

**Minutes**  
**Lenoir County Transportation Committee**  
**Lenoir Economic Development Board Room**  
**Scheduled Meeting**  
**August 10, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

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

**Chairman Bill Whaley was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. John Marshall filled in for Chairman Bill Whaley. Mr. John Marshall called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Quorum was present.**

**Update:**

**TIP Projects – Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT District Engineer**

- **B-4565:** Bridges #42 and #43 over Neuse River on US 70 Business (Queen St.). Awarded to Thalle Construction Co., Inc. Project approximately 78% complete.
  - Overflow bridge Stage 1 is complete. Stage 2 preparing to start pouring the last half of the deck.
  - Neuse River bridge deck complete. Working on approach slabs. Some initial paving has been done between the bridges and on the US 70 side
- **W-5202K NC 11:** Add additional left turn lanes from Mewborn Ave to north of Odham Rd and remove 2 crossovers, awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co., available August 1, 2016 with a completion date of July 1, 2017
- **W-5601ES NC 11:** Upgrade guardrail end units at various locations, awarded to Reynolds Fence & Guardrail, available June 20, 2016 with a completion date of September 30, 2016.
- **SS-4902BX:** NC 11 at SR 1735 Ferrell Rd, asphalt work this week, installation of concrete islands is planned for early next week

**Resurfacing – Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT District Engineer**

- **US 258:** Resurface from 300 ft South of SR 1342 Will Baker Rd to US 70. Awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co., Project complete
- **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. - paving complete
- **US 70:** Resurface from Bear Creek bridge to Mt Vernon Park Dr (excluding NC 148 interchange). Awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co. Available July 1, 2016 with a completion date of December 1, 2016. Approximately 21% complete
- **Secondary Roads:** Awarded to S.T. Wooten Corp. Available July 1, 2016 with a completion date of October 15, 2016.
  - paving work complete, working on shoulders
  - 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

Commissioner Eric Rouse asked the NC DOT representatives if they heard back from CSX in regards to the Ferrell Road improvements. Mr. Jeff Cabaniss stated that the project is moving forward and should be complete before school starts. Commissioner Eric Rouse then asked NC DOT representatives if the Queen Street Bridges would be open by the end of August. Mr. John Rouse stated that the project has had several delays. Mr. Jeff Cabaniss stated that they still have a lot of work to complete before anyone can drive on the bridges.

Mr. Jeff Cabaniss stated that NC DOT has a safety project near Jackson Store on Highway 55/11 that has come up. He stated that three concept designs have been proposed to fix this problem. He also stated that he would like the committee to review the drawings after the meeting for their information. Mr. Jeff Cabaniss stated that once more information is available it will be up for further discussion at the transportation meetings.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Approval of Minutes – John Marshall, LCTC Acting Chairman**

- A quorum was present. The minutes were reviewed by the committee for June 8, 2016. All voting members were in favor of accepting the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved by the committee.

#### **CTP Steering Committee Update – Patrick Flanagan, RPO Planner**

- Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the Lenoir County Transportation Plan Steering Committee has been meeting for the past couple of months. He then stated that the drafted vision and goals within the transportation committee binders were developed by the steering committee. Mr. Patrick Flanagan asked that the Lenoir County Transportation Committee members review this document. He then stated that a survey will be distributed to the public for their input on this process. The vision and goals will be reviewed again once public input is received and will be updated to encompass their transportation priorities.
- Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the survey was developed to receive public input and to determine the transportation priorities from their perspective. He stated that the survey covered various issues in regards to travel time, preservation of environment, safety, bicycle or pedestrian facilities, and where people are going. The survey also includes general demographic data. He then stated that surveys will be submitted using various methods. Mr. John Marshall asked if the survey could be emailed. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that they used to go out with the utility bills, school children, or with tax cards. He then stated that the steering committee will determine the method of distribution but would like recommendations from the Lenoir County Transportation Committee. Mr. Adam Short asked what the typical response rate is for the surveys. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that it is not great. He then stated that they recently completed a survey for Onslow County and they received about 220 responses. Mr. Harold Thomas asked if they could be passed out at public places. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the survey would need to be turned around within 45 days. He then stated that they could place them in city or town halls, libraries, tax offices, schools and administrative offices, and courthouses. Mr. John Marshall asked if they could be placed as an insert in the Kinston Free Press. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that they have not had much success with placing the link or survey within media outlets. Commissioner Eric Rouse stated that a mailing distribution of the properties in Lenoir County could be compiled from GIS and used to mail out the survey. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that that could be an option used to distribute the surveys. Mr. Harold Thomas asked why number seventeen on the survey was being asked. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that NC DOT is required by federal law to reach out to all the various demographics within the areas being surveyed. He also stated that the survey will also be available in Spanish.
- Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that roads in Lenoir County will be determined for the detailed study and analysis in the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Request of New Business – John Marshall, LCTC Acting Chairman**

- Acting Chairman John Marshall stated that the SPOT priority listing and the signed resolution from the Lenoir County Commissioners is included in each committee member's notebook.
- Acting Chairman John Marshall asked LCTC members if they had any new business to bring before the committee. There was no further business to be discussed.

The next transportation meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m.

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