

CAROLINAS ASSOCIATION FOR PASSENGER TRAINS, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting
HAMLET NC, 9/20/24
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Tom Darling
Jim Frierson
Ed Locklin
Ralph Messera
David Robinson
Martin Wheeler
Don Yehle
Janet Robertson (ZOOM)
Channing Jones (ZOOM)

1. Welcome (Martin)

Martin welcomed those present and remarked how fortunate we are to be able to meet in the historic Hamlet Depot

2. Charlotte-Wilmington (Martin)

- **Should CAPT push potential Corridor ID grant proposals?**
- **Potential sponsors of a grant request if not DOT?**
- **Could a segment of the corridor be a potential Charlotte-Monroe commuter line?**

Martin led a brief discussion on the subject topics but cautioned that NCDOT is only inclined to re-submit the Corridor ID applications that were not funded in December 2023. NCDOT's opinion is that the Charlotte-to-Wilmington corridor is too busy (CSX freight) to be considered.

3. Secretary's Report (Robinson)

Robinson presented the Minutes for the Spartanburg board meeting which are contained in the appendix to this document as item 1.

4. Treasurer's Report (Messera)

Messera presented the latest financial report which is contained in the appendix to this document as Item 2.

4a. Possible dues changes (Martin, et al.)

Robinson distributed a proposal developed by him for dues for 2025 which gives incentives to persons in various groups who could become members for the first time. This is shown as Item 3 in the appendix to this document. In summary, \$15 was proposed to be added to the Individual, Individual Senior memberships, from \$25 and \$15 respectively. It

also added several categories to the list of dues-paying members: Corporate for Profit, Corporate Non-Profit, NC Train Hosts, Rail Passenger Association members, NCPTA and TASC (public transportation association) members, NCSITE and SCSITE (transportation engineering association) members, and Amtrak employees. It also added several honorary (or affiliate) memberships to organizations in the to states in the hope that some staff or members would be interested enough to join as dues-paying members.

The board felt that this was too complicated even though the potential additional revenue was estimated to be \$3,000. As a result, the board just wanted a proposal that shows a modest increase to the existing membership categories, which should be brought to the November board meeting.

5. Membership Drive for 2025 (Martin, Robinson, Frierson)

Robinson distributed maps showing the current distribution of members by state and county (see Item 4 in the appendix to this document.) At that time, NC had 56 members, of which about 2/3rds resided in counties with Amtrak stations (meaning that there are some stations without members. SC had 12 members, with 7 out of 11 stations not being “covered” by a member.

He stated that this situation must be corrected – no Amtrak station should not have a CAPT member residing in the same county. Thus, the first goal of a membership drive should be focused on this situation. A second goal is to get the name of CAPT out to as many potential members as possible either through direct solicitation, or by inviting planning and operating agencies to become Affiliate Members (no dues, but exchange of newsletters.)

Robinson said he would present a membership drive proposal to the November board meeting.

6. CAPT website - Developments on updating site (Robinson)

Robinson related the activity to date in the redesign of the website. Despite the quick responses for logos and draft website format, he reported he had no confidence in the current Wonder Design project manager since he was indirectly responsible for CAPT not being able to secure the URL www.allaboardcarolinas.org. Instead, Robinson has secured the URL allaboardcarolinas.net which should be suitable.

A replacement project manager is being appointed and the redesign of the website should proceed as anticipated. It is hoped that the new design can be revealed at the November board meeting.

7. CAPT rebranding -name change for association (Martin)

Martin reported that re-branding CAPT as All Aboard Carolinas is designed to be the “doing business as (DBA)” for CAPT since CAPT is a valuable nonprofit organization for federal tax purposes.

8. CAPT newsletter update - ways to expand distribution, more pictures and articles submitted? (Martin, Yehle)

All members are encouraged to submit pictures and articles to the editor Don Yehle; it's better to have more copy and pictures than not enough.

9. Creating/expanding CAPT Liaison Efforts - between local transportation entities (bus, light rail, commuter rail) and Amtrak/NCDOT for future expansion of rail service in the Carolinas (Robinson)

This is related to the details of the proposed membership drive for 2025. The more contact we have with like-minded organizations, the more CAPT will be paid attention to when commenting on passenger train service proposals and creating initiatives.

10. Creation of a public speaking group and power point presentation? (Martin, Robinson, Frierson)

While this is desirable, we need to increase the geographical spread of members, and complete the rebranding and website updates before focusing on this.

