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# The Rail Report

NCDOT Rail Division



December 2013



The William and Ida Friday Center, Chapel Hill

The NCDOT Rail Planning Forum was attended by 175 transportation professionals, state, city and county MPOs and planners and major corporations and companies such as Duke Energy, NS, CSXT, NCR, Potash Corp, Longistics and NC Farm Bureau. Senators Harrington and Rabon, Representatives Torbett and Shepard and BOT Member Cheryl McQueary were also in attendance.

Rail Division Director Paul Worley opened the Forum by setting the context for the day's sessions. CSXT Manager of Industrial Development, Jim Van Derzee, presented Freight Railroads 101 followed by a panel discussion on freight industry issues. Panelists were Jim Van Derzee, Marc Hoecker of Norfolk Southern, Carol Hollowell of the Railway Association of NC and Paul Worley. Amtrak Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Drew Galloway, presented Passenger and Commuter Railroads 101 followed by a panel discussion on the challenges, successes and future of passenger rail service locally and nationally. Panelists were Drew Galloway, Marc Hoecker, John Muth of Charlotte Area Transit System, Patrick McDonough of Triangle Transit and Paul Worley.



Freight Panel: Jim Van Derzee, Carol Hollowell, Marc Hoecker, Paul Worley

## Rail Planning Forum Round Table Discussion



Dr. Patricia Mitchell, Assistant Secretary for Commerce, Steve Troxler, NC Agriculture Commissioner, Tony Almeida, Governor's Senior Economic Advisor joined Secretary of Transportation Tony Tata for a Round Table Discussion of rail's role and current and future impacts on North Carolina's economy.

## Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Two concurrent afternoon sessions introduced the Comprehensive State Rail Plan process and Strategic Transportation Investments, the new state funding formula for NCDOT's Capital Expenditures.



NCDOT Rail Project Development Engineer Ryan White introduces the planning themes that will be included in the State Rail Plan that is now underway.

