

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
May 12, 2010

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, May 12, 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. Chris Humphrey, 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. Rodney Howard, Town of Pink Hill; Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board; and Mr. Don Howard, GTP Authority.

Non-Voting members present included: Mr. Preston Hunter and Ms. Betty Caldwell, NCDOT; Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Brian Lucas, City of Kinston; Mr. Patrick Flanagan, RPO Intern.

Also Present: Mr. Donnie Padrick and Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development; Mr. Joey Bryan; Lenoir County Transit; Mr. Dan Sale, County at Large; Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston; Mr. Joe Albright, Manager of Grifton and Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; and NCDOT Board Members.

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 April 14, 2010 were unanimously approved.

NCDOT Update – Mr. Hunter stated a left turn lane on Hull Road onto Rouse Road and a right turn lane from Rouse Road onto Hull Road will be completed in 2010. Bids will be taken on the re-surfacing of Heritage Street. Bridges #42 and #43 over the Neuse River has an anticipated Right of Way to begin 2012 with construction to begin April 2013.

GTP Rail Spur – No updates to report.

US 70 Corridor Commission – Mr. Murphy stated Mr. Durwood Stephenson has met with the Governor twice since being selected by the US 70 sub-committee. Mr. Murphy stated both committees have to keep county leaders informed about the processes taking place.

Traffic Signal at Mt. Vernon Park Road – Mr. Pope will be drafting a resolution to be sent to NCDOT requesting the temporary placement of a traffic signal at the Sanderson Farms processing plant. The traffic signal will be vital in protecting employees and citizens once the processing plant is completed and operational. This resolution will not tie into the removal of the traffic signal at Mt. Vernon Park Road.

Square Loop at Skinner's Bypass – Mr. Rhodes stated that a property owner was not pleased with the design of the square loop. The Transportation Committee has to determine if they are pleased with the design of the square loop presented by Kimley-Horne. The square loop will be in upwards of a \$20 million project and is supported by the Corridor Commission. Mr. Stevens stated the loop will service the entire community for the long term and could be a negative impact on the businesses represented there. Mr. Humphrey asked if an economic impact study had been conducted on the businesses. Mr. Rhodes stated he did not know at this time. Mr. Don Howard stated the committee should move forward, the area is still an accident area for the entire community. Upon a motion by Mr. Craft and a second by Mr. Don Howard the transportation committee approved the concept of a square loop design at Skinner's Bypass.

SPOT Listing – Mr. Patrick Flanagan reviewed the SPOT Listing, the listing is available on NCDOT website. Mr. Flanagan detailed names and definition of the SPOT process.

Kinston Median Project – No updates to report.

NC 11 as a Thoroughfare – Mr. Rhodes stated the meetings have progressed nicely and the project has been mapped out. Maps of the project will be presented to City and County officials on July 20, 2010 at the GTP at 2:00 p.m. A public hearing will be held in September for public viewing of the maps.

Hwy. 11 to Hwy. 70 Connector – No updates to report.

MLK and King St. Roundabout – Partial funding by Golden Leaf; partial funding by NCDOT, design phase beginning.

Adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

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May 26, 2010

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, May 26, 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; Mr. B J Murphy; Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board; Mr. Dan Sale, County at Large; and Mr. Don Howard, GTP Authority.

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

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

The committee reviewed the Resolution to Support the Location of a Traffic Control Signal on Hwy. 70 and Industrial Drive. The resolution was drafted by Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director. This resolution does not coincide with the removal of the traffic signal at Mt. Vernon Park Road. Upon a motion by Mr. Murphy and a second by Mr. Howard the committee approved the resolution as presented.

Adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

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