



**FINAL REPORT OF
THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE
TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE**
January 12, 2015

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The West Virginia Legislative Select Committee on Infrastructure met each month during the 2014-2015 interim period beginning in May 2014 and ending in January 2015 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 126** - Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to authorize a study on the approaches the state may take to prepare a master plan for providing broadband service in underserved and unserved areas of the state;
2. **HCR 68** - Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to undertake a study of the development of a high speed commuter rail system in West Virginia;
3. **SCR 62** - Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance study naming transportation structures by resolution;
4. **SCR 63** - Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance study discounts and credits to motor vehicle fuel suppliers;
5. **SCR 75** - Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance study county participation in transportation infrastructure construction;
6. **SCR 76** - Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance study special class of taxicabs; and
7. **SCR 77** - Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance study land uses within airport runway protection zones.

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

Secretary Paul Mattox, West Virginia Department of Transportation

Secretary Mattox appeared before the committee to give an overview of the state of the Department of Transportation and its respective divisions.

Mr. John McBrayer, Deputy Director, West Virginia Division of Highways

Deputy Director McBrayer appeared before the committee to present information regarding cost saving measures and strategies for the Division of Highways.

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

Commissioner Dale appeared before the committee and presented information regarding self-driving cars and associated technologies.

Mrs. Brenda Nott, resident

Mrs. Nott presented information to the committee regarding her daughter's untimely death in a vehicular accident.

Mr. Glen Kelly, Deputy City Manager, City of Morgantown

Mr. Kelly appeared before the committee regarding the runway protection zones of the Morgantown Municipal Airport in Morgantown West Virginia.

Mr. Matt Di Guilian, Federal Aviation Administration

Mr. Guilian presented information to the committee regarding the Federal Aviation Administration's rules and regulations on runway protection zones.

Mr. Rick Rock, Director, North Central Regional Airport

Mr. Rock lead the committee on a tour of the North Central Regional Airport in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Mr. Mark Morton, Counsel, West Virginia Tax Division

Mr. Morton appeared before the committee to present information regarding fuel discounts and credits to motor vehicle fuel suppliers.

Ms. Jan Vineyard, West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association

Ms. Vineyard presented to the committee on how fuel discounts and credits affect the WV OMEGA and the trucking industry.

Mr. Dan Kimble, President, Morgantown Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Jason Donahue, Broker, FEOH Realty

Mr. Brian Helmick, Attorney, Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC

Mr. Eldon Callen, Commissioner, Monongalia County Commission

All four speakers appeared jointly before the committee to discuss Morgantown, West Virginia infrastructure needs and how counties may participate in new highway construction. Mr. Helmick also appeared separately to discuss

proposed legislation concerning county participation in infrastructure construction.

Judge Dan O'Hanlan, West Virginia Broadband Development Council
Mr. Michael Hahn, State Geologist
Mr. Tony Simental, West Virginia Office of Geographic Information Systems

All three gentleman presented information jointly to the committee on broadband development and deployment in rural areas of the state.

Dr. Andrew Nichols, Rahall Transportation Institute at Marshall University
Dr. Christopher Ryan, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

Dr. Nichols presented information regarding his report on deer and vehicle collisions and commissioned by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, State Farm Insurance Company and other organizations. Dr. Ryan appeared before the committee to answer questions related to deer and other wild life and its impact on motorists.

Mr. Jason Webb

Mr. Webb appeared before the committee to present information regarding specialized taxi services and the issues involved.

Recommendations

Your Select Committee on Infrastructure recommends that the Legislature continue to monitor these study topics throughout the 2015 Regular Session, and consider any introduced legislation addressing the issues discussed during these Interims.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Beach", written in a cursive style.

Senator Robert Beach