

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
September 10, 2008

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, September 10, 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. 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. Tommy Lee, City of Kinston Planning Board, Mr. John Rouse, NCDOT, and Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planner.

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Mr. Anthony Mitchell, Mayor of Pink Hill; Mr. Buddy Ritch, Mayor of Kinston; Mr. John Craft, Town Manager of LaGrange; Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; Mr. Dan Sale, Lenoir County At-large; Mr. Preston Hunter, NCDOT; Ms. Sue Powell, Lenoir County Transit; Mr. Randy Robb, GTP Authority, Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development; and Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston; Mr. Van Braxton, State Representative, and Senator Charles Albertson.

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

Minutes were tabled due to lack of quorum.

NLHS – PTSA Request for School Access Improvements – Item Tabled

US 70 Corridor Commission

Mr. Lee stated the US 70 Corridor Commission meeting was held on September 9, 2008. A legislative breakfast will be held in February to discuss the US 70 Corridor as well. Mr. Lee stated a pilot project is being considered at Skinner Bypass along Hwy. 70. Mr. Rhodes stated retrofitting Skinner Bypass is very important, although other intersections must be reviewed as well.

Industrial Access

The Historic Preservation Group is in the process of doing geological and archaeological studies on the proposed industrial access. Mr. Rouse stated the study is on going and is necessary to complete 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. Rhodes stated the RPO Board is still working very hard on this project. Mr. Rickard stated he would bring maps to the next meeting so the issue could be discussed in greater detail.

Carey Road Extension Sub-Committee - No updates to report.

New Business

Mr. Rhodes stated the Board of Commissioners has approved the removal of a traffic light at Hwy. 70 and Mt. Vernon Drive. Mr. Rhodes stated he would be appearing before the Board at the October 6, 2008 meeting to let the Board know that the Committee is working hard for Kinston-Lenoir County.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board