

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
October 14, 2009

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 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. Buddy Ritch; Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board; and Mr. Don Howard, GTP Authority.

Non-Voting members present included: Mr. Preston Hunter, Ms. Betty Caldwell and Mr. Len White; NCDOT; Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development; Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Bryan Lucas, City of Kinston Planning Board; Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Mr. Joey Bryan, Lenoir County Manager (Transit), Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston; and Mr. Greg Smith, City of Kinston.

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Ms. Treva Brigman, Mayor of Pink Hill; Mr. John Craft, Town of LaGrange; Mr. Dan Sale, County at Large; Mr. Joe Bower, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planner; 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. Whaley, the minutes of September 9, 2009 were unanimously approved.

NCDOT Update – Mr. Rhodes stated he would like all committee members to attend a meeting to discuss the W-5134 - US 70 Median Project in Kinston. Mr. Dwayne Alligood and Mr. Haywood Daughtry of NCDOT will be attending to discuss the crash data used to determine a median was needed at the site. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room.

Old Business –

North Lenoir Road Access – Mr. Hunter stated there will be no traffic signal placed at the intersection of the school; DOT is still researching what might be available to slow down traffic in front of the school.

US 70 Corridor Commission – Mr. Rhodes stated the Corridor Commission meeting was postponed this month. The Board of Commissioners appointed Mr. Pope as a new member on the Commission.

Traffic Signal at Mt. Vernon Rd. – Mr. Stevens stated NCDOT officials would like to take down the signal light at the intersection, but access will still be needed to access the neighborhood. The City is willing to grant access through a road behind Westview Cemetery; DOT will pay the cost of constructing the road. Mr. Stevens stated he would present a resolution to City Council to approving taking down the light; but also present information to hold a Public Hearing for residents of the community to hear their concerns and discuss future plans for road access.

Carey Road Ext. – Mr. Rhodes stated that other communities are concerned with the ranking of Carey Road Ext. as a #1 project on the TIP Listing; still no funding for the project at this time.

MLK and King St., Roundabout – No updates at this time.

NC 11 Thoroughfare – Mr. Rhodes stated the committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the GTP.

New Business – Mr. Stevens stated the City Council will be submitting the MLK and King St., Roundabout as a potential project to the Golden Leaf Foundation. The Submission date is December 2, 2009. The City will abandon Railroad Street in Kinston for the North Carolina Railroad. Railroad Street is a dirt road that is no driven on by the public.

Adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board