11. Charlotte Red Line commuter rail developments; Associated sales tax request to NC General Assembly; Creation of Regional Transit Authority (Martin)

Martin discussed recent developments on all these items.

12. Western NC Rail Committee Update; Economic Impact Study for corridor (Martin)

Martin has been more closely following and being involved in the committee and will continue to stay involved.

13. Western and Eastern NC Rail Advocacy Developments (Martin)

The western developments were covered in agenda item 12. More local involvement meetings are being proposed by the Eastern Carolina Rail organization.

14. FRA Corridor ID grants for NC; Assignment of Board members to monitor specific routes (Martin)

The following member assignments were made:

CORRIDOR	CAPT MEMBER	CONSULTING FIRM
RGH-WMN:	Tommy Thomas	Stantec (Raleigh)
WNS-RGH:	David Robinson	AECOM (Raleigh)
CLT-Kings Mountain:	Ralph Messera	Moffatt & Nichol (Raleigh)
RGH-FAY:	Don Stewart	Jacobs (Raleigh)
CLT-WAS:	David Robinson	Mott McDonald (Raleigh)
CLT-ATL:	Martin Wheeler	WSP USA (Charlotte)
Asheville-SAL:	Martin Wheeler	Pinecone Transportation (Fuquay-Varina)

Consulting firms have been assigned to these studies, but no work has been reported yet, and NCDOT has requested that CAPT should not make contact with those firms outside of the study work tasks.

Janet Robertson of Lumber River Council of Governments and Channing Jones of Robeson County Economic Development (who were present via Zoom) made a strong case for

an additional corridor to be applied for, i.e. between Charlotte and Wilmington.) David Robinson agreed to meet with Don Stewart to discuss the idea and make further contacts with Janet.

15. South Carolina Rail News and Developments (Frierson, Martin)

- **Status of South Carolina Rail Plan.**
- **Assembly Street grade separation project in Columbia.**
- **Status of legislation in South Carolina to study use of freeway right of way for rail passenger operations.**

Martin and Frierson reported on their most recent knowledge of subjects in this agenda item and plan to jointly make contact and visit local people involved. No board action needed.

16. South Carolina Goals for CAPT (Martin, Frierson)

- **Development of dedicated rail division, preservation of rail corridors**
- **Economic Impact Studies for potential rail lines**
- **New Amtrak station for Columbia-Union Station?**

Martin and Frierson reported on their most recent knowledge of subjects in this agenda item. No board action needed.

17. Charlotte Area Transit System Update (Martin)

Martin reported on his most recent knowledge of the subject of this agenda item. No board action needed.

18. Carolinas Rail News and Developments (Board members and guests)

Martin invited those present to add anything else that had not been covered.

19. Amtrak update (Martin)

Martin noted that Amtrak will be starting a new temporary route combining the Silver Star (91/92) from Miami to Washington DC, and the Capitol Limited (29/30) from Washington DC to Chicago into the Florida (41/40) between Miami and Chicago. The Carolinas will see service northbound on Day 2 of the train's three-day span

20. Planning for future meetings in 2025 & 2026 (Martin, Robinson, Frierson)

Martin suggested we think about future locations, and also consider days of the week other than Saturdays since that would make it easier for agency and organization staff to be included in the meetings and if requested make presentations. The next board meeting will be on November 21, 2024 (a Thursday) in Charlotte

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

APPENDIX TO HAMLET MINUTES

HAMLET ITEM 1 - MINUTES

CAPT Board Meeting, July 20, 2024, Spartanburg, SC

1. Welcome

President Wheeler welcomed those present, who were:

Bob Bischoff
John Bochman
Tom Darling
Jim Frierson
Charles Hiatt
Ed Locklin
Ralph Messera
David Robinson
Philip Sophocleous (Duke student, lives in Columbia, SC)
Martin Wheeler
Don Yehle

2. South Carolina Rail News and Developments

The following was discussed for information purposes with no action needed:

Status of South Carolina Rail Plan; Assembly Street grade separation project in Columbia; Status of legislation in South Carolina to study use of freeway right of way for rail passenger operations.

3. South Carolina Goals for CAPT

The following was discussed for information purposes with no action needed:

Development of dedicated rail division, preservation of rail corridors; Economic Impact Studies for potential rail lines; New Amtrak station for Columbia Union Station?

4. Secretary's Report

Minutes of Selma NC meeting held May 18, 2024, were read by Acting Secretary Robinson, and approved. They are attached as APPENDIX A.

