

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**November 10, 2010**

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 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. B J Murphy; Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Joe Bower, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board; and Mr. Don Howard, GTP Authority.

**Non-Voting members present included:** Mr. Brian Lucas, City of Kinston, Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development and Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager.

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

**Members absent included:** Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; Mr. Rodney Howard, Town of Pink Hill; Ms. Betty Caldwell, Mr. Preston Hunter; Mr. Dan Sale, County at Large; Mr. Joey Bryan; Lenoir County Transit; Mr. John Craft, Town of LaGrange, Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston; Mr. Joe Albright, Manager of Grifton, Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planner and Ms. Leigh McNairy, DOT Board Member.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Whaley and a second by Mr. Howard, the minutes of October 13, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Howard stated the GTP Rail Spur was on schedule. Conversations have taken place at Spirit regarding the least expensive method to transport their products. Trucking seems to be the least expensive method right now. Mr. Pope stated trucking is the best option for Spirit until more production is achieved.

In regards to US 70 Corridor Commission, Mr. Lucas stated the Commission is waiting on a listing of Lenoir County's priorities. NCDOT has given no information on Eason Road and Little Baltimore to Eason Road. Mr. Rhodes stated the Board of Commissioners approved items 1, 2, and 5 of the priority listing upon NCDOT giving more information regarding items 3 and 4. Mr. Lucas stated the Commission is looking for a replacement for its Chairman Tom Steepy who has stepped down for that position. Mr. Murphy stated he is in receipt of emails from Mr. Durwood Stephenson regarding bypass planning, traffic signals and mobility funds. Mr. Murphy stated he would forward those emails to all committee members.

Mr. Pope stated Mr. Rickard has created a PowerPoint presentation on the NC 11 Thoroughfare from Greenville to present to all communities along the corridor. Mr. Rickard will present to the RPO Board and then travel to each community. Mr. Rhodes stated the traffic light at E. New Bern Road has been noted in the Hwy. 11 to Hwy. 70 feasibility study.

Mr. Stevens stated the City has signed an agreement with NCDOT regarding the MLK and King Street roundabout. Mr. Pope informed committee members that Sanderson Farms paid for the traffic signal on Hwy. 70. Mr. Pope also informed the committee that jail construction will begin next week at the Lenoir County Courthouse.

Mr. Howard voiced his concerns regarding the median placement at Hill Farm Road. Mr. Howard stated the new median has caused more issues than it has fixed. Mr. Howard stated he would like NCDOT to look at other options to correct issues at the median. Mr. Howard stated he is concerned about the discussion of a preferred route for the Northern/Southern Bypass. Mr. Howard stated it is obvious that a Northern Bypass is the best route for the entire county. Upon a motion by Mr. Howard and a second by Mr. Murphy, the Board approved Mr. Howard drafting a resolution supporting a Northern Bypass in Lenoir County.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Lashanda Aytch  
Clerk to the Board