



MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: March 21, 2019

LOCATION: NCDOT (6th Floor Board Room)

TIME: 10:30AM

1 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Montell Irvin, Jim Crawford

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE

Charles Travis

MEMBERS ABSENT

AGENDA TOPICS

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS – MONTELL IRVIN, P.E., CHAIR

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Chairman Montell Irvin welcomed everyone to the March 21, 2019 Operations Committee meeting and asked all in attendance, both by phone and in person, to introduce themselves.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Information only/no action required.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2019 MEETING MINUTES – MONTELL IRVIN, P.E., CHAIR

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Chairman Irvin called the meeting to order and stated the Operations Committee minutes for the January 24, 2019 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

ACTIONS TAKEN

The minutes for the January 24, 2019 Operations Committee meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded Mr. Travis.

3. OPENING COMMENTS – CHRISTOPHER WERNER, NCTA ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Mr. Chris Werner began the opening comments with news for the Turnpike Board. Mr. Werner stated Turnpike submitted an INFRA Grant application on March 4, 2019 and received a Record of Decision on March 7, 2019 for Mid-Currituck Bridge. Mr. Werner announced Keith Holiday, Director of Community Affairs upcoming retirement on April 1, 2019.

Mr. Werner gave an update on the Triangle Expressway, stating revenue for the month of January was 13% above projections with more than \$3.9 million earned.

The month of February remained strong with over 4.2 million transactions. The NC Quick Pass Transponder AVI rate made up 60.6% of the 4.2 million transactions.

Mr. Werner gave an update on Monroe Expressway, stating transactions for the month of February were over 1.9 million, with a penetration rate of nearly 36%. Mr. Werner explained revenue for Monroe not available yet because most accounts are Bill by Mail, and updates will be provided after the close of the quarter.

Mr. Travis inquired on transponder promotional plan for I-77 with opening close. Mr. Andy Lelewski explained promotion includes commercials, gas pump toppers and direct mailers before and after opening.

Chairman Irvin inquired on the opening date of I-77. Mr. Lelewski explained the opening date is not established yet because testing activities scheduled for mid-April.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Information only/no action required.

4. COMPLETE 540 DESIGN-BUILD PROCUREMENT UPDATE – RODGER ROCHELLE, P.E., CHIEF ENGINEER

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Mr. Rodger Rochelle gave a brief update on the Complete 540 Design-Build Procurement and stated plans are on track.

Chairman Irvin inquired on delays in the project due to pipeline or utilities. Mr. Rochelle stated project is going well but if there is a delay for any reason it is covered in the escalation clause of the contract.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Information only/no action required.

5. TOLL SUSPENSION POLICY UPDATE – ANDY LELEWSKI, P.E., DIRECTOR OF TOLL OPERATIONS

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Mr. Andy Lelewski gave an update on the Toll Suspension Policy.

Chairman Irvin inquired if toll suspension is an act of federal and state government. Mr. Lelewski stated yes, suspension is related to a state of emergency and roads used as an evacuation route.

Chairman Irvin inquired if toll policy applies to all express lanes. Mr. Lelewski stated policy applies to Triangle and Monroe.

Chairman Irvin inquired if there is a suspension policy for I-77. Mr. Rodger Rochelle explained I-77 Mobility Partners currently working on one as part of the business policy, and Turnpike has the right to suspend tolling for emergency on I-77 at any time.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Information only/no action required

6. TOLL PROJECT HANDBOOK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – GENE CONTI, THE CONTI GROUP, ALPESH PATEL, CAMBRIDGE SYSTEMATICS

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Mr. Gene Conti and Mr. Alpesh Patel gave an update on the Toll Project Handbook Development.

Chairman Irvin inquired as to who evaluates Financial Feasibility. Mr. Conti stated a collaboration between the Turnpike and local MPO and RPOs.

Chairman Irvin inquired on who evaluates the Pre-Submittal Assessment. Mr. Patel stated the Intra Department Evaluation Team.

Chairman Irvin inquired if enough MPO and RPO groups involved. Mr. Conti stated yes.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Information only/no action required

7. 147 SLOPE UPDATE – DENNIS JERNIGAN, P.E., DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAY OPERATIONS

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Mr. Dennis Jernigan gave an update on the 147 slope.

Mr. Irvin inquired if any concerns. Mr. Jernigan stated no, completion is on track.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Information only/no action required

8. I-77 TOLL OPERATIONS & SYSTEM TESTING OVERVIEW – ANDY LELEWSKI, P.E., DIRECTOR OF TOLL OPERATIONS

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Mr. Andy Lelewski gave an overview of the I-77 Toll Operations and System Testing.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Information only/no action required

9. MONROE EXPRESSWAY UPDATE – ANDY LELEWSKI, P.E., DIRECTOR OF TOLL OPERATIONS

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Mr. Andy Lelewski gave an update on Monroe Expressway.

Mr. Irvin inquired of the transportation advertisement in the I-77 area. Mr. Lelewski stated yes, advertising is taking place. He anticipates customers to respond to the opening similar to the Triangle Expressway and Monroe openings, with an increase in sales occurring post opening.

Mr. Irvin inquired on the vendor overseeing the Back-Office System. Mr. Lelewski stated Transcore.

Mr. Irvin inquired if any press coverage on account issues. Mr. Lelewski explained no, only Twitter inquiries and phone calls received regarding account issues.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Information only/no action required

10. ADJOURN – MONTELL IRVIN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Chairman Irvin opened the floor for questions. No questions offered.

ACTIONS TAKEN

A motion to adjourn the March 21, 2018 Operations Committee meeting was unanimously approved upon a call for motion from Chairman Irvin, moved by Mr. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Travis.

Chairman Irvin declared the meeting adjourned.