5. Treasurer's Report

Messera presented the Treasurer's Report which is APPENDIX B

6. Update on Piedmont on time performance since institution of the skip-stop schedules on some trains last Summer.

Robinson presented his analysis of Piedmont 71's on time arrival performance, comparing full 12 months prior to the 7/10/23 timetable change (which controversially eliminated stops in Burlington, High Point, and Salisbury on both 71 from RGH to CLT and 76 from CLT to RGH), with the full 12 months after the change. The full article (to which NCDOT took exception) was printed in the July issue of FROM THE CAB (https://captrail.org/Newsletter_Jul_2024.pdf)

7. CAPT website: updating and modernizing

A presentation was made by Robinson of Tom Darling's and my findings on identifying a website design firm that can do the necessary work at a cost that is affordable to CAPT. The presentation is shown in APPENDIX C. The board voted to allow Robinson to tell the design firm, WonderDesign, to send a contract to Wheeler for his signature. Total cost included a new logo design = \$899.00.

8. CAPT Rebranding: Name Change for Association

As part of the previous discussion the name "All Aboard Carolinas" was proposed (as a "doing business as" name, not as a change from CAPT which is registered as a non-profit organization.)

9. CAPT newsletter update

Ways to expand distribution, more pictures and articles need to be submitted to the editor; all these were discussed, but no action needed.

10. Creating/expanding CAPT liaison efforts

Especially between local transportation entities (bus, light rail, commuter rail) and Amtrak/NCDOT for future expansion of rail service in the Carolinas. Discussed and recognized as an important issue, but no action was taken.

11. Creation of a public speaking group and power point presentation.

This was discussed and Robinson said he would create a map showing the geographical distribution of current members by county in the two states.

12. Western NC Rail Committee Update

Martin described recent contacts he has had with the committee (and members), as well as future events. No action needed to be taken.

13. Economic Impact Study for corridor

The seven Corridor ID studies being administered by NCDOT are currently the only studies of this type and are discussed in Agenda Item 15.

14. Western and Eastern NC Rail Advocacy Developments

Martin covered this topic in Agenda Item 12.

15. FRA Corridor ID grants for NC

As of the date of the board meeting, no further information was available on which consulting firms are being assigned to each of the studies. CAPT needs to assign Board members to monitor specific studies.

16. Charlotte Area Transit System and Regional Rail Update.

Martin gave a report for information purposes only. There will be more presented at the next meeting.

17. Update on NC DOT Rail Maintenance Facility

Martin gave a report for information purposes only. There will be more presented at the next meeting.

18. Charlotte Gateway Station Update

Martin gave a report for information purposes only. There will be more presented at the next meeting.

19. Carolinas Rail News and Developments

This was a chance for board members to bring up any topics that had been left out. Only a few items of information related to already-discussed agenda items were brought to the table.

20. Amtrak Update

A discussion of the rumored combination of the Silver Star and Capitol Limited was held

21. Planning for future meetings

The next meeting (September) will be in Hamlet, NC, and is to be held on Friday 20 as opposed to Saturday 21, because a potential meeting room in the Historic Hamlet Depot is only available on weekdays.

22. Adjournment

APPENDIX A

CAPT Board Meeting

May 18, 2024

Selma, N.C.

MINUTES

1. Welcome

President Wheeler welcomed those present, who were:

Martin Wheeler
David Robinson
Ed Locklin
Charles Gossett
Tom Darling
Ralph Messera
Don Stewart
Byron Woodson

2. Secretary's Report

Minutes of Greensboro meeting held March 16, 2024 were read by Acting Secretary Robinson, and approved

Status of search for new CAPT Secretary: No efforts have been launched since the last meeting, so David Robinson has agreed to be interim secretary through November 2024.

3. Treasurer's Report

Messera presented the Treasurer's Report which is Attachment A at the end of this document.

4. Update on Piedmont on time performance since institution of the skip-stop schedules on some trains last Summer

5. Fostering student activism for Rail Passenger Service.

Robinson expressed concern over the word "activism", preferring "involvement." No action was taken, but it was considered the wrong time of the year (graduation) to be active with this initiative. CAPT hope to resurrect an effort in late Summer in preparation for return to school in the Fall.

6. CAPT website

Discussion on updating site, and firm/individual to do work. Martin asked Darling and Robinson to prepare a discussion item for the July board meeting in Spartanburg, SC.

