

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
December 8, 2010

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, December 8, 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. Dan Sale, County at Large; Mr. J. Mac Daughety, County Commissioner; 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, Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager, Mr. Preston Hunter, Ms. Betty Caldwell, Mr. Len White, and Mr. John Rouse; NCDOT, and Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston.
Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Mr. Rodney Howard, Town of Pink Hill; Mr. Joey Bryan; Lenoir County Transit; Mr. John Craft, Town of LaGrange, 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. Murphy and a second by Mr. Whaley, the minutes of November 10, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Howard stated the GTP Rail Spur was on schedule; grading in place. In regards to the traffic signal at Mt. Vernon Park Road, Mr. Stevens stated the City Council may approve the removal of the east bound side traffic signal, but leave the west bound traffic signal up for ease of traffic. Ms. Caldwell stated Mr. Haywood Daughtry, District Engineer, has stated that the option is not funded. Mr. Rhodes recommended taking option before the Board of Commissioner to discuss at a January meeting. Ms. Caldwell stated she would get in touch with Mr. Daughtry and invite him to the next transportation meeting to discuss the issue further.

The Board of Commissioners has approved the Access Management Priorities listing. The committee reviewed the Resolution to Support the Kinston Bypass Utilizing C.F. Harvey Parkway drafted by Mr. Don Howard. Upon a motion by Mr. Murphy and a second by Mr. Daughety, the committee approved the resolution as presented.

Mr. Rhodes stated that Mr. Rickard plans to have meetings during the beginning of the year to update citizens on the NC 11 as a thoroughfare from Greenville's SW 264 Bypass in Ayden to US 70. Mr. Stevens stated he will be meeting with Wal-mart officials to discuss the median on Hill Farm Road.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board