

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
January 12, 2011

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Lenoir County Administration Conference Room at 101 N. Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28502.

Voting members present included: Mr. Russell Rhodes; Chairman, Mr. J. Mac Daughety, County Commissioner; Mr. B J Murphy; Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Joe Bower, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. John Craft, Town of LaGrange, Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board; and Mr. Don Howard, GTP Authority.

Non-Voting members present included: Mr. Brian Lucas, City of Kinston, Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development, and Mr. Preston Hunter, Ms. Betty Caldwell, NCDOT.

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Mr. Rodney Howard, Town of Pink Hill; Mr. Joey Bryan; Lenoir County Transit; Mr. Dan Sale, County at Large; Mr. Joe Albright, Manager of Grifton, Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager, Lenoir County Planning; Adrian King, Pride of Kinston Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planner and Ms. Leigh McNairy, DOT Board Member.

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Whaley, the minutes of December 8, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Ms. Caldwell stated Bridges #42 & #43 over Neuse River on US 70 Business have been pushed back due to a moratorium. Representatives Jackson and LaRoque have been inquire about how to move the project faster. Project W-5134-US 70 West of US 258 South and NC 58 North (Queen Street) to NC 58 South – Construct a 12' wide raised median and resurface: construction can start April/May 2011. Time retractions could be enforced during constriction due to summer traffic flow. NCDOT advised the committee to designate set construction times.

Mr. Haywood Daughety and Mr. DeWayne Aligood of NCDOT presented the committee with options for traffic signal at Mt. Vernon Park Road. The following options are:

Option 1

- Remove traffic signal and close median opening
- Estimated cost - \$65,000
- Benefit-to-Cost Ratio (B/C) – 50.55
- Indicates \$50.55 of savings in crash reduction for every dollar spent
- Could be completed entirely with Spot Safety Fund

Option 2

- Remove traffic signal and construct mainline leftover
- Estimated cost - \$295,000
- Benefit –to-Cost Ratio (B/C) – 2.30
- Indicates \$2.30 of savings in crash reduction for every \$1 spent

- Could not be completed entirely with Spot Safety Funds, but would require companion funding
- Eligible for Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds, but would like not receive funding for foreseeable future due to low B/C

Option 3

- Construct mainline leftover into Mount Vernon Park & signalize westbound US 70
- Estimated cost - \$310,000
- Benefit-to-Cost Ratio (B/C)-2.15
- Indicates \$2.15 of savings in crash reduction for every \$1.00 spent
- Could not be completed entirely with Spot Safety Funds, but would require companion funding
- Eligible for Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds, but would likely not receive funding for foreseeable future due to low B/C

Option 4

- Remove traffic signal, close median opening, and construct access to road Hillcrest
- Estimated cost - \$165,000
- Benefit-to-Cost Ratio (B/C)-12.81
- Indicates \$12.81 of savings in crash reduction for every \$1 spent
- Could be completed entirely with Spot Safety Funds

Mr. Whaley made a motion for the committee to approve Option 4 for the convince of citizens and the estimated cost; Mr. Daughety seconded this motion. The motion was voted down due to lack of votes. Mr. Murphy stated that he could not support Option 4 because the citizens do not fully support the option; he does support Option 3. Mr. Rhodes stated the committee will discuss the options again at another meeting.

Mr. Daughety stated the Resolution to support the Kinston Bypass Utilizing the C.F. Harvey Parkway should be presented to the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting. Mr. Rhodes stated he will present the resolution at their January 18, 2011 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board