7. South Carolina Goals for CAPT

There was some discussion on what it would take to have a dedicated rail division created within SCDOT, the interest in preserving rail corridors, and conducting Economic Impact Studies for potential rail lines in South Carolina. concrete suggestions were forthcoming since interest needs to come from officials in the state whom CAPT has not identified or approached yet. No elected

8. Western NC Rail Committee Update

A resolution supporting Salisbury- Asheville service has yet to be acted upon by the CAPT board. It is hoped that a resolution can be drafted for review at July 2024 board meeting. the

9. Western and Eastern NC Rail Advocacy Developments

Legislation has been introduced in the NC General Assembly to provide an additional one million dollars to all USDOT-FRA-approved Corridor ID studies in NC. No action is expected in the current legislative session.

10. Release of Southeastern Rail Feasibility Draft Report

Martin commented on this but had no action to recommend to the board.

11. FRA Corridor ID grants for NC

Assignment of Board members to monitor specific routes. Since none of the studies funded by the grants have been started yet, the board felt it was too premature to assign CAPT members as monitors. However, whether or not studies have begun by the July board meeting, it is recommended that a list of CAPT monitors be developed, approved by the board, and transmitted to the NCDOT Rail Division for inclusion in

12. Long Distance Amtrak Study

There is interest in contacting Congressional delegations in both NC and SC to express disappointment of the non-inclusion of a Carolinas long distance route in FRA's Long Distance Amtrak Study. No action was taken.

13. Charlotte Area Transit System and Regional Rail Update

Martin gave an update on the status of the NCDOT Rail Maintenance Facility, and the Charlotte Gateway Station. This was an information item only since CAPT is not involved.

14. CAPT "FROM THE CAB" Newsletter update

Martin expressed interest in ways to expand its distribution and solicited more pictures and articles from CAPT members.

15. Carolinas Rail News and Developments

There has been introduced legislation in South Carolina to study use of freeway right of way for rail passenger operations, but it appears to be going nowhere since the introducers are not committee chairs.

16. Amtrak update

Martin explained a few operating, station and equipment initiatives being initiated by Amtrak, but none of them affected either North Carolina or South Carolina.

17. Planning for future meetings

Upcoming board meetings are scheduled for July 20 in Spartanburg SC, September 21 in Hamlet NC, and November 16 in Charlotte. Robinson expressed concern of choosing a meeting location where no member is available to make local arrangements. To facilitate the Selma meeting, Robinson had to drive (quite willingly) from Raleigh to scout out a suitable meeting place, and lunch venue. The same problem might occur in Hamlet. In the future, CAPT should only hold meetings in towns or cities where there is a known venue available, or a CAPT member is willing to make local arrangements.

18. Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned in time for three attendees (Martin, Locklin, and Gossett) to board the Raleigh and Charlotte-bound Carolinian 79 to return home.

Attachment A
Carolina Association for Passenger Trains
Finance Report for May 18, 2024
Ralph Messera, Treasurer

Cash Balance	2/29/24	\$2,502.87
Revenues	Dues and Donations by Check/Cash	280.00
	Dues and Donations by Cheddar-up	65.00
	Revenues	345.00
Expenses		
	David Robinson- SC Media Directory	40.00
	Expenses	40.00
Cash Balance	4/30/24	\$2807.87
Truist Bank	\$2,602.87	
Cheddar Acct.	65.00	
Checks to Deposit	140.00	
Total	\$2,807.87	

2024 Paid membership as of April 30, 2024 is 63.
Donations received this year so far: \$705
Prepared May 7, 2024

APPENDIX B
Carolina Association for Passenger Trains
Finance Report for July 15, 2023

Cash Balance 4/30/23	\$2,665.76
Revenues Dues and Donations by Check	\$105.00
Dues and Donations by Cheddar-up	\$205.00
Revenues	\$310.00
Expenses	
Attorney for 501c3 update	\$1,250.00
US Post Office (2 rolls)	
\$126.00	
Expenses	\$1,376.00
Cash Balance 6/30/23	
\$1,599.76	
Truist Bank	
\$1,329.76	
Cheddar Acct.	\$270.00

Paid membership as of April 30, 2023, is 81.

APPENDIX C

CAPT WEBSITE REDESIGN PROPOSAL

Submitted by Tom Darling and David Robinson
to the CAPT Board of Directors,
July 20, 2024

PROGRESS: After a comprehensive web search and a conversation with one of the company representatives, we have focused our attention on Wonder Design, Inc., www.wonderdesigninc.com. The following is pulled from their website:

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Customized website that Increases your online presence! Great customer experience is what client's wants the most and which is the especial ingredient of all successful brands that is why we forge a design that provides great customer experience to set your business up for achieving success. Customer satisfaction guaranteed.