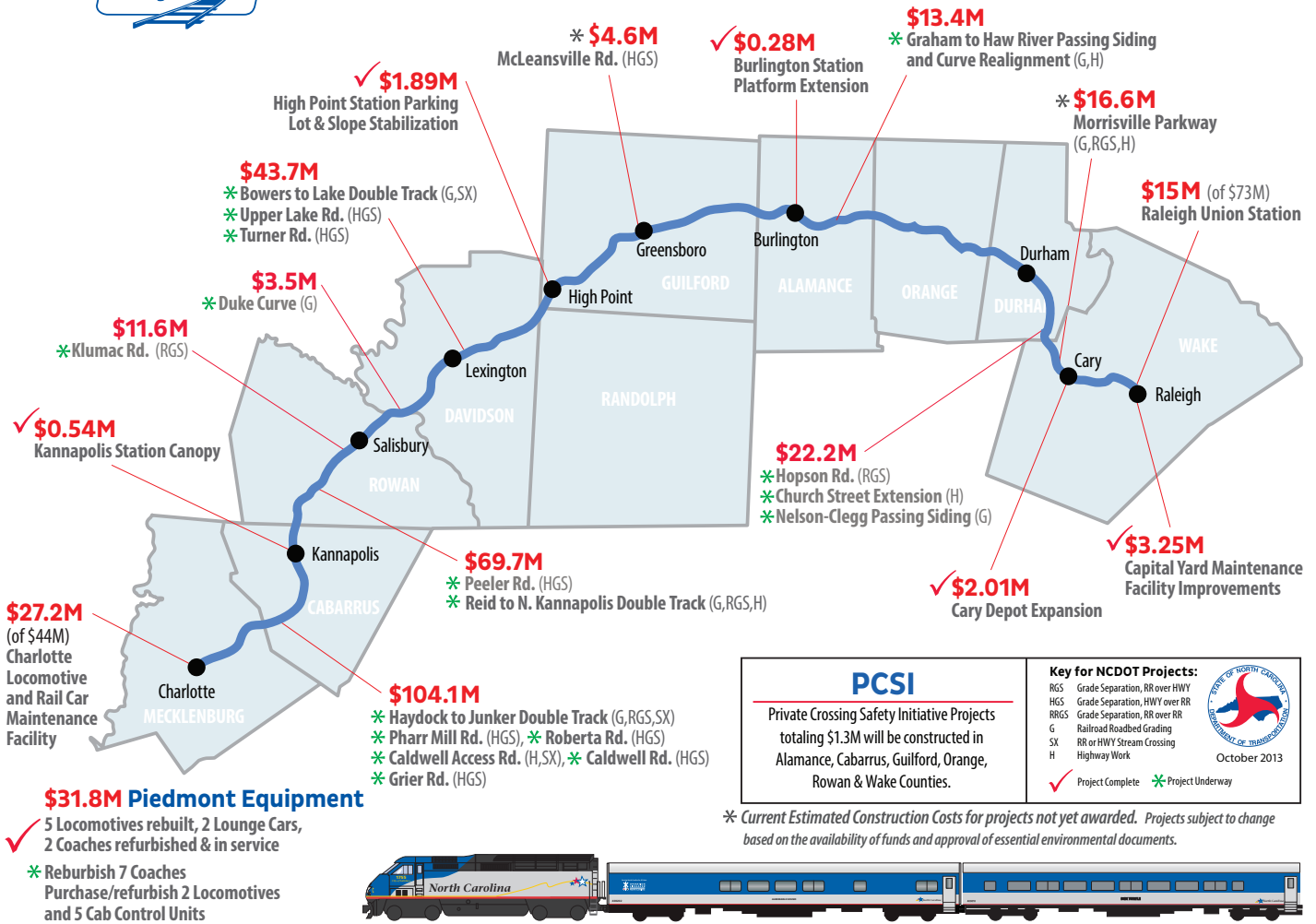


NCDOT Rail Freight Coordinator, Jon Dees, explains STI Rail Project Eligibility.

For information about the Comprehensive State Rail Plan or Rail Project submission to STI, please contact the Rail Division Planning Branch staff at 919-707-4700



# Current Status of PIP Projects



## ARRA Funds Spent to Date (effective 10/31/2013)

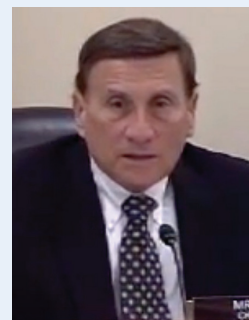
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PD&A	\$ 28,520,599.78
Equipment Procurement & Rebuild	\$ 21,499,840.65
Stations & Facilities	\$ 10,110,213.57
Track & Structures	\$ 34,160,872.30
CRISP	\$ 1,882,14.42
<b>Program Totals</b>	<b>\$ 96,173,700.72</b> <i>of \$546,500,000 awarded FRA Grant Funds</i>

**PIP Projects Update:** Construction has begun on the Haydock to Junker Double Track Project, which was awarded in July. Morrisville Parkway Grade Separation Project letting is delayed until December 17.

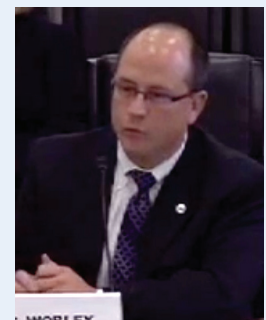
## Paul Worley testifies before the Oversight and Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on Government Operations

The hearing was held on Nov. 14 to examine Amtrak's food and beverage service. Paul Worley was invited to testify on food and beverage modifications on the Piedmont trains that resulted in the service operating with a profit rather than a loss.

**To view the testimony, visit <http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/reviewing-alternatives-amtraks-annual-losses-food-beverage-service/>.**



Congressman John Mica



Rail Divison Director, Paul Worley