

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
June 8, 2011

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, June 8, 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. J. Mac Daughety, Interim Chairman, Mr. Dan Sale County at Large, Mr. B. J. Murphy Mayor of Kinston, Mr. Joe Bower Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Donald King Commissioner of Pink Hill, Mr. Bill Whaley Lenoir County Economic Development Board, and Mr. Charlie Diehl GTP Authority.

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

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda A. Hall and Ms. April L. Banks, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Mr. Woody Gurley, Mayor of LaGrange, Mr. Joey Bryan, for Lenoir County Manager, Mr. Wayland Humphrey, for Lenoir County Planning Board, Mr. Scott Stevens, Kinston City Manager, Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston, and Mr. Joe Albright, Manager of Grifton.

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

The Committee discussed and reviewed projects for consideration of ranking for the RPO. Mr. Rickard stated that he did not need to have those projects narrowed down until the July meeting. The committee reviewed the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Listing drafted at the previous meeting as follows:

1. Harvey Parkway Section "C" (58 to 11)
2. Kinston Bypass (Northern Route)
3. Carey Road Ext.
4. *Pink Hill Bypass – **New Project**
5. Skinner's Bypass (70 & 11)
6. NC 11 Connector (eastside bypass 11 to 70) –
7. Queen Street Square Loop & 258 & 70
8. Plaza Boulevard Ext.
9. Harvey Parkway Section "A" New Interchange
10. *Relocation of East Washington Street; LaGrange, NC – **New Project**
11. *Square loop at little Baltimore Willie/Measley Road; LaGrange, NC – **New Project**
12. *Spine Road – **New Project**
13. *GTP Northern Freeway Loop – **New Project**
14. *NC 11 Feasibility Study
 - Interchanges
 - DuPont
 - Grifton-Hugo
15. Smithfield Way
16. Other regional projects of potential interest
 - 241
 - Beulaville Bypass

SW Bypass
Havelock Bypass
James City

***Indicates new project**

The committee reviewed the non-Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Projects as follows:

1. New Traffic Circle at Martin Luther King Blvd
-Start of Construction, May 2011. Anticipate completion September 2011
2. Carey Road Extension
-Construction is 80% complete. Anticipate paving pending Fire Station Construction

Ms. Caldwell stated the Carey Road Extension Project is underway and the paving process will be started shortly. Anticipated construction time frame is eight (8) to ten (10) months. Carey Road is currently a four-lane road. Discussion was held regarding the extension only being two lanes. Ms. Caldwell advised the number of lanes will depend on traffic flow and needs; but is currently estimated at 1000ft to accommodate the Fire Station.

Mr. Daughety stated the bridge project has been extended to 2013 and anticipate the start date in 2014. The Hwy 70 median project has been delayed until 2013. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is offering to set up a local committee to choose an independent consultant for a new data study for the median project. Although currently in the legislature; the project is anticipated to begin June 2013.

Mayor Murphy suggested the Committee view the progress of the roundabout at Martin Luther King and King Street intersection. Mr. Lucas stated the project is transitioning smoothly. An easement is in process for the Sidewalk Project.

Mayor Murphy stated concerns over the Skinner Project advancing the Bridge Project to relieve traffic congestion when the bridge will be closed. Mr. Daughety stated three alternatives to consider for the Skinner Project:

1. Exit Ramps - \$3 million
2. Square Loop with No Overpass - \$8 million
3. Square Loop with Overpass - \$24 million

Mr. Daughety also informed the committee of a scheduled meeting with Haywood Daughtry, Dwayne Alligood, Scott Stevens, and himself to review and discuss the options for Skinner's Bypass. The meeting is on Tuesday June 14th at 2:30 pm at the Rite Way on Highway 70.

Mr. Daughety and Mayor Murphy reviewed the Highway 70 Corridor report from Director Durwood Stephenson.

Mr. Daughety reviewed with the Committee his presentation on May 26th in Raleigh to DOT, Commerce, NC Logistics folks, DOT Board members, and other guests requesting assistance with 3 Lenoir County new construction projects

Mr. Rickard stated that the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will need a priority list from the Committee no later than August 1 for the project rankings. Mr. Bower questioned the

status of the Waterfront Project for the pedestrian bridge. He stated the project was previously number 10 on the list. Mr. Rickard answered that pedestrian projects are submitted and ranked separately from highway projects.

Adjourn 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
April L. Banks
Administrative Secretary