

NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2005  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Chairman Tippet called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. in the Board Room of the Transportation Building. He welcomed all to the meeting. Board members Sang Hamilton and Anthony Fox were absent. Chairman Tippet read the ethics statement.

Chairman Tippet called on Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran to present the March minutes for approval. Mr. Safran asked all members to please review the revised minutes for changes that were made. The minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Tippet called for committee reports.

Chairman Tippet reported that the Executive Committee was taking steps to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for general counsel and will report the status at the next meeting.

The Executive Committee has asked HDR Engineers to provide a presentation on investment gradual risk analysis in July. They felt this time would be appropriate since the educational session for Board Members is scheduled for August.

Chairman Tippet stated that a request has been made for a public input session to be held in May for the Triangle Parkway Project. The motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Tippet said that the appropriate Metropolitan Organizations (MPOs) and interest groups would be notified and asked Lisa Crawley with the Public Information Office to note that.

Chairman Tippet announced that that June meeting would be held in Greensboro at the PART offices for a public hearing for a proposed project in the Greensboro area. The committees would meet on the afternoon of June 14, and then the full Board would meet the next morning to conduct other business. He added that the logistics are not complete but once confirmed, they will be shared with all.

Board member Bob Spencer reported that the Finance Committee had two items to bring before the Board. Mr. Spencer stated that they are currently preparing the 2005-06 budget and asked the committee chairs to look at what their budget needs will be and please get that information to him this month so the Finance Committee can bring that back in May. Mr. Spencer then made a motion to increase the ceiling of the HNTB consulting services from \$350,000 to \$975,000 for their various task order contracts. The motion was made and unanimously approved.

Board Member Allan Dameron stated that the Personnel Committee had nothing to report this month.

Plans and Programs Committee Chairman John Culbertson stated that HNTB had been asked to look into some project tasks and asked Bob McDowell with HNTB for an update.

Mr. McDowell stated that they are currently looking at the agenda for the all day educational session in August. He said that tentatively, project development would be discussed in the morning and financing the projects in the afternoon. He added that they were looking at the logistics and the program.

Mr. McDowell stated that the federal grant application for value pricing was prepared and successfully submitted by the deadline of March 14.

Mr. Culbertson asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. McDowell. There were none.

Mr. Culbertson stated that of the work Assignment Requests that have been submitted to HNTB to date, Tasks 1 and 3 were previously approved, and referred the members to a sheet which listed all of the proposed assignments. The Plans and Programs Committee recommended that Tasks 4, 6, and 7 be approved and that authority be granted to the Turnpike Authority chairman to approve Task 5. Task 4 would allow HNTB to perform quick, on-call work upon receipt of a written request. Task 6 is for HNTB to move ahead with the planning studies for the Cape Fear Skyway. Task 7 is for HNTB to assume management of the private engineering firm conducting the planning studies for the Monroe Connector and the Garden Parkway. Task 5 would proceed with initiating the planning for the Triangle Parkway. Because of an ongoing study on I-40 adjacent to the Triangle Parkway project, some coordination issues need to be resolved. It is anticipated that these issues may be resolved within one week; therefore, the committee recommended that the Chairman of the Authority be allowed to approve this task order once those issues are resolved. A motion was made and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Culbertson added that the Plans and Programs committee would like to access federal funds for these project studies and have asked NCDOT staff to work with the Finance Committee to develop a procedure whereby those funds can be readily utilized.

Mr. Culbertson stated that a request was received to extend the southern termini of the Triangle Parkway project from I-540 to McCrimmon Parkway. This termini agrees with the description that is included in the draft 2006-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the committee recommended that this extra segment be added to any studies the Authority initiates. A motion was made and approved.

Chairman Tippet asked if there were any questions or any issues that needed to be addressed. There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46p.m.