

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
June 11, 2008

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, June 11, 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. Buddy Ritch, Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Joe Bower, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Bruce Parson, GTP Authority Staff; and Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Director.

Non-Voting members present included: Mr. Preston Hunter, NCDOT; Mr. Tommy Lee, City of Kinston Planning Board; Ms. Sue Powell, Lenoir County Transit; and Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development; and.

Also Present: Mr. Daniel VanLiere, RPO Planner, Mr. Ronald Dunn, Chairman, North Lenoir High School PTSA, Mr. Tom Ireland, Lenoir County Schools, and Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Mr. Anthony Mitchell, Mayor of Pink Hill; Mr. Dan Sale, Lenoir County At-large; Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; Mr. John Craft, Town Manager of LaGrange; Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Randy Robb, GTP Authority, 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.

Upon a motion by Mr. Whaley and a second by Mr. Parson, the minutes of May 14, 2008 were unanimously approved.

NLHS – PTSA Request for School Access Improvements

Mr. Dunn, Chairman of the NLHS PTSA, addressed the Committee. Mr. Dunn stated some progress had been made at the school in regards to the parking situation. The church across the street from the school has notified parents that parking is not allowed on the church property. Mr. Tom Ireland, School Engineer, addressed the Committee. Mr. Ireland stated the school is looking into creating another exit and entrance for the school, and creating another 50+ parking spaces for better school access. Parents will be notified when the construction is complete. Mr. Rhodes stated the Committee is ready to assist NLHS in completing this project.

US 70 Corridor Commission

Mr. Lee stated the US 70 Corridor Commission will hold there next meeting on July 10, 2008 in Havelock at 2:00 p.m.

Industrial Access

Mr. Hunter stated work has started on the project.

Bridge Replacement

No updates to report.

NC 11 as a thoroughfare from Greenville's SW 264 Bypass in Ayden to US 70

Mr. VanLiere stated a steering committee should be formed to review data collections and map improvements of the thoroughfare. A brief discussion took place regarding the data collected.

Carey Road Extension Sub-Committee

Mr. Parson reported that the sub-committee met regarding the Carey Road Extension. Financing is the major concern for the City of Kinston. It will cost an estimated \$1.2 million per mile to complete the extension (Carey Rd. is 2 miles long). The prices will exultate if a four-lane project is considered. The project is not funded in the TIP; therefore the City/County could possible not re-coup monies spent on the project. Mr. Parson concluded the project should be on the TIP before talks continue.

Enterprise Boulevard Extension

Mr. Pope requested the item be removed from the agenda. Mr. Rhodes stated he would remove the project from the agenda.

Relocation of Rail Crossing at US70 Industrial Park

Mr. Pope stated the project has been abandoned.

New Business

Mr. Rhodes introduced three resolutions for the Board to consider and approve; they are as follows:

Resolution Approving the Use of Funds to Improve SR 1547 (Parrott Dickerson Rd.) from SR 2021 (Smithfield Way) to SR 1546 (Banks School Rd.). The proposed improvement will serve the proposed Sanderson Farm Feed Mill and the surrounding industrial park. SR 1547 (Parrott Dickerson Rd.) is an unimproved soil roadway; NCDOT proposes to widen, grade and pave SR 1547 in the amount of \$490,000.00. Upon a motion by Mr. Whaley and a second by Mr. Parson, the Committee unanimously approved the Resolution.

Resolution Approving the Use of Funds to Improve the Existing Median Crossover on US 70 at the Proposed Sanderson Farms Processing Plant. NCDOT proposes extending the existing West Bound left turn lane on US 70 to access the plant. The project will cost and estimated \$250,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Whaley and a second by Mr. Parson, the Committee unanimously approved the Resolution.

Resolution In Support of Extending the Existing Three (3) Lane Section of SR 1546 (Banks School Rd.) from US 258 to SR 1548 (Hill Farm Rd.). Banks School Road is designated has a major thoroughfare. Hill Farm Road has an influx of left turning traffic, plus the added traffic from the local school. NCDOT will improve the roads at an estimated cost of \$190,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Parson and a second by Mr. Whaley, the Committee unanimously approved the Resolution.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board