Maximize Success. We understand that a website is global platform of any business where consumers from around the globe interact with the business that is why it is important that the design of your website should be built from high standard web design and development agency to calibrate a web design that appeals to all consumers and pass all standards. We create a custom & interactive web design that fits all industry standards and goes over and beyond consumer expectations.

What Can You Expect from Our Website Design Services?

- 1. Website Strategy.** Fresh and unique, our custom website design solutions are user-friendly and captivating according to your business needs.
- 2. Custom Development.** With Wonder Design Inc, you can get your custom designed website that is tailored to your requirements and standards.

3. **SEO Friendly.** We add SEO friendly elements into your website overall design to make it super SEO friendly. Boost your website in search engines!
4. **Mobile Friendly.** Reach your maximum customers through a responsive website that can fit into any size of screen consumer use.
5. **CMS Integration.** We integrate marketing automation tools and CMS into your website to make it ready to use for different business purposes.
6. **System Integration.** The websites we design are consistent with all major browsers such Google Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera, etc.

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They offer several web design packages at different prices; the image below shows the ones that we reviewed.

WONDER DESIGN, INC.	
<p>BUSINESS - \$500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Pages Custom WordPress Website • 1 Design Concept • 7 Stock Images • Mobile Responsive Website • Content Integration • Cross Browser Compatible • Secure admin tools for easy updates • Website optimization package for increased speed • Contact Form Integration • Dedicated Account Manager • 24/7 Chat Support • Turn Around 5 Business Days <p>DELUXE - \$650</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Pages Custom WordPress Website • 1 Design Concept • 5 Stock Images • WordPress CMS Backend • Mobile Responsive Website • Content Integration • Cross Browser Compatible • Secure admin tools for easy updates • Website optimization package for increased speed • Contact Form Integration • Dedicated Account Manager • 24/7 Chat Support • Turn Around 5 Business Days 	<p>ENTERPRISE - \$799</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Pages Custom WordPress Website • 1 Design Concept • 8 Stock Images • WordPress CMS Backend • SEO Friendly Website • Content Integration • Mobile Responsive Website • Cross Browser Compatible • Secure admin tools for easy updates • Website optimization package for increased speed • Contact Form Integration • Dedicated Account Manager • 24/7 Chat Support • Turn Around 7 Business Days <p>ELITE - \$899</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Pages Custom WordPress Website • 1 Design Concept • 8 Stock Images • WordPress CMS Backend • SEO Friendly Website • Google Analytics Integration • Email Automation Integration • FREE CMS Integration • Content Integration • Mobile Responsive Website • Cross Browser Compatible • Secure admin tools for easy updates • Website optimization package for increased speed • Contact Form Integration • Dedicated Account Manager • 24/7 Chat Support • Turn Around 7 Business Days
<p>TEXT COLOR SIGNIFICANCE Significant Common Services Unique Services</p>	

CONCLUSION: We believe that the ELITE package suits CAPT's needs best because of the features in red that are not included in the BUSINESS, DELUXE, or ENTERPRISE packages, and it should be affordable for CAPT at \$899.

QUESTIONS: We did ask additional questions after indicating to Wonder Design that we are focusing on the ELITE package.

(1) What costs over the \$899 are we committing to (at the start, and/or on-going)?

(2) Do we, by ourselves, have to arrange to secure/register the URL (allaboardcarolinas.org), the hosting, and the email?

(3) Can you select from and work with images that we provide you with (assuming they meet your specifications and high standards)?

(4) While we're at it, we would also consider getting one of your logo packages - probably the Basic is all we need.

ANSWERS: Here are the answers to the questions your board members might have:

Costs over the \$899:


Initial Costs: The \$899 covers the entire Elite Website Package. Any additional costs would depend on extra services or custom features requested outside of this package.

Ongoing Costs: Typical ongoing costs include website hosting, domain registration, and email services. These are generally billed annually or monthly, depending on the provider.

Securing/Registering the URL, Hosting, and Email: We can assist you in securing and registering the URL (allaboardcarolinas.org), arranging hosting, and setting up email services if you prefer. Alternatively, if you already have providers in mind, we can work with those as well.

Using Provided Images: Yes, we can select from and work with images that you provide, as long as they meet our specifications and high standards. This ensures the website maintains a professional and cohesive look.

