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North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board

**Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes**

June 5, 2014

Members present: Secretary Anthony Tata, Chair
Perry R. Safran, Vice Chair
John Collett
Jim Crawford
Jake Alexander

Members present via phone: Scott Aman

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anthony Tata. He declared that there was a quorum present and read the State ethics act provisions pertaining to the meeting.

Chair Anthony Tata recognized presenters and Executive Staff members in attendance: Nick Tennyson, Shelley Blake, Ann Dishong, Keith Weatherly, Michelle Muir, Susan Pullium and Terry Gibson, who was acting as Executive Director with the absence of Clayton Somers. Chair Anthony Tata provided information on the release of preliminary data for 3,100 projects and how the MPOs, RPOs, and Division Engineers utilized this data for the selection process.

Jake Alexander motioned that the May 1, 2014, minutes be approved. John Collett seconded Mr. Alexander's motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Anthony Tata recognized NCDOT staff members present to provide presentations to the NCTA Board of Directors.

The following presentations were made to the Board:

- Shelley Blake – Provided an overview of Turnpike Board Delegated Authority
 - Power to fix, revise, charge, and collect tolls and fees for the use of the Turnpike
 - To issue bonds or notes of the NCTA pursuant to NCGS § 136.89.183(a)(6)
 - To invest the proceeds of bonds or notes of the NCTA that are pending disbursement or other idle funds of the Authority in any investment authorized by NCGS § 159–30

- To exercise, in conjunction with DOT and the Secretary, any additional powers necessary to assist with the financing of Turnpike Projects through compliance with the associated bond documentation
 - Confidentiality
 - Open Session
 - Closed Session
 - North Carolina Ethics Commission
 - www.ethicscommission.nc.gov
 - State of Economic Interest
 - Long Form – if there are changes since your previous year SEI filing or if you are a first time filer, you must file the Long Form
 - No Change Form – if you filed the SEI with the State Ethics Commission and you have no changes from your prior year SEI filing, you may file a No Change Form
 - Ethics Training
 - Ethics Education Training
 - Board members must attend a basic ethics and lobbying education presentation within six (6) months of appointment and must attend a refresher presentation at least every two (2) years thereafter
- Keith Weatherly - Provided a Legislative update on NCDOT House and Senate Bills. The Turnpike related bill regarding the alignment of the audit and annual report is moving through the North Carolina General Assembly.
 - Susan Pullium (Presented for Bobby Lewis) – Presented Accelerating Infrastructure Investments for Economic Growth
 - Strategic Transportation Investments
 - Released on May 14th
 - Data for 3100 projects
 - 1800 Highway Projects
 - 1300 Non-Highway Projects
 - Important required next step in transparent process of implementing STI
 - What the Initial Data Shows
 - STI law is working as intended to better connect small towns to economic centers, expand economic opportunities, and ultimately create more jobs
 - Pending Local Input: 280 Division and Regional level projects could be programmed over the next 10 years, addressing greatest needs in those areas
 - 91 Statewide highway and aviation projects, addressing issues like congestion to make it easier to access jobs, healthcare, education and move products
 - Per capita spending shows investment in rural and urban areas across the state

- 371 total possible projects underway over next 10 years, an increase from 175 anticipated under the old formula
 - With an additional 108 major Transition Projects, active construction will continue statewide over the next 10 years
 - Highlights NCDOT's need for additional funding to complete all necessary projects. The total estimated cost of all projects in the database is \$70 billion.
 - Schedule Moving Forward
 - June 2nd – August 29th – Public feedback, rankings from planning organizations
 - December 2014 – Draft of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
 - End of June 2015 – Final STIP Approved
 - John Collett inquired about Mid-Currituck and Garden Parkway being possible projects.
 - Susan Pullium responded that NCTA has a Legislative limit of 9 Turnpike projects. Five of the nine are Triangle Expressway (1-3), Monroe (4), and I-77 (5) leaving 4 open slots.
- Terry Gibson – Provided 2014 First Quarter Operations Updates
 - Mainline Traffic Growth April 2014
 - Toll System Statistics
 - Revenue Statistics
 - Complete 540 (Triangle Expressway SE Extension)
 - Project Description
 - Triangle Expressway extension from NC 55 Bypass in Apex to US 64/US 264 Bypass in Knightdale
 - Project Status
 - Detail Study Alternatives identified – Fall 2013
 - Functional designs for Alternatives are being finalized
 - Technical Reports underway assessing potential impacts of Alternatives on natural and human environment
 - Project Milestones
 - Draft EIS – Spring 2015
 - Public Hearings – Summer 2015
 - Select Preferred Alternative – Fall 2015
 - Final EIS Approval – Spring 2016
 - ROD – Summer 2016

- Monroe Bypass
 - Project Status
 - Draft Supplemental Final EIS approved November 2013
 - Public Hearings held in early December 2013. The hearings were well attended with over 500 individuals in attendance.
 - Record of Decision was approved by FHWA on May 15, 2014
 - NCDOT has reinitiated right-of-way, design and permitting activities
 - Project Milestones
 - Design and Permitting – Currently Underway
 - Begin Construction – January 2015
 - Open to Traffic – Summer 2018
- John Collett asked whether the cost has increased from that in the initial contract.
- Terry Gibson responded that there has been an inflationary impact from the 2010 bids that were received and may have to re-negotiate the contract, but that the project is moving forward.
- I-77 HOT Lanes
 - Project Description
 - Adding High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes on I-77 from NC 150 (Iredell County) to Brookshire Freeway (Mecklenburg County). 25.5 miles
 - Developer (Cintra) granted exclusive right to finance, develop, design, construct, operate and maintain the Project, and toll the HOT Lanes for a period of 50 years
 - Project Milestone
 - Commercial Close anticipated late June 2014
 - Financial Close 4th Quarter 2014
 - Construction 2015-2018
 - Expected to open in late 2018
 - NCTA Role
 - Process transactions provided by Developer and collect toll revenue per NCTA Business Policies
 - Operate the NCTA Customer Service Center and NC Quick Pass website/phone for I-77 HOT lane customers
- Processing Fee Schedule Update
 - Purpose of Processing Fee: assess costs to delinquent customers
 - Components of Processing Fee
 - Personal services (labor)
 - Supplies
 - Purchased Services (contractors, vendors, systems development)
 - Property, plant and equipment

- Calculated costs continue to exceed \$6 cap so no changes at this time
- Staff will monitor cost to collect and will report back by Spring 2015
- Scott Aman inquired on the progress of uncollected accounts. Michelle Muir responded that we are continuing to see progress. The registration hold seems to be the most effective tool for collections and more information will be shared.

Chair Anthony Tata asked if there was any additional business to be discussed by the Board. Being none, Jim Crawford moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jake Alexander seconded Mr. Crawford's motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. Chair Anthony Tata adjourned the meeting.

Attachment: *NCTA Board of Directors Meeting Presentation*