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The West Virginia Legislative Select Committee on Infrastructure met each month during the 2012-2013 interim period beginning in May 2012 and ending in February 2013 to discuss and study topics relating to issues facing public infrastructure and transportation. The topics assigned to the committee by the Joint Committee on Government and Finance were as follows:

1. **HCR 134** - Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the implementation of a standardized highway signage program to direct visitors to unique, tourist-oriented businesses in rural and other areas in West Virginia;
2. **HCR 123** - Requesting a study on the benefits and costs of requiring municipal governing bodies and the West Virginia Commissioner of Highways to implement a complete streets policy;
3. Alternative sources of funding for the West Virginia Turnpike and related issues;
4. Current and potential new sources of funding for highway and transportation construction;
5. Information regarding the REAL ID Act of 2005; and
6. Deployment and improvement of broadband services throughout the state.

At its meetings, the committee received testimony from the following individuals:

**May**

**Joseph Miller, Commissioner, West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles**

**Mark Holmes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles**

Commissioner Miller and Mr. Holmes appeared before the committee to present information regarding consolidation of state government services and enforcement of laws pertaining to the motor carrier industry (One

Stop Shop) and provided an update on various information technology programs and initiatives in the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**Mr. Marvin Murphy, Engineer, West Virginia Division of Highways**

Mr. Murphy appeared before the committee on several occasions to present information on various topics, including: Governor's Executive Order on naming protocols for bridge and highway naming, orphan and rural road maintenance, and updates on various Division of Highway programs.

**June**

**Mr. Bill Austin, AICP, Executive Director of the Greater Morgantown Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Mr. Austin appeared before the committee to present information regarding Complete Streets initiative around the greater Morgantown area.

**Mr. Donald Spencer, Former City Councilor and Deputy Mayor, City of Morgantown**

Mr. Spencer appeared before the committee to discuss the impact of the Morgantown Complete Streets initiative and its effect on the community experience.

**July**

**Mr. Greg Barr, Executive Director, West Virginia Parkways and Economic Development Authority**

Director Barr appeared before the committee to present the background of funding and maintenance of the West Virginia Turnpike.

**Mr. Mark Meachum, Executive Director, The Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce**

Director Meachum appeared before the committee to discuss the economic impact of the West Virginia Turnpike funding (tolls) and operation upon the Bluefield area and southern West Virginia business community.

**Delegate Marty Gearheart, 24<sup>th</sup> Delegate District**

Delegate Gearheart appeared before the committee to make a presentation on funding (tolls) and operation of the West Virginia Turnpike and the impact on the 24<sup>th</sup> Delegate District.

**August**

**Mr. Steve Dale, Deputy Commissioner, West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles**

Deputy Commissioner Dale appeared before the committee to present information regarding the REAL ID Act and other issues within the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**Ms. Christy Morris, Deputy Secretary, West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Homeland Security**

Deputy Secretary Morris appeared before the committee to discuss the impact of the REAL ID Act on the security

of the State of West Virginia.

## **September**

**Mr. Jason Donahue, The Morgantown Tax Increment Financing Project**  
**Ms. Carrie Cecil, Associate Attorney, Spilman, Thomas, and Battle.**

Mr. Donahue and Ms. Cecil appeared before the committee to discuss the issue of Tax Increment Financing and its funding of infrastructure projects in Morgantown.

## **October**

**Ms. Angela Vance, Associate State Director, AARP**

Ms. Vance appeared before the committee to express the AARP's beliefs on the impact various transportation related issues on the state's senior population.

**Ms. Gaylene Miller, Director, AARP West Virginia**  
**Ms. Coralette Hannon, Senior Legislative Representative, AARP State Advocacy & Strategy Integration Group**  
**Dr. Christiann Abildso, Ph.D.**

Ms. Miller, Ms. Hannon, and Dr. Abildso appeared before the committee jointly to present information regarding the Complete Streets Initiative's impact on the states elderly and senior population.

## **November**

**Mr. Steve Foster, Robert C. Byrd Corridor H Highway Authority**  
**Mr. Walter Thomas Luchsinger, US-Panama Business Council**  
**Mr. Greg Edwards, Virginia Port Authority**

Mr. Foster, Mr. Luchsinger, and Mr. Edwards appeared before the committee jointly to discuss the Panama Canal's impact on the economic development of West Virginia via the Corridor H Highway.

## **December**

**Mr. James York, Executive Director, West Virginia Public Port Authority**

Mr. York appeared before the committee to present information regarding the Heartland Intermodal Gateway.

**Mr. Mark Holmes, West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles**

Mr. Holmes spoke to the committee regarding the Division of Motor Vehicles' study and findings on the motor carrier industry One Stop Shop proposals.

## **January**

**Ms. Cindy Butler, Executive Director, West Virginia State Rail Authority**

Ms. Butler appeared before the committee to present information to the committee regarding the history of and projects within the West Virginia State Rail Authority.

The committee took action on and recommended the introduction of the following legislation to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance:

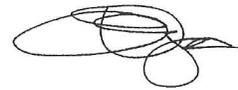
**HB/SB \*\*\*\*** - Relating to non-resident Class D license exemption. This bill provides an exemption from the requirement for a Class D drivers license for certain nonresident drivers; and

**HB/SB \*\*\*\*** - Creating the Complete Streets Act. This bill creates the Complete Streets Act which, among other things, requires the Division of Highways to analyze or create a safe, comprehensive, integrated, and connected network to accommodate all users in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context in new highway construction.

Respectfully submitted,



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