Logo Package: *We would be happy to provide you with a logo and I can get that included in any of your chosen packages as a **complementary service**, you don't need to worry about it. (NOTE: This saves us \$49.00!)*



Basic **\$49**

Brand identity that speaks volumes with Wonder Logo Basic

- ✓ 2 Logo Concepts
- ✓ 2 Revision Cycles
- ✓ 1 Creative Designers
- ✓ File Formats (**JPG, PNG, TIFF**)
- ✓ **Free** Color Options

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

Finally, we asked the following questions which relate to the process we start after the board of directors gives it approval to move ahead.

What are the steps?

I'm talking about a contract between CAPT and Wonder Design, and the payment schedule. Anything you can tell me (maybe what usually happens between you and clients) would be very helpful.

I want to be fully prepared on Saturday.

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ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

Process After Approval:

Sign Up: Choose your preferred plan and sign up at Wonder Design Inc.

Form Submission: Fill out a brief form provided to you after signing up. This form will help us understand your specific aims, needs and preferences.

Initial Website Design Concept: Within 24-48 hours, we will share the initial website design concept for your review. This will give you a visual idea of how your new website will look.

Design Approval: After reviewing the initial design, you can provide feedback or approve the design. We will make any necessary revisions based on your feedback.

Web Development: Once the design is approved, we will begin the web development phase. We will create a test link so you can see the progress and provide additional feedback as needed.

Testing Phase: After development is complete, we will enter the testing phase. During this phase, we will ensure that the website is fully functional, responsive, and free of any issues.

Deployment: Once testing is completed and everything is in order, we will deploy the website to your chosen hosting platform (can be with us or any other 3rd party).

Contract and Payment Schedule:

Contract: We will provide a proposal contract outlining the package information, timelines, and the value added services for your backup along with payment breakdown. This contract ensures that both parties are clear on what is expected and provided in this project.

Payment Schedule: Typically, our payment schedule is divided into two parts:

An initial payment upon signing the contract to kickstart the project, i.e 50% Upfront of your chosen plan.

The remaining balance upon design approval of the website.

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FORMAL PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. We recommend that the Board authorize Tom Darling and David Robinson to have further conversations with Wonder Design regarding

additional information they might need prior to CAPT entering into an agreement with them to redesign website. (President Martin Wheeler and Treasurer Ralph Messera will be kept informed as the process unfolds, and other board members are welcome to review designs that Wonder Design develops.)

2. We recommend that the board authorize Martin Wheeler to sign a contract with Wonder Design to allow the design process to begin, and cut a check for 50% of the cost of the design package.
3. Also, Board approval is requested to allow the obtaining of a new URL – **AllAboardCarolinas.org** – around which the website will be designed.
4. CAPT must retain its current website – **captrail.org** - until the new website is up and running. John Bobinyec reported that the current website hosting expires on 8/11/2024; and the domain URL registration expires on 11/26/2024. He suggests letting the hosting expire on August 11, 2024), because he can move captrail.org to **dixielandsoftware.net** and then forward requests to it. We should have the new domain URL well before 11/26/24, so the current one can expire on that date. Thus, the board should authorize Martin Wheeler to request John Bobinyec to (1) move the current website to **dixielandsoftware.net** just prior to August 11, 2024, but (2) wait for further instructions regarding the URL re-registration of captrail.org.

Submitted by:

David Robinson

Tom Darling

7/16/2024

HAMLET - ITEM 2

Carolina Association for Passenger Trains

Finance Report for August 31, 2024

Cash Balance 6/30/24		\$2,529.58
Revenues	Dues and Donations by Check/Cash	220.00
	Dues and Donations by Cheddar-up	330.00
	Revenues	550.00
Expenses		
	Office Depot- Newsletter Copies	11.28
	Office Depot- Newsletter Copies	11.15
	Office Depot- Newsletter Copies	11.15
	Re-Branding Contract	499.50
	Expenses	483.08
Cash Balance	8/31/24	\$2,596.50
Truist Bank	2,201.50	
Cheddar Acct.	395.00	
Total	\$2,596.50	

