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WVBT Elects Bill Hilborn As Coalition's Chairman *Board Of Directors Reviewed Successes, Activities For 2010*

The board of directors of West Virginians for Better Transportation (WVBT) met on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at the offices of Jackson Kelly, PLLC in Charleston, W.Va. The board discussed several issues including approving new officers for 2010-12, reviewing recent media coverage and outlining funding needs for 2010.

WVBT's Project Manager, Larry Malone with Malone Consulting Services, outlined the budget needs for 2010, which total \$120,000, and discussed the need to have contributors provide funding to the coalition so WVBT may continue working to educate the public, media and elected officials about the challenges facing the state's transportation system. Mr. Malone noted that WVBT has become a source of information for media outlets and government officials who turn to the organization when they need details on the state's transportation issues.

Malone outlined the past year's successes including extensive media coverage and the Transportation Conference that was held in Beckley in November 2009, which had more than 200 attendees including Governor Joe Manchin, Congressman Nick Rahall and other state and local leaders. He also noted the success of the online "State Gas Tax Calculator" public relations campaign and the recent exposure that was generated for WVBT at the 2010 EXPO.

The new officers for 2010-12 were approved by the WVBT board and are as follows: Bill Hilborn, chairman (who recently retired as Vice President of Engineering at Kanawha Stone, Inc.); Brenda Harper, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, first vice chairman; Bob Orders, Orders Construction Company, second vice chairman; Carol Fulks, West Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association, secretary; and Joe Deneault, Terradon Corp., treasurer. Bill Hilborn took over as Chairman from Joe Deneault, who had served in this leadership role since the organization's formation in 2006. *(The WVBT bylaws prevented Joe from being elected to a third term as Chairman.)*

WVBT has grown to be one of the largest coalitions in the state, with nearly 300 partners ([click to see list](#)), including representatives of the businesses community, elected leaders, government organizations, labor, travel, health care, and economic development organizations. The efforts of WVBT over the past several years have helped to increase or preserve more than \$200 million in state funding for transportation.

WVDOT Unveils Draft Of Long-Range Transportation Plan

The West Virginia Department of Transportation has unveiled a draft of its Statewide Multimodal Long Range Transportation Plan. The document will guide the state's use of transportation funds over the next 25 years. It also examines historic expenditures, forecasts revenues for the WVDOT, and recommends future funding scenarios as well as various alternatives to increase revenues. The draft document is available online by going to: <http://www.wvtransplan.com>. Public comment is welcome, but all written comments must be received by May 19, 2010.

Help Support WVBT's Ongoing Efforts In 2010

Now more than ever WVBT needs financial contributions from coalition partners and companies. If your organization or company would like to help sustain the coalition's ongoing campaign or would like to get more information about West Virginians for Better Transportation, please send an email to info@keepwvmoving.org. Someone would be happy to contact you.

Remember -- even with recent successes, West Virginia still has massive unmet needs (\$2 billion) for bridge, roadway and highway maintenance and construction.

Need A Speaker?

If you would like to have a speaker come talk about transportation to your group or organization, please complete this request form:

http://www.keepwvmoving.org/getactive/request_a_wvbt_speaker.aspx

For more information about West Virginians for Better Transportation, please go to www.keepwvmoving.org.

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