

Minutes
Lenoir County Transportation Committee
Lenoir Economic Development Board Room
Scheduled Meeting
September 14, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Voting	Non-Voting	Absent
Bill Whaley, Lenoir County at Large, Chair	Angie Greene, Transit Director	Mike Jarman, Manager, Lenoir County
Brian Lucas, City of Kinston (BJ Murphy, Mayor, City of Kinston)	Aaron Bullard, District Engineer, NC DOT	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	Mark Pope, Executive Director, Lenoir County Economic Development	Joe Albright, Town of Grifton, Manager
Harold Thomas, Lenoir County Economic Development Board	Adam Short, City of Kinston	Mary Jane Westphal, NC GTP Authority
		John Marshall, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce
		John Rouse, Division Engineer, NCDOT
		Adrian King, PRIDE of Kinston
		Eric Rouse, Lenoir County Commissioner
		Lauren Tuttle, RPO Planner
		Patrick Flanagan, RPO Planner

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

Update:

TIP Projects – Aaron Bullard, 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 87% complete.
 - Both structures predominately complete. Approach slabs and grooving/grinding of decks remaining. Also need to complete paving, pavement markings, and signals.
 - Anticipated opening early-mid October. Final completion mid-December.
- **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. Began work September 6, 2016; completion TBD.
- **W-5601ES, NC 11:** Upgrade guardrail end units at various locations. Awarded to Reynolds Fence & Guardrail. Anticipated start late September; completion mid-November.
- **SS-4902BX:** NC 11 at SR 1735 Ferrell Rd. Project complete with exception of widening for bulb out at southern U-turn

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. Paving complete; need final pavement markings/snowplowable markers.
- **NC 148:** Resurface from 2215 ft West of SR 1575 (Poole Rd) to NC 58. Awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co. Paving complete; need final pavement markings/snowplowable markers.
- **US 70:** Resurface from Bear Creek bridge to Mt Vernon Park Dr (excluding NC 148 interchange). Awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co. Approximately 25% complete. Anticipate completion of paving from beginning to Little Baltimore September 23, 2016. Paving from Massey Toyota to Mt Vernon Park Dr to follow (night work).
- **Secondary Roads:** Awarded to S.T. Wooten Corp. All work complete.
 - 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

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes – Bill Whaley, LCTC Chairman

- A quorum was present. The minutes were reviewed by the committee for August 10, 2016. Mr. Harold Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dan sale seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor of accepting the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved by the committee.

NC GTP Update – Rick Barkes, Interim Executive Director

- Mr. Rick Barkes stated that Spirit AeroSystems has had the Antanov at the airport twice a month for the past few months and will continue to have the Antanov for the foreseeable future.
- Mr. Rick Barkes stated that NC GTP is honored to host the 2016 MFG Day event for Lenoir County on Friday, October 7. There are over 800 students anticipated to attend the event from five counties (Craven, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, and Wayne). We have 45 vendors confirmed for the exhibition starting at 11:00 am and approximately 15 facilities scheduled for tours starting at 9:00 am. All participants will receive lunch from Chick-fil-a.

LCED Update – Mark Pope, Executive Director, Lenoir County Economic Development

- Mr. Mark Pope stated that Lenoir County Economic Development currently has several active projects.
- Mr. Mark Pope stated that the Lenoir Committee of 100, Inc. has their annual meeting coming up in September.
- Mr. Mark Pope stated that Spirit AeroSystems has ramped up employment and production recently. They are looking to have seven to eight units complete per month. They are looking to utilize rail service to assist with transporting completed wing spars and fuselages to the port for shipping.
- Mr. Mark Pope stated that the recent announcement of CSX in North Carolina will impact Eastern North Carolina in a positive way. This intermodal facility will open up potential industry along that designated corridor.

City of Kinston Update – Brian Lucas, Water Resources Manager, City of Kinston

- Mr. Brian Lucas stated that the water line project on Queen Street has two phases remaining. Plaza Boulevard to Airport Road and the section between Blount Street and Wilson Avenue remain incomplete.
- Mr. Brian Lucas stated that the sewer project contractor is working south from Lenoir. It is anticipated for this project to be completed in March or April.

New Business:

Request of New Business – Bill Whaley, LCTC Chairman

- Chairman Bill Whaley 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, October 12, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.