2024 Paid membership as of August 31 is 73.

Donations received this year so far: \$755

Prepared September 16, 2024

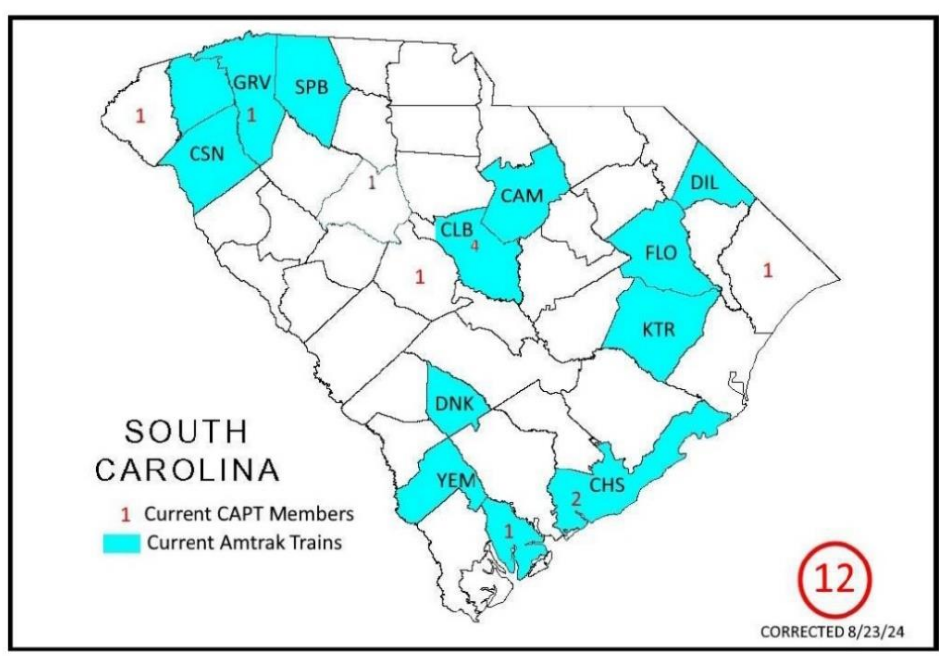
HAMLET ITEM 3

DUES PROPOSAL FOR 2025

CURRENT DUES STRUCTURE (approx)		Dues 2024	Number 2024 (approx)	Revenue 2024 (approx)	
--PAYING	Category				
	Individual	\$25	55	\$1,375	
	Individual Senior	\$15	20	\$300	
	Student	\$15	0	\$0	
	Corporate	\$100	1	\$100	\$1,775
PROPOSED DUES STRUCTURE (draft)					
--PAYING	Category	Dues 2025	Goal 2024	Forecast Revenue	
	Individual	\$40	55	\$2,200	
	Individual Senior	\$30	20	\$600	
	Student	\$10	10	\$100	
	Corporate For Profit	\$100	5	\$500	
	Corporate For Profit (Sponsor *)	\$200	5	\$1,000	
	Corporate Non Profit	\$50	5	\$250	
	Corporate Non Profit (Sponsor *)	\$100	5	\$500	
	NC Train Host	\$20	10	\$200	
	RPA Member	\$20	5	\$100	
	NCPTA Member	\$20	5	\$100	
	NCSITE Member	\$20	5	\$100	
	TASC Member	\$20	5	\$100	
	SCSITE Member	\$20	5	\$100	
	Amtrak Employee	\$20	5	\$100	\$5,950
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--HONORARY	Category				
Organizations will be asked to name one person to receive our newsletters, event info, and email alerts during the year.	NC BY TRAIN Representative (1)	\$0	1	\$0	
	NCPTA Representative (1)	\$0	1	\$0	
	NCSITE Representative (1)	\$0	1	\$0	
	SCDOT Representative (1)	\$0	1	\$0	
	TASC Representative (1)	\$0	1	\$0	
	SCSITE Representative (1)	\$0	1	\$0	
	NC Amtrak Representative (1)	\$0	1	\$0	
	SC Amtrak Representative (1)	\$0	1	\$0	
	Station City Representatives (1 each)	\$0	27	\$0	
	NC COG Representatives (1 each)	\$0	16	\$0	
	NC MPO Representatives (1 each)	\$0	19	\$0	
	NC RPO Representatives (1 each)	\$0	18	\$0	
	SC COG representatives (1 each)	\$0	10	\$0	
	NC Elected State Legislators (in office)	\$0	0	\$0	
	SC Elected State Legislators (in office)	\$0	0	\$0	
NC Elected US Congressperson (in office)	\$0	0	\$0		
SC Elected US Congressperson (in office)	\$0	0	\$0		
University/College Representative (1 each)	\$0	20	\$0		
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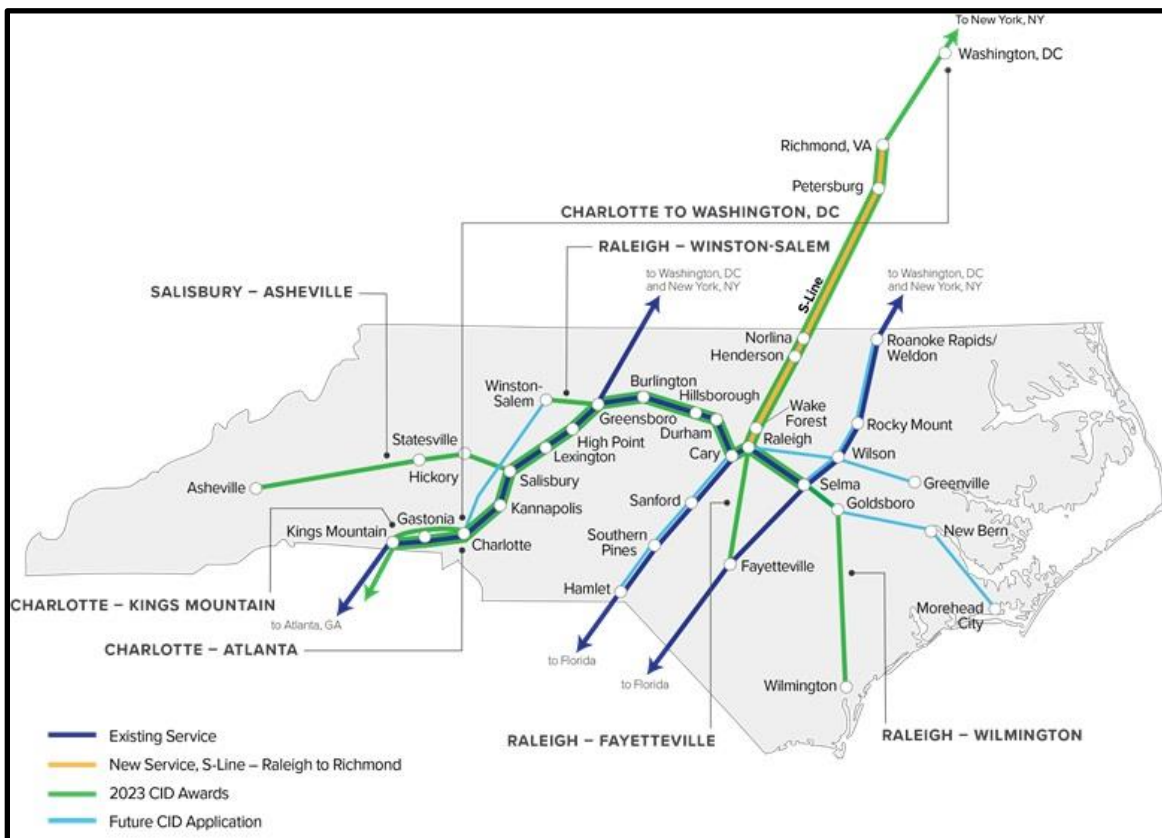
ENGINEERING FIRMS ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT CORRIDOR ID STUDIES

