

**Minutes
Lenoir County Transportation Committee
Lenoir Economic Development Board Room
Scheduled Meeting
March 9, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.**

Attendance:

Voting	Non-Voting	Absent
Bill Whaley, Lenoir County at Large, Chair	Patrick Flanagan, RPO	Mike Jarman, Manager, Lenoir County
BJ Murphy, Mayor, City of Kinston	Angie Greene, Transit Director	Woody Gurley/John Craft, Town of LaGrange
Harold Thomas, Lenoir County Economic Development Board	Adam Short, City of Kinston	Carol Sykes/Donald King, Town of Pink Hill
Eric Rouse, Lenoir County Commissioner	Aaron Bullard, District Engineer, NC DOT	Joe Albright, Town of Grifton, Manager
John Marshall, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce	Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT	John Rouse, Division Engineer, NCDOT
Mary Jane Westphal, NC GTP Authority	Brian Lucas, City of Kinston	Mark Pope, Executive Director, Lenoir County Economic Development
	Brandon Holland, City of Kinston	Dan Sale, Lenoir County, Member-At-Large
		Rick Barks, NC GTP Authority
		Adrian King, PRIDE of Kinston

Chairman Bill Whaley called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Quorum was present.

Update:

TIP Projects – Aaron Bullard, NC DOT

- **B-4565:** Bridges #42 and #43 over Neuse River on US 70 Business (Queen St.). Awarded to Thalle Construction Co., Inc. Project approximately 40% complete.
 - Anticipate pouring deck of Stage 1 of overflow bridge by late March/early April.
 - Anticipate girders to be set on Neuse River bridge last 2 weeks of March 14th.
- **EB-3314D:** Kinston Riverwalk, multi-use path from downtown through Pearson Park to the Power Plant. Awarded to Lanier Construction. Project is approximately 95% complete. Anticipate completion by end of March.

Resurfacing - Aaron Bullard, NC DOT

- **NC 148:** Resurface from 2215 ft West of SR 1575 (Poole Rd) to NC 58. Awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co. Available July 1, 2016 with a completion date of November 1, 2016.
- **US 258:** Resurface from 300 ft South of SR 1342 (Will Baker Rd) to US 70. Lets March 23, 2016, available May 2, 2016 with a completion date of September 30, 2016.
- **Secondary Roads:** Awarded to S.T. Wooten Corp. Available July 1, 2016 with a completion date of October 15, 2016.
 - SR 1152 Smith-Grady Rd, resurface from NC 11 to NC 55
 - SR 1546 Banks School Rd, resurface from US 70 to 100 ft East of Eastwood Dr
- **Asphalt Preservation Project:** Apply joint sealer on 15 roads. Awarded to Slurry Pavers, Inc. Project is approximately 90% complete. Anticipate completion by end of March.

Mr. Harold Thomas stated that several individuals in the Hugo area have asked him to inquire about the process to get a 55 mile per hour speed limit designated for a road reduced to a 45 mile per hour speed limit. Mr. Aaron Bullard stated that a study would need to be completed by the DOT traffic engineers. Mr. Eric Rouse stated that this group has already approached Lenoir County Board of Commissioners and it was his understanding that the process for reviewing the speed limit of this area was already being conducted. Mr. Aaron Bullard stated that he would look into this issue and report back to Mr. Harold Thomas and Mr. Eric Rouse.

Mayor BJ Murphy stated that the City would be looking at the challenge to provide lighting for the Riverwalk. He also stated that people are already utilizing the Riverwalk. Lighting will not be up by the Festival on the Neuse. Mr. Tony Sears asked that if any person knows of individuals needing an Eagle Scout project to please refer them to the City of Kinston.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes – Bill Whaley, Chairman

- A quorum was present. The minutes were reviewed by the committee for February 10, 2016. Mayor BJ Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. John Marshall seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor of accepting the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved by the committee.

RPO Report – Patrick Flanagan, Eastern RPO Planner

- Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the RPO is closed to receiving scores for the STIP. He then stated that they would then have 60 days to apply points to the various projects. The subcommittee met to evaluate the methodology. He stated that he felt that the strategic point system helps to focus on the projects that were likely to be funded.
- The next RPO meeting is scheduled for March 17th.
- Mayor BJ Murphy asked how the scoring and prioritizing would affect the CF Harvey Parkway - Part C. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the STIP outlines what NC DOT would fund over the next 10 years. He stated that projects aligned that fall within the 1 to 5 year priority would be planned out and receives funding. It is his understanding that the CF Harvey Parkway - Part C is within the first five years of the STIP and is considered on go.
- Mr. Harold Thomas asked what role Ferrell and Overholt have on the process. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that they are voting members on the RPO committee.
- Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that once the scoring was released by NC DOT for the projects, the Lenoir County Transportation Committee would review these projects one by one and discuss their significance to Lenoir County.
- Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the RPO consisted of four counties; Lenoir, Wayne, Duplin, and Greene. Elected officials and town staff from those four counties make up the RPO. They have to view transportation as a regional effort when assigning points for prioritization.
- Mayor BJ Murphy asked when the option for the CF Harvey Parkway - Part C would be decided. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that this project was now going through environmental studies and an option would not be determined until all of the studies were completed. Mayor BJ Murphy asked if the transportation committee needed to adopt a position to recommend one option over another. He then stated that the Northern route would be more beneficial in connecting to Greenville.

County Transportation Plan Update - Patrick Flanagan, Eastern RPO Planner

- Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that NC DOT has drafted a request for Lenoir County to begin the process for developing a transportation plan.
- Presentations will be scheduled to assist municipalities with selection of representatives for the transportation plan steering committee.

New Business:

Request of New Business – Bill Whaley, Chairman

- Chairman Bill Whaley stated that he would like to give the various organizations and departments in attendance an opportunity to update the committee on recent developments or happenings.
- Ms. Mary Jane Westphal stated that the North Carolina Global TransPark is currently working to rename the road that the terminal is on, it was previously named Rouse Road Extension, but will be changed to

Jetport Road. There was an issue with two roads in the GTP having the same name for Emergency Management. She also stated that North State Aviation is doing well.

- Mr. Tony Sears stated that the City of Kinston is still working on Queen Street. They are hoping to begin the sewer project in the next couple of months. Mr. Brian Lucas stated that the City of Kinston will begin working on the resurfacing schedule.
- Mr. John Marshall asked if a definitive decision was ever made on the redesign of Queen Street. Mr. Tony Sears stated that Queen Street would have diagonal parking. He then stated that the City of Kinston are in the process of developing detailed plans for the project.
- Chairman Bill Whaley asked Commissioner Eric Rouse if there was updated information in regards to the Wyse Fork Battlefield District. Commissioner Eric Rouse stated that the battlefield issue is on hold for the next public meeting.

The next transportation meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, at 8:30 a.m.

Much discussion followed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.