

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 10, 2010

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 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. Dan Sale, County at Large; Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; Mr. B J Murphy; Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board; Mr. Joe Bower, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Don Howard, GTP Authority.

Non-Voting members present included: Mr. Len White, and Ms. Betty Caldwell, NCDOT; Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development; Brian Lucas, City of Kinston Planning Board; Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston; Ms. Sue Powell; Lenoir County Transit, Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planner;

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Ms. Treva Brigman, Mayor of Pink Hill; Mayor Woody Gurley, Town of LaGrange; Mr. Rodney Howard; Town of Pink Hill, Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Joe Albright, Manager of Grifton and Ms. Leigh McNairy, NCDOT Board Member.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Howard, the minutes of January 13, 2010 were unanimously approved.

NCDOT Update – Ms. Caldwell stated Bridges #42 and #43 over Neuse River on US 70 Business have anticipated Right of Way to begin March 2010; anticipated construction to begin March 2011. Detour arrangements have not been finalized.

Old Business

GTP Rail Spur – Mr. Howard stated the project was advertised for bids on January 19th, bids will be opened on February 15th; Right of Way has been obtained and construction will start March 29th through November 2011.

US 70 Corridor Commission – Mr. Rhodes stated Mr. Pope, Mr. Jarman, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Stevens as well as himself attended the February commission meeting. The County must decide whether or not to continue contributing to the Corridor Commission. Another meeting will be held February 18th to obtain more information.

Traffic Signal at Mt. Vernon Park Rd. – Mr. Pope stated it has been recommended to hold another work session regarding the traffic signal on Monday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m. A decision has not been made to date.

Industrial Access – Mr. White stated the tree work along the road has been complete; ditch work has not started due to weather conditions. Project will start back on the road when weather conditions permit.

NC 11 Thoroughfare – Mr. Rhodes stated the next meeting will be held on March 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the GTP Training Center.

Hwy. 11 to Hwy. 70 – Mr. Rickard stated the February 9th meeting (tour) was canceled due to weather conditions; new tour date will be scheduled.

Carey Road Extension – Mr. Rickard stated the project is ranked #1. The initial “Spot” rankings for the state will be released on February 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the GTP Center Room 142.

Kinston Median Project – Mr. Rhodes stated the project is in the design phase; additional access points will be reviewed and considered for the design.

MLK and King St., Roundabout – Golden Leaf Foundation has approved the project for grant funding; funding will be received by summer 2010.

Hull Road – Mr. White stated DOT is still trying to obtain the Right of Way for the Hull Road project.

New Business

Mr. Pope asked if Section C of Harvey Parkway is being placed on the TIP Listing. Mr. Rickard stated DOT will be hosting Public Hearings on US 70 on February 23rd and 25th at the City Complex and Kinston High School to obtain public input.

Mr. Rhodes stated the state is trying to change the “Equity Formulas” for RPO’s and MPO’s. Any changes to the current formulas will be bad for Lenoir County. Mr. Rhodes stated he would like the committee to support any action that will stop the changes in the formula.

Adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board