NCDOT RAIL DIVISION SELECTS CONTRACTORS TO CONDUCT RAIL CORRIDOR ID (CID) STUDIES

In 2023, the NCDOT Rail Division submitted twelve (12) applications to the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development (CID) program. NCDOT was awarded seven (7) grants totaling \$3.5 million as part of the CID program.

The selected corridors are:






1. Atlanta to Charlotte
2. Charlotte to Kings Mountain
3. Charlotte to Washington DC
4. Asheville to Salisbury
5. Wilmington to Raleigh
6. Fayetteville to Raleigh, and
7. Winston-Salem to Raleigh.



The CID program is specifically for developing new or improved intercity passenger rail service on those corridors. NCDOT has received up to \$500,000 in funding to initiate a

Step 1 study for each selected route to scope a more detailed service development plan which will include more detailed coordination with the freight and passenger railroad partners.

NCDOT plans to issue a periodic newsletter updating developments on the corridors but would prefer that CAPT members have no direct contact with staff of corridor study contractors listed below unless in a public setting during the conduct of the studies.

CORRIDOR STUDY	CONTRACTOR	LOGO
Atlanta to Charlotte	WSP USA, Charlotte NC	
Charlotte to Kings Mountain	Moffatt & Nichol, Raleigh NC	
Charlotte to Washington D.C.	Mott McDonald, Raleigh NC	
Asheville to Salisbury	Pinecone Transportation Professionals, Fuquay-Varina NC (Edward McFalls)	
Wilmington to Raleigh	Stantec, Raleigh NC	
Fayetteville to Raleigh	Jacobs, Cary NC	
Winston-Salem to Raleigh	AECOM, Raleigh NC	