

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 11, 2009

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 9:30 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. Joe Bower, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; Mr. Dan Sale, Lenoir County At-large, Mr. Woody Gurley, Mayor Town of LaGrange; Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board; and Mr. Don Howard, GTP Authority.

Non-Voting members present included: Ms. Amanda Engesether, City of Kinston Planning Board, Mr. Tommy Lee, City of Kinston Planning Board; Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Preston Hunter, Mr. Len White, Ms. Betty Caldwell; NCDOT; and Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planner.

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Mr. Buddy Ritch; Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Ms. Treva Brigman, Mayor of Pink Hill Ms. Sue Powell, Lenoir County Transit; Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development, Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston Mr. Van Braxton, State Representative, and Senator Charles Albertson.

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

GTP Rail Spur – Mr. Rhodes stated a Public Hearing would be held on February 18, 2009 at the Global TransPark Center from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

US 70 Corridor Commission – Mr. Humphrey stated there were no updates; next meeting will be held in March.

Industrial Access: Airport Road – Mr. Hunter stated the project was still on hold due to funding issues.

Bridge Replacement – No updates to report.

NC 11 Thoroughfare – Mr. Rhodes stated a meeting with Greenville RPO would be more appropriate to discuss this issue. Mr. Rickard stated he would set up the meeting.

Carey Road Ext. – No updates to report.

Harvey Parkway Section A – Mr. Hunter stated the project is still on hold.

Keeping Elected Officials Informed – Mr. Rhodes stated he updated the Board of Commissioners at their last meeting regarding transportation activities. Mr. Stevens stated he would allot time for the City Council to be updated as well.

New Business

Turn Lane at Southwood Christian Church – Mr. Hunter stated DOT would not install a turn lane for a church; DOT will install turn lanes at commercial businesses. The cost to install a turn lane ranges from \$300,000-\$500,000 due to sewer constraints and light poles being removed.

Mr. Rhodes stated the Golden Leaf Foundation would be hosting a “Community Needs” meeting to discuss how the \$2 million in grant fund should be spent around Kinston/Lenoir County. A meeting time and date have not been determined.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board