

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
November 18, 2009

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 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, Mayor Woody Gurley, Town of LaGrange; Chairman; Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; Mr. B J Murphy; Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board; Mr. Joe Bower, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Don Howard, GTP Authority.

Non-Voting members present included: Mr. Preston Hunter, and Mr. Len White; NCDOT; Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development; Bryan Lucas, City of Kinston Planning Board; Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston; Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planner; Ms. Leigh McNairy, NCDOT Board Member, and Anthony Kennedy.

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

Members absent included: Ms. Treva Brigman, Mayor of Pink Hill, Mr. Dan Sale, County at Large; Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Mr. Joey Bryan, Lenoir County Manager (Transit), Mr. Van Braxton, State Representative, and Senator Charles Albertson.

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Whaley, the minutes of October 14, 2009 were unanimously approved.

NCDOT Update – Mr. Rickard stated the RPO would be finished with rankings by January; a listing should be completed by February 2010. The Beulaville Comprehensive Transportation Committee met November 17th to discuss the Bypass on Hwy. 24 around Beulaville. Hwy. 11/903 is undesignated; the Lenoir County Comprehensive Transportation Plan needs to include all municipalities including the Town of Grifton. Mr. Rhodes asked the committee if there were any complaints on drafting a Resolution Encouraging the RPO to create a Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Old Business –

Kinston Median Project – Mr. Haywood Daughy addressed the committee regarding fatal crash site data utilized to create the Hazard Mitigation Project. Mr. Daughy stated the fatality was used in the Spot Safety Project; the inclusion of the fatality was appropriate for the project and still makes the project valid. The study dates back to September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2009.

RPO MOU Appointments – Mr. Rickard reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding; the major change is as follows: “The membership of a county or municipality member who fails to send the appointee or alternate to two (2) consecutive RPO meetings will be designated as a vacant seat and will not count towards a quorum. Attendance at future meetings will reinstate the member. Ex officio members in the Eastern Carolina RPO will be advisory and non-voting.” Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Howard the MOU was unanimously approved. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Whaley the committee approved the RPO and TAC Appointee’s.

Traffic Signal at Mt. Vernon Rd. – Mr. Daughy stated many alternatives were given at the public meeting held at City Hall. NCDOT is taking those recommendations under advisement and will report back in January.

Industrial Access – Charles Hughes construction has begun cutting down the trees in the access area; paving will begin in the Spring.

Carey Road Ext. – Mr. Rhodes stated other RPO counties are now in favor of Lenoir County’s #1 project; Carey Road is #2 on the RPO listing.

MLK and King St., Roundabout – No updates at this time.

NC 11 Thoroughfare – Mr. Rhodes stated the committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the GTP from 2-4 p.m.

New Business – Ms. McNairy discussed an Interstate Shield and a Statewide Logistics Plan, which could make transportation “intermobile”.

Adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board