the paving program and the bridges and so on. So, you know, I'm sure the House is getting good information, too; but it's really the topic we're paying attention to. And I did have one other comment, if I may please, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Sure.

SEN. WATTERS: In terms of the reflective paint program, just information for the Committee that 3M Company which provides all these paints and does these programs is going to

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have its tractor-trailer truck here on April 2nd over at DOT. And anybody wants to go over and get a tour of that in which they're going to demonstrate how all the paints are done. It's also reflective signage, it's also the license plates. So it's going to be a nice opportunity for them to tell people who are interested in what they're doing, what the costs are, and all the kind of decisions to go into that. So that's April 2nd. There'll be notice about that when the time comes.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Thank you, Senator. Any -- Representative Graham, please.

** REP. GRAHAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would move acceptance of Item CAP 19-002.

SEN. WATTERS: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. A motion by Representative Graham, a second by Senator Watters to approve Item CAP 19-002. Are we ready for the vote on this motion? Any further questions or comments? Okay. I will call for a vote. All those in favor of approving Item 19-002, signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it and the motion carries.

*** **{MOTION ADOPTED}**

(6) **Miscellaneous**:

(7) **Informational**:

(8) **Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**:

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Thank you. Next, anything under Miscellaneous? Anything Members want to bring up or LBA staff wishes to bring up? I don't know if you have any information. I do not think we have any today.

The other thing is the date of the next meeting. I did -- I'd like to sort of and, of course, it's up to Long Range, but I'd like to have ideally if we have regular meetings

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both these meetings together. Thank you very much for coming, by the way. I appreciate your time.

MS. MULLEN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: If we have regular meetings, usually in the last few years we have done them together. One Committee meets first and then the other. And I had a, for the previous Committee, a proposed schedule and I was thinking of scheduling our next meeting on Tuesday, April 16th, and I'm not sure of the time. I don't know, anybody have a conflict on hand? This would be after the House we do the budget and I know the Senate will just be getting into the budget. This is a Tuesday, and I don't know if there's a specific time. I don't know about the LBA staff when you're available.

MR. SHEA: We have somebody available whenever you say.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay.

SEN. WATTERS: Senate Energy meets 9 to 11.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: On that date.

SEN. WATTERS: At every Tuesday. I assume, you know, crossover will be over with. We'd work on House bills, I would assume.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I'm open to another date. Yes, go ahead, Representative Walz.

REP. WALZ: The House Finance unofficially is going to have that week off and a few of us are going to try and travel. The budget crossover is the 11th and the Chairman promised the following week there'd be nothing scheduled if Members want to take off. So that whole week is just off.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Well, I don't know. I'm trying to get something, a consensus. I suppose we could try the next week, the week of the 22nd. And if we have to come in on Monday

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or Friday, but I know some of us, you know. So, yes, go ahead, please, Senator D'Allesandro.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Chairman, wouldn't Monday be a better time? Finance meets on Tuesday, also. So Monday is usually a slow day.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: You talking about Senate Finance.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Yes, yes.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: As I said, unless there's any objection we could try for a Monday. I don't know, Monday the 15th or Monday the 20 -- okay, Monday the 22nd. How would that be?

REP. WALZ: I have commitments from noon on that day. If we can go like ten in the morning, that's fine.

REP. DANIELSON: We usually meet in the morning.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. 10, 11, we usually meet.

SEN. WATTERS: If you're going to do your oversight at 10, this could be 11.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: We haven't organized yet because, unfortunately, we didn't have a quorum. Monday, April 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Is that all right? We'll try. If there's, you know, we'll set a tentative date for the next meeting of Monday, April 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. That way we'll give the agencies time when we're meeting next so for regular meeting, unless we have an emergency. And when we -- we -- Long Range is organized, hopefully we can meet. I don't know, before or after. I just -- I'm not sure.

So we'll set that as a tentative date for our next meeting. Again Monday, April 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. Hopefully, it will be downstairs in Room 201. If not, we'll probably meet some other room like here or over in the State House. Okay.

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SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: I think he had a question.

MICHAEL EDGAR, State Representative, Rockingham County, District #21: I'm sorry.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Representative Edgar, please.

REP. EDGAR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you want to keep things somewhat consistent, do you want to schedule this one for 11 with the possibility of having the other Committee meet at 10?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Is there any objection meeting 11:00 a.m.?

REP. DANIELSON: No, a good suggestion.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. And maybe trying to get Long Range to meet earlier. There's no guarantees. I think that's good. So we'll amend it to maybe 11:00 a.m.

REP. WALZ: Will it be done by noon?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Normally, from Capital Budget we don't take more than an hour. I mean, sometimes Long Range takes longer. But I -- even Long Range usually is done within an hour. That's Representative Graham, I think, can back me up. So, I mean, in Capital Budget usually is even shorter. Because sometimes in Long Range we get -- and that's the other Committee we get the detailed stuff. But usually Capital Budget, from my experience, and as I said, usually an hour. No more than an hour. So just for your information.

REP. WALZ: Sorry. You understand I have to be out here a little before. It's just Downtown here I have to be at noon, but I have to be there.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: You mean talking about that noon?

REP. WALZ: On that noon. Just on that one day.

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I would say we would be done by noontime. You know, from my experience. There's no guarantees but I would -- unless there's a lot of items or questions, but I would say, and I would make every effort, you know, to make sure that we're done by noontime.

REP. WALZ: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: I can't make any guarantees, but that's the best I can do. Okay. So is everybody -- okay. Is there any other -- unless there's any other business, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

REP. DANIELSON: The only question I have, Chairman, just before I took over this job I just want to make sure you have the votes for Chairman and --

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yeah, it's myself as Chairman, Senator D'Allesandro as Vice-Chairman.

REP. DANIELSON: You know who voted?

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Those of us who are present and, of course, some of us --

REP. DANIELSON: I think Senator D'Allesandro nominated you as I believe --

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Yes.

REP. Walz: Well, I nominated John. Senator D'Allesandro seconded.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Okay. Yeah, if necessary we can work with the -- our wonderful note taker. A lot easier for both this Committee and Long Range.

REP. DANIELSON: Okay.

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CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Is there anything else? Any other questions or comments? I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

** SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: So move.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Motion by Senator D'Allesandro. I have a second?

SEN. WATTERS: Second.

CHAIRMAN CLOUTIER: Second by Senator Watters. All those in favor adjourning, signify by saying aye? All those opposed say nay? The ayes have it. The meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.)

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