

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

Attendance:

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

Chairman Bill Whaley 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 93% complete.
 - Road opened to traffic October 31. Major remaining work items: bridge rails, sidewalk, final layer of asphalt, pavement markings, guardrail, and signs. Anticipate final completion by early January.
- **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. Project completed.
- **SS-4902BX:** NC 11 at SR 1735 Ferrell Rd. Project complete with exception of widening for bulb out at southern U-turn; pending R/W.

Resurfacing – Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT District Engineer

- **US 70:** Resurface from Bear Creek bridge to Mt Vernon Park Dr (excluding NC 148 interchange). Awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co. Paving complete. Remaining work: shoulders, final pavement markings.
- **NC 55:** Strengthen and resurface from the Wayne Co line to NC 11, awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co., available March 15th with a completion date of September 28, 2017.

Emergency – Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT Engineer

- **NC 55:** Culvert Replacement/Repair at four sites. Awarded to Sanford Contractors. Work to begin November 7, 2016. Final completion for all sites April 30, 2017. Contract/plan details still in process.
- Lenoir County took the biggest hit in the division. There are 101 FEMA sites. 21 of those sites are identified as hydro sites. Recommendations have been made for upsizing. All replacement pipes are customized and will need to be ordered. This will extend the time it will take to complete the work.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes – Bill Whaley, LCTC Chairman

- A quorum was present. The minutes were reviewed by the committee for September 14, 2016. Commissioner Eric Rouse made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Harold Thomas 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 the NC GTP hosted the first responders for the state in Eastern North Carolina that came to assist with Hurricane Matthew relief efforts. Responders were from all over the nation. There were approximately 250-300 people housed at the GTP. The NC GTP has also been instrumental in assisting with the storage of Hurricane Matthew relief supplies. FEMA will be renting space at the GTP to assist with federal program processes.
- Mr. Rick Barkes stated that the Antanov will continue to serve Spirit throughout this year. He stated that the plane will be in twice a week. The airport revenue has increased with Spirit's use of this aircraft.
- Mr. Rick Barkes stated that the 2016 MFG Day event has been moved to December 1. The original date occurred during Hurricane Matthew could not take place.

City of Kinston Update – Tony Sears, City Manager, City of Kinston

- Mr. Tony Sears stated that there are several residents with severe damage to their homes by the flooding resulting from Hurricane Matthew and these residents are utilizing the services of FEMA. Temporary housing has been approved for the City of Kinston, however, due to the high volume of need for the temporary housing units are not available. The City is awaiting more information as to serve the needs of those displaced by the flooding of Hurricane Matthew.

Transit Update – Angie Greene, Transit Director, Lenoir County

- Ms. Angie Greene stated that it was challenging to operate transit in Lenoir County due to the flooding. The county was split and kept some personnel from being able to get to work. Lenoir County Transit did not lose a day of service during the disaster. Evacuation assistance for Emergency Management Services was provided. FEMA and the Department of Transportation will reimburse the transit system for the issues that arose for evacuation expenses, payroll overtime, and loss of service fees.

RPO Project Report – Bill Whaley, LCTC Chairman/Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT Engineer

- Mr. Bill Whaley stated that Mr. Patrick Flanagan could not be in attendance for the meeting to share the Division 2 RPO Project points, however, he was able to provide a spreadsheet listing these projects and their points. Mr. Bill Whaley asked all members present to review the provided listing. Mr. Jeff Cabaniss stated that the division received \$136 million for projects. The methodology basically supports 20 projects that consist of all modes of transportation. This could be aviation, bike/ped, rail, or ferry, etc. The scores in the report provided by the RPO reflect what they are supporting. The scores do not reflect what is in SPOT. You cannot take this list and assume that the top scoring projects will be funded. Mr. Patrick Flanagan will be able to discuss this further at the next transportation meeting.

Lenoir County Update – Commissioner Eric Rouse, Lenoir County Board of Commissioners

- Commissioner Eric Rouse stated that FEMA has been conducting debris sweeps in conjunction with Lenoir County. There are several more trips that need to be made to remove all of the debris from the county.

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, February 8, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.