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TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 18, 2006
Room 150, Transportation Building

Members present: Lyndo Tippet, Chairman
Lanny Wilson, Vice Chairman
Perry Safran, Secretary/Treasurer
John Culbertson
Allan Dameron
Anthony Fox
Bob Spencer
Robb Teer

Members absent: Sang Hamilton, Sr.

Also attending: David Joyner, Executive Director

Chairman Tippet called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Chairman Tippet read the Governor's ethics statement.

Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran presented the December minutes for approval. The December minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Tippet called on Ed Regan with Wilbur Smith Associates to present the interim findings of the preliminary Traffic and Revenue study for the Triangle Parkway. Chairman Tippet asked Executive Director David Joyner for comments prior to the presentation and Mr. Joyner stated that these findings were not for I-540, which Mr. Regan would explain during his presentation, and reiterated that these were preliminary findings.

Mr. Regan stated that the preliminary findings indicated the following:

- The short project length limits the range of possible toll rates.
- There was an extremely strong economic growth forecast for the study area.
- The parkway would provide major traffic benefits in the future.
- There was relatively good bonding capacity.
- The McCrimmon spur would increase revenue by 10 to 20 percent.

Whit Webb with HNTB provided cost estimates for the candidate toll projects. He explained how the estimates were determined and at which levels of the project (i.e., Level F Planning through Level A Final Design and engineer's estimate) the costs would be most accurate.

NC Turnpike Authority (NCTA) Public Affairs/Community Relations Director Julia Jarema provided public information plans for the NCTA. She stated that she is currently working on and testing new logos which were included in each Board member's notebook. She is updating the website. Mrs. Jarema is working on brochures for the public meetings scheduled at the end of the month in Gastonia. She is also preparing a presentation that Board members and staff could use when they have speaking engagements in their communities.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Executive Committee: Chairman Tippet stated that the February Board meeting would be held via conference call on February 24. On February 20-23, the Board would travel to Austin and Dallas, Texas, to visit toll authorities there.
- 2) Finance Committee: Chairman Bob Spencer reported that the Financial Advisor Selection Committee met in December and chose PFM as the Turnpike's Financial Advisor. Mr. Spencer brought the following three motions from the Finance Committee:
 - a) *"On behalf of the Finance Committee, I move that the Executive Director be granted authority to execute the financial advisor contract with Public Financial Management, Inc. (PFM), if completed to his satisfaction. The annual cost of the contract is \$172,800 for the retainer plus reimbursable expenses estimated at \$37,200, or a total of \$210,000. PFM will also earn an advisory service fee on each successful transaction that will be charged as a transaction fee against the proceeds. The term of the contract is five years."* The motion passed unanimously.
 - b) *"On behalf of the Finance Committee, I move that the Executive Director be granted authority to execute the NEPA Contract Supplement for Gaston Parkway with PBS&J if completed to his satisfaction. The amount of the contract supplement is \$4,500,000."* The motion passed unanimously.
 - c) *"On behalf of the Finance Committee, I move that the Executive Director be granted Authority to execute the NEPA Contract Supplement for the Monroe Connector with PBS&J if completed to his satisfaction. The amount of