

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON

Transportation

DATE: March 13, 2018

Chairman Hernandez called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. Representatives Hernandez, Yaroch, Victory, Canfield, VanSingle, Cochran, and Peterson were present.

Representative Victory moved to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2018 meeting. The motion was adopted by voice vote without objection.

The subcommittee heard testimony from Phil Browne, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Office of Governmental Affairs, and Mike Trout, Director of the MDOT Office of Aeronautics, on the status of the request for proposals to operate and maintain the MDOT-owned airfleet and the potential sale of the one of the two King Air airplanes. MDOT representatives indicated that anticipated being able to sell the plane by the end of the current fiscal year.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Wayne Sieloff, CEO of the Lansing Capitol Regional International Airport, representing the Michigan Association of Airport Executives. A copy of Mr. Sieloff's presentation is included in the official subcommittee minutes maintained by the House Fiscal Agency.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Jon Cool, Michigan Railroad Association, and John Rickoff, President of Lake State Railway, on the railroad business in Michigan and state programs related to rail freight business. A copy of Mr. Rickoff's presentation is included in the official subcommittee minutes maintained by the House Fiscal Agency.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Ray Lang, Director of Government Affairs for the States, Amtrak, on rail passenger service in Michigan.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Representative Darrin Camilleri on rail grade crossing issues at several communities in his district – intersections blocked by trains frequently and/or for long periods of time. Representative Camilleri requested funding to help advance specific grade separation projects.

In addition to in-person testimony, subcommittee members received copies of emailed correspondence, dated 3/11/2018, from Mr. Louis Vallance, Cheboygan, Michigan, regarding Amtrak funding. A copy of Mr. Vallance's correspondence is included in the official House Fiscal Agency committee minutes.

Chair Hernandez adjourned the subcommittee, without objection, the time being 1:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by William E. Hamilton, House Fiscal Agency
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