

**National Roads Authority**  
**Minutes of the One-Hundred & Fourteenth Meeting**  
**of the Board of Directors**  
**held at Public Works Department (PWD) Training/Resource Room,**  
**370 North Sound Road, George Town, Grand Cayman,**  
**Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**

<b>Present:</b>	Colford Scott	Chairman
	Troy Whittaker	Deputy Chairman
	Steve McField	
	Mrs. Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden	
	Darrel Rankine	
	David Fawcitt	Designate Director – Min. DAW&LA
	Ronnie Dunn	Designate Director for Financial Secretary
	Brian Tomlinson	Managing Director
	Edward Howard	Dep. Managing Director – Admin & Planning
	Paul Parchment	Dep. MD Designate – Eng. & Operations
Uche Obi	Senior Valuation Officer – L&S	
Denis Thibeault	Assist. Director – Transportation & Planning	
Mrs. Lois A. Hall-Vaughan	Executive Secretary	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ms. Levonne Ryan	
	Brian Ebanks	
	Justin Bodden	
<b>Absent:</b>	Tristan Hydes	Designate Director – Min. DAWL&A
	Barry Martinez	

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:19pm.

The Chairman informed members present that the Ministry DAWL&A has advised that Director Brian Ebanks (previously with the Private Sector and now a Civil Servant) will no longer be serving as a Board Member. A member of the Board ceases to be when the Notice of their termination has been gazetted. Directors C. Maltman and B. Ebanks have both been gazetted and are no longer members of the Board.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The motion to approve with minor amendments the Minutes of meeting held February 14, 2012 was moved by Director S. McField and seconded by Deputy Chairman T. Whittaker.

**3. Matters Arising**

**5b. Update on lifting of injunction regarding Bobby Thompson Way and Linford Pierson Highway - roundabout**

The Chairman has requested that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next scheduled meeting to discuss the injunction, design and way forward. He also requested the NRA team to do a revised drawing of the round-a-bout. The Ministry is expected to respond with input from the Legal Department on the issue of Director S. McField continuing to represent the NRA in regards to the lifting of this injunction.

Amended to read: A motion (resolution) was moved by Director Designate – Min. DAWL&A and seconded by Director D. Rankine for the releasing of approximately C\$1M being held by the NRA for this project back to the Min. DAWL&A. This is to be done in conjunction with the NRA's CFO. The Board approved and accepted the motion. - instead of Director Designate – DAWL&A, D. Fawcitt informed that the Ministry is requesting the NRA to release the funds (approximately \$1M) it has for the Bobby Thompson round-a-bout project to the Ministry for redirection. This is to be done in conjunction with the CFO of the NRA.

It was queried by a Director if the raw material in stockpile for this project can be used, to which the response was that it could possibly be used on other road projects approved by the Ministry.

**4. New Business**

**a. Compensation Claims**

Blk 25B sec 23 (1) FOI Law (2015 Rev) – East/West Arterial

This claim was discussed and the Board approved payment.

**b. Request for Modification of Road Median – East/West Arterial**

This proposal was presented by Barcam Ltd. Request letter dated March 1, 2012 was submitted prior to the meeting for review by the Board. Barcam intends to establish a gas station on Blk 23C Par 30REM1.

Barcam Ltd. Is requesting two cuts in the median, to allow an ‘east bound right in” and “east bound right out” access to and from Blk 23C Par 30REM1. This would involve the use of the 20ft wide landscape median strip at that point so as not to interrupt either east-bound or west-bound traffic. It was noted that the median at this point is very large at 20ft, allowing the proposed turning lane without disrupting the existing two lanes currently flowing in both directions. The traffic flow at this locale is primarily uni-directional. The main flow in the morning is west-bound with the traffic east-bound in the afternoon therefore the potential disruption to traffic is minimum. The question was asked if a study was done as to how long it would take to reach the gas station utilizing the current round-a-bouts to which the response was that adding more traffic to the round-a-bouts is a no-no when there could be a clean and safe way of saving time by using the cuts in the median.

The cuts in the median will be made in accordance with NRA’s technical advice and all costs associated with this change will be borne by Barcam Ltd. Including but not limited to surveying, construction, signage and markings.

The Chairman thanked both Barcam Ltd. for their presentation and they left the meeting.

Mr. Denis Thibeault and the DMD provided a response to the proposal. There were concerns for traffic exiting and merging in the east-bound lanes as well as maneuvering across four lanes of traffic which may in future be extended to six lanes. There are currently no curbs and what will prevent traffic from turning, however if it becomes a safety issue then curbs will be installed. It was noted that the tapers acceleration and deceleration lanes are too short as shown in the proposal.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Thibeault for his input and Mr. Thibeault left the meeting.

After much consideration and discussion, the Board decided to deny this request as it was felt that the present request will adversely impact traffic flow and maneuvering in this area. The introduction of right turns via the central median creates unnecessary vehicle conflict points and greater potential for serious vehicle collisions.

## **5. Other Business**

### **a. Staff Moral**

In light of the lack of funds at the NRA, the moral of staff was questioned. The DMD responded that moral was a little bit low as staff was not doing

much, and had concerns about their jobs. He noted that some members of the administrative staff are currently studying for various courses with one member studying for a Lab Certification.

**b. Street lights**

It was noted that streets lights are desperately needed in the area between Spotts Newlands and Bodden Town.

**c. Rumble Strips**

The Chairman commended members of staff for the laying down of rumble strips by the Ritz Carlton round-a-bout and Canal Point.

**6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2012.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.

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Signature  
Chairman of the Board  
Confirmation of Minutes – 13.03.12  
Date: 17.04.11

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Signature  
Executive Secretary  
Seconded: Confirmation of Minutes  
Date: 17.04.12