

February 12, 2020

Minutes
Lenoir County Transportation Committee
DOT Division Building
January 8, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Voting	Non-Voting	Absent
Harold Thomas, LCED Board	Aaron Bullard, Resident Engineer, NC DOT	Michael James, County Manager
Dan Sale, Member at Large, Lenoir County	Keely Koonce, Interim Director, Lenoir County Economic Development	Brian Lucas, Water Resources Manager, City of Kinston
Eric Rouse, Commissioner, Lenoir County	Angie Greene, Transit Director	Carol Sykes/Donald King, Town of Pink Hill
Rick Barkes, NC GTP Authority (Nathan Kemp)	Micajah (Mickey) Anderson, RPO Planner	Joe Albright, Town of Grifton, Manager
Don Hardy, Mayor, City of Kinston	Len White, Division Planning Engineer	Leraine Tolston, PRIDE of Kinston
Danny Smith, Member at Large, Lenoir County		Representative Chris Humphrey
Chris Moore, Kinston/Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce		Gen. Hugh Overholt, (DOT Board Member)
		Preston Hunter, NCDOT
		Bobby Wooten, Mayor of LaGrange (John Craft)
		Tony Sears, Kinston, City Manager
		Senator Jim Perry
		Adam Short, City Planner, City of Kinston
		John Marshall, Lenoir County at Large, Chair

Harold Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present. Approval of the December 11, 2019 minutes by Mr. Chris Moore, and Mr. Dan Sale seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Aaron Bullard provided an update on current projects as follows:

TIP Projects

Current / Awarded

R-5703, NC 148 (Felix Harvey Pkwy): Extension from NC 58 to NC 11 on new location. Awarded to Branch Civil, Inc. Approx. 73% complete; completion date September 1, 2021 with incentive for early completion.

Bridge/Pipe Replacements

Upcoming

SR 1121 (Davis Mill Rd): Replacement of existing pipes with box culvert. To be let January 22, 2020. Availability date March 15, 2020; completion date November 15, 2020.

Old Business:

DOT funding is still on hold. They are meeting in Raleigh to discuss budget items.

Don Hardy stated that Queen Street is complete. He also stated that to reconstruct and repave Hardee Road would cost between \$1.6M to \$1.9M. Also, paving Vernon Avenue to Cunningham Road has been put on hold until late 2020.

In order to remove the traffic light in front of Burger King on Vernon Avenue we will need a letter from the City. Don Hardy stated he would get that done this week.

New Business:

Micajah Anderson introduced himself as the new RPO Planner for this area. His email address is manderson@eccog.org and telephone number is (252) 571-7183. He stated that the bypass has been removed from the DOT hold. He said the draft has been given to begin point assignments and they will be reviewed at the end of April then sent to SPOT to review.

We need to talk to ECRPO about Spine Road being added back in STIP. Mr. Harold Thomas stated that Spine Road and a couple of other projects for the GTP need to be put back on the STIP list to be reevaluated. Look at railroad track and crossovers on Felix Harvey for controlled access in the middle. Mrs. Keely Koonce said she would send a map of the proposed area to all members.

The intersection of Carey Road and Emerson Road is a safety concern which the DOT is currently looking at.

Mr. Harold Thomas discussed the recent Aircraft Solutions announcement.

Mr. Harold Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

The Next Meeting will be February 12, 2020 at the DOT building located at 2815 Rouse Road Extension, Kinston.