

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
June 13, 2007

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 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. Anthony Mitchell, Mayor of Pink Hill; 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. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development; Mr. Tommy Lee, City of Kinston Planning Board, and Mr. Preston Hunter, NCDOT.

Also Present: Mr. Alex Rickard and Mr. Daniel Vanlier of the Eastern Carolina Council, Mr. Nelson Wilder, Mr. William Wilder and Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Mr. Joey Bryan, Lenoir County Manager's Office, Mr. John Craft, Town of LaGrange, Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning, Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston, Mr. Cam McRae, DOT Board Member; Mr. Van Braxton, State Representative, and Senator Charles Albertson.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Bower the minutes of May 8, 2007 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Rhodes along with Mr. Rickard presented the committee with a PowerPoint presentation detailing the repairs that will be made along US 70. The presentation informed the committee about new devices that will be constructed to ease traffic flow and detailed median closures along US 70. After review and discussion, Mr. Rhodes informed the committee that the Memorandum of Understanding, Overlay District, and Access Management information could be accessed via the Internet (the web pages are detailed on the agenda).

Industrial Access at Friendly Grocery – Mr. Hunter stated Alside has approved the naming of “Alside Drive” as the access roads proper name.

Kinston Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update – Mr. Rhodes stated he is requesting the plan be reviewed again by the committee at the next meeting. Mr. Rhodes stated he was concerned about the railroad in front of Hill Crest Road.

Membership Vacancies – Mr. Rhodes stated Mr. Bruce Parson has been appointed the GTP Authority voting member on the Transportation Committee. The GTP Authority still has one non-voting member vacancy to fill.

TIP Priorities for Lenoir County – Mr. Rhodes stated he would like the committee to review the TIP listing and approve it for submittal to the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners. Upon a motion by Mr. Whaley and a second by Mr. Mitchell the Committee placed the following TIP listing in order: 1.) Project U-3618-Carey Road Extension; 2.) US 70 West Industry Park Additional Access to Harvey Parkway; 3.) US 70 Intersection with NC 11/55; 4.) NC 11 Connector North of Kinston to US 70; 5.) Eastern Section of Crescent Road from NC 58 to NC 11; 6.) Projects R-2552, R-2554, R2553, R-1015, and R-3307-US 70 Corridor as a fully-controlled-access freeway, including the Clayton Bypass, Goldsboro Bypass, Kinston Bypass, Havelock Bypass, and (no project number) the Northern Bypass of Carteret County and the Gallant’s Channel Bridge; 7.) Project U-4018-Plaza Boulevard Extension; 8.) NC 11 Pink Hill Bypass (TIP Project NO. R2204); and 9.) Project U-3341-Global TransPark “Spine Road” Facility.

Adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board