

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**March 19, 2008**

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 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. John Craft, Town Manager of LaGrange; Mr. Joe Bower, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Director.

**Non-Voting members present included:** Mr. Preston Hunter, NCDOT; Mr. Randy Robb, GTP Authority, Mr. Tommy Lee, City of Kinston Planning Board; and Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development and.

Also Present: Mr. Lynn Everett, NCDOT; Mr. Daniel VanLiere, RPO Planner, and Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

**Members absent included:** Mr. Anthony Mitchell, Mayor of Pink Hill; Mr. Buddy Ritch, Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Bruce Parson, GTP Authority Staff; Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Ms. Sue Powell, County Manager's Office; Mr. Dan Sale, Lenoir County At-large; Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston; Mr. Van Braxton, State Representative, and Senator Charles Albertson.

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m.

**US 70 Corridor Commission**

Mr. Rhodes reminded everyone of the US 70 Corridor Commission Public Work Session that was held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Lenoir Community College-Science/Lab Building, Room 214. Mr. Lee stated the Commission voted to charge each participating county \$25,000 per year and hold a vote of four (4) each. Johnston County has joined the Commission as well. Mr. Rhodes stated he would inquire with county and city officials to see if Lenoir County/Kinston has contributed to the Corridor Commission study.

**Draft Resolution (Support NCDOT Strategic Highway Corridors Initiative)**

Mr. Lee stated the Lenoir County Transportation Committee should endorse a Resolution to Support North Carolina Department of Transportation Strategic Highway Corridors Initiative. Mr. Lee stated the NC 11 Corridor is the most important corridor in Lenoir County. Approving the Resolution would show how serious Lenoir County is about this strategic corridor. Mr. Hunter stated a feasibility study has been approved for NC 11. Mr. VanLiere stated the Eastern Carolina RPO will be focusing a lot of its attention of the NC 11 corridor. The committee will consider endorsing the resolution at the next transportation meeting.

**Industrial Access**

Mr. Hunter stated the access road would be paved next spring and completed by summer 08’.

### **Bridge Replacement**

Nothing new to report at this time.

### **Carey Road Extension**

Nothing new to report at this time.

### **Enterprise Boulevard Extension**

Mr. Pope distributed a draft copy of a Resolution to Support the Relocation of the Railroad Crossing in the 70 West Industrial Park. After a brief discussion, Mr. Rhodes directed all voting members to respond by e-mail their vote regarding support for the resolution.

### **New Business**

Committee members discussed a possible traffic light at Woodington Middle School. Mr. Hunter stated NCDOT would not want to place a traffic light at the school due to the possibility of new school construction. The school also has a “stacking” issue on campus that should be addressed.

Adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Lashanda Aytch  
Clerk to the Board