

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
December 10, 2008

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, December at 9:30 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. Don Howard, GTP Authority; and Mr. Jimmy Cousins for the Mayor of Kinston.

Non-Voting members present included: Ms. Amanda Engesether, City of Kinston Planning Board, Mr. Tommy Lee, City of Kinston Planning Board; Mr. Preston Hunter, Mr. Len White, and Mr. John Rouse, NCDOT; Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development, and Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planner.

Also Present: Ms. Betty Caldwell, NCDOT and Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; Mr. Dan Sale, Lenoir County At-large, Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Ms. Treva Brigman, Mayor of Pink Hill; Mr. John Craft, Town Manager of LaGrange; Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board, Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Ms. Sue Powell, Lenoir County Transit; Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston; Mr. Van Braxton, State Representative, and Senator Charles Albertson.

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

TIP Ranking – Mr. Rhodes stated NCDOT is in a \$65 billion shortfall for funds to complete transportation projects. The RPO Board is requesting the TIP Listing/Ranking as soon as possible. Mr. Rhodes asked the committee if there were any projects the committee wanted added or removed from the ranking. The Committee had no addendum's to make to the listing.

GTP Rail Spur – Mr. Hunter stated there was nothing new to report. Mr. Howard stated he would keep everyone informed on the progress of the rail spur.

NLHS – PTSA Request for School Access Improvements – Mr. Rhodes stated a meeting has been set to meet with the Sheriff regarding NLHS traffic issues. The North Lenoir PTSA has stated they would like to hire an officer to enforce the traffic laws; the fees will be paid through donations to the PTSA.

US 70 Corridor Commission – Mr. Lee stated that Wayne County is being very proactive regarding the US 70 Corridor. Mr. Lee stated counties that have the most regional impact would be the counties to receive funding. Mr. Lee concluded by stating the Committee needs to understand the importance of transportation issues.

Industrial Access: Airport Road – Mr. Hunter stated due to budget constraints the project has been put on hold until further notice.

Bridge Replacement – No updates to report.

NC 11 Thoroughfare - Mr. Rickard stated a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the thoroughfare in depth.

Carey Road Ext. – The City has applied for USDA Funding. More meetings will take place to discuss the project in depth in the coming new year.

Harvey Parkway Section A – Mr. Hunter the project is delayed until January 2009.

Harvey Parkway Signage Request from Tull Hill Farm - Mr. Rhodes stated the County is in charge for signage.

Respectfully Submitted by
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Clerk to the Board