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## North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2013

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

Members present via phone: Robert C. Clay  
John Collett

Members absent: James H. Ferebee  
Pryor Gibson

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Vice Chair, Perry Safran. He read the State ethics act and declared that there was a quorum present.

Robb Teer motioned, seconded by Al Swanstrom, that Secretary Anthony Tata be elected the Board Chairman. The motion was approved unanimously.

Secretary Tata stated that he is proud to be the new Chairman of the Turnpike Board. Secretary Tata gave a brief background on his experience.

Mark Foster gave an update on the Triangle Expressway Cost to Complete Report. The Triangle Expressway is almost complete. The Triangle Expressway estimate was \$877 million. The project is coming in at about \$50 million under budget. The final portion of the TIFIA loan will not be borrowed. Any reduction in the amount borrowed from TIFIA will result in a decrease in debt service.

Perry Safran congratulated Jason Peterson for the completion of the Triangle Expressway project and recognized the entire Turnpike staff.

Andy Lelewski gave a brief update of the traffic volumes of the Triangle Expressway. Andy described the spikes in volumes of traffic due to the opening of each phase. When Phase 3 of the Triangle Expressway opened there was an overall uptick in traffic volumes at certain tolling points on the road. (See attached presentation.)

Dane Berglund gave an update on the Customer Service Center operations. He discussed the weekday gross traffic volumes. Mr. Berglund discussed the account openings and the total amount of transponders sold to date being over 55,000. Dane discussed that bill-by-mail customers are converting to transponder accounts.

Barry Mickle discussed interoperability with E-ZPass. Mr. Mickle gave a brief background on the technology. He stated that the NCTA chose a dual protocol reader that would read transponders used to by the states both to the north and the south. Barry stated that in July 2013 the NCTA is on schedule to be interoperable with Florida. Barry gave a brief description on the efforts of the Alliance for Toll Interoperability. ATI is striving to achieve national interoperability. The ultimate goal is to achieve one transportation account that can be used nationwide. As far as statistics on the Triangle Expressway, the ETC market share increased from 51% in December 2012 to 58% in just the first week of January 2013. NC Quick Pass has processed over 5,000 E-ZPass transactions in the first week of interoperability.

Jason Peterson gave a construction update on the Triangle Expressway. Jason stated that \$613 million has been paid out to contractors. Jason discussed lighting and aesthetics of the road. He discussed the White Oak Creek Greenway that is being built for the Town of Cary. This was completed as part of a municipal agreement in exchange for some right of way. Jason showed some aerial photographs of the completed Triangle Expressway. Jason discussed the landscaping on the road and stated that two thirds of the landscaping is completed on the final phase. Jason gave a brief update on the final Triangle Expressway Trot. He stated that over \$50k was raised for MADD during all three Trot events.

Jennifer Harris gave a brief update on the Monroe Bypass. The Monroe project was slated to be the NCTA's next construction project. Jennifer stated that NCDOT is in the process of gathering information and preparing the new environmental document. Mark Foster stated that the financing was completed after the favorable district court ruling. Since the lawsuit was originally filed, it has cost the state taxpayers \$3 million for additional work and studies performed by consultants and staff. These studies were necessary to address the issues raised in the litigation. On November 30, 2012, Jennifer received a 42 page letter with 90 attachments from the SELC. She stated that NCDOT is on schedule to complete the environmental studies and obtain a new ROD (Record of Decision) in 2013.

Spencer Franklin gave a brief overview of the Mid-Currituck Bridge project. He discussed the expectations of the project for reducing congestion, travel time and providing an alternative hurricane evacuation route. Spencer stated that the ROD is expected in early 2013. He briefly discussed the public private partnership and stated that the Pre-Development Agreement has been completed and the concession agreement development and negotiation process is under way.

Chairman Tata asked if anyone in attendance would like to address the Board. Hearing none the Public Input Session was closed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.