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North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board

Board of Directors DRAFT Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2013

Members present: Anthony Tata
Perry R. Safran
Robert D. Teer, Jr.

Members present via phone: Robert C. Clay
James H. Ferebee

Members absent: Scott Aman
John Collett

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Chair, Anthony Tata. He read the State ethics act and declared that there was a quorum present.

Robert Teer stated that the Board meeting minutes from the June 2013 meeting were in order and moved they be approved. Perry Safran seconded Mr. Teer's motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Anthony Tata gave the following remarks and updates to the Board members:

- The Strategic Mobility Formula (House Bill 817) has been signed into law and will provide greater flexibility in the funding of projects. The Garden Parkway, Cape Fear Crossing, and Mid-Currituck Bridge projects will compete along with all other projects for funding in a data-driven process. The previous annual GAP funding for Garden Parkway and the Mid-Currituck Bridge are no longer included in the budget.
- Legislation allowing the NCDOT to restart the Complete 540 environmental study was also passed by the General Assembly. This project is important for mobility in the Triangle region. Three public hearings have been scheduled to be held in the fall of 2013.

- NC Quick Pass and SunPass are now interoperable. The Secretary congratulated the staff for achieving this tremendous milestone in July. The agreement with NC Quick Pass marks Florida's first out-of-state interoperable agreement. Achieving interoperability is in keeping with the Governor's mission to obtain a higher level of customer service. In addition, the new 30-day period for billings to first-time Triangle Expressway users, as well as simplified annual rate increases, are helping the agency to enhance customer service efforts.
- The annual SASHTO meeting was recently held in Asheville, NC. SASHTO is the group of 13 state transportation departments in the southeastern region of the country. The Triangle Expressway Project received this region's award for the best large project (>\$200 million) for "Best Use of Innovation." The project is now competing for America's Transportation Award Grand Prize against nine other projects across the nation. In addition to this award, which will be decided by a panel of judges, the project is also competing for the People's Choice Award, which will be selected by the general public via on-line voting. The winners of each category will be awarded \$10,000 each, with the winning DOT choosing a charity or scholarship of their choice for donation. Secretary Tata presented the award to Mr. Teer and Mr. Safran.

John Breedlove, Dane Berglund, Andy Lelewski, and Spencer Franklin presented the Operations Update (slide presentation attached). Highlights and questions not included or readily apparent in the presentation are summarized as follows:

- Interoperability: The NC Quick Pass transponder is now more interoperable than any transponder in the United States. Our customers are able to travel on more than 120 roadways with the NC Quick Pass.
- Garden Parkway litigation: Mr. Clay asked about the potential timeframe for the federal judge's ruling on the Garden Parkway lawsuit. Scott Slusser of the Attorney General's Office stated that the judge is not under a timeframe, but that a period of up to 12 months would be typical before a decision is handed down.

Chair Anthony Tata asked that staff work closely with the Cris Mulder and Mike Charbonneau of the Communications Office to ensure that a consistent message is presented. This will help craft and shape the message presented to the public.

Chair Anthony Tata asked if there was any additional business to be discussed by the Board. There being no additional business, he asked if any members of the public would like to provide input. Being none, Chair Tata adjourned the meeting at 2:43 pm.

Attachment: *Operations Update presentation*