

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**September 10, 2008**

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 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. Bruce Parson, GTP Authority Staff, Mr. Anthony Mitchell, Mayor of Pink Hill; Mr. Dan Sale, Lenoir County At-large; Mr. Jimmy Cousins for the Mayor of Kinston and Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Director.

**Non-Voting members present included:** Ms. Amanda Engesether, City of Kinston Planning Board, Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Preston Hunter, NCDOT; Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development, Mr. Dan VanLiere and Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planners.

Also Present: Mr. Don Howard of the Kinston Regional Jetport, Mr. Ronald Dunn; NLHS, Mr. Marc Hamel and Mr. Jason Orthner, PE of the NC Rail Division and Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

**Members absent included:** Mr. Buddy Ritch, Mayor of Kinston; Mr. John Craft, Town Manager of LaGrange; Mr. Randy Robb, GTP Authority, Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; 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.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mitchell and a second by Mr. Parson the minutes of September 10, 2008 were approved.

**NLHS – PTSA Request for School Access Improvements** – Mr. Dunn stated all work has been completed on campus to help with the traffic situation on and off school property. The flow of traffic in the morning is 100% better. Principle and teachers are helping to direct traffic in the morning. The major traffic issues arise in the afternoon. The school needs helping enforcing the no parking rule along the right-of-way. Mr. Dunn stated it would be helpful if the Transportation Committee would address a letter to the NC Highway Patrol Division to attract more attention to the issue. Tickets should be issued to violators of the no parking law. Mr. Rhodes asked for acceptance from the Committee to grant Mr. Dunns' request; there was no opposition by Committee Members.

### **GTP Rail Spur**

Mr. Hamel and Mr. Orthner addressed committee regarding the GTP Rail spur. Mr. Orthner stated in May the Governor announced the opening of Spirit AeroSystems at the NCGTP. With the announcement of this project came major work to be completed: NCDOT's Rail Division had to start design work on six (6) miles of railroad lines to be completed in three (3) years; hold public work sessions regarding the six miles of railroad lines; in January 2009 hold a Public Hearing on the rail spur and obtain right of way acquisition by March 2009. Mr. Hamel and Mr. Orthner discussed in full detail with Transportation Committee members the proposed Alignment G of the GTP Rail Spur. Upon a motion by Mr. Parson and a second by Mr. Mitchell, the Committee agreed with the proposed Alignment G of the rail spur, and would like NCDOT's Rail Division to investigate the right of way at Harvey Parkway Intersection. The motion by unanimously accepted.

## **NC 11 Thoroughfare**

Mr. Rickard and Mr. VanLiere presented the committee with maps detailing the route of NC 11. Mr. Rickard and Mr. VanLiere stated they would make a few corrections to the maps and bring back to the Committee for further discussion.

## **Harvey Parkway Signage Request from Tull Hill Farms**

Mr. Rhodes stated he would send a letter to NCDOT requesting signage for Tull Hill Farms. There were no objections by committee members.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Lashanda Aytch  
Clerk to the Board