

Governor's Logistics Task Force Meeting
November 8, 2011
Raleigh, NC

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton, Chairman of the Logistics Task Force, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 in Raleigh with the following members present:

Al Delia, Gene Conti, Nelson Cole, Pat Long, John Atkins, Beth Austin, Earl Brinkley, Terry Bellamy, Dan Danieleley, Keith Crisco and Dee Freeman.

Tom Eagar participated via conference call.

Chairman Dalton asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2011 meeting. A motion was made by Earl Brinkley, which was seconded by Dan Danieleley. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Dalton welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their participation. He recognized Al Delia, who on behalf of the Governor, thanked everyone for the time and effort they have put into this.

Chairman Dalton introduced John Dillard, Resident Vice President, CSX and Bruce Kuzma, Director, International Sales and Marketing, CSX. Mr. Dillard presented information to the Logistics Task Force regarding how CSX connects the nation and the globe. In North Carolina CSX has 1, 100 employees with \$84 million in compensation. There are 1,700 railroad miles, 2, 250 at-grade public and private rail crossings and nearly 905,000 carloads of freight. National Gateway is their public/private partnership that impacts 6 states and the District of Columbia. He also shared information regarding the key elements of a strong port. Mr. Dillard stated that several projects ongoing in North Carolina are located in Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greenville, Pembroke and Raleigh.

Chairman Dalton introduced Alpesh Patel, NCDOT Strategic Planning Office, Mr. Patel shared information with the Logistics Task Force regarding the North Carolina Statewide Travel Demand Model. This is a simulation of travel demand and traffic patterns based on mathematical equations and illustrated on a network of links and nodes. Data required to run Model includes: census, employment, traffic counts, roadway attributes, travel behavior, speed studies, household surveys and specialized software. The Model Schedule / Phasing is that the 1st Generation Model will be complete in Spring 2012. The goal for Summer 2012 and beyond is to have the Stand-up Second Gen. Model (with more money) in 2012/2013. Mr. Patel shared the things that have already been accomplished. He stated that they need the support of the Logistics Task Force to continue building this into the future as well as support for other data sources.

Chairman Dalton introduced Rachel Vandenberg from AECOM for an update on the Maritime Study. The Logistics Task Force recommended that the Maritime Strategy be initiated to evaluate North Carolina ports' current and future role in strengthening the state's economy. The Maritime Strategy will complement and coordinate with the 7 Portals Study. Ms. Vandenberg provided information on the study scope. A summary of the timeline states the Final Report will be in February 2012. She shared how they have collected data and analysis for this study. She also shared information regarding how North Carolina Ports compare to the competition. Ms. Vandenberg stated how important it is to keep a focus of container sites in North Carolina. She stated the next steps are Quantify investments – port, waterway, road, and rail – that can reduce transport costs to North Carolina shippers; translate growth in maritime volumes into economic benefits to the State; align strategies with other North Carolina initiatives and develop evaluation measures. Chairman Dalton praised Ms. Vandenberg and AECOM for the work they have done so far and look forward to the things to come.

Chairman Dalton opened the floor for Task Force discussion. Dr. George List has provided a final draft of the 7 Portals Study. Chairman Dalton asked that the members take it home and look it over. He asked they let Seth Palmer know their comments.

Roberto Canales informed the Task Force that Charlie Diehl is meeting with the US 70 Corridors study team, which includes members of the NC Board of Transportation, on some remaining issues regarding the 7 Portals Study.

The Task Force was given a copy of a handout regarding Governance. Chairman Dalton asked for a motion to approve the handout in order for it to be incorporated into the final report. A motion was made by Dan Danieleley, which was seconded by Terry Bellamy.

The Task Force was also given a copy of the Draft Final Report. Chairman Dalton asked the members to take this home, look over and provide comments to staff. After November 20th, the comments received will be looked at and consider any significant changes. This information will be presented to the Governor and the Board of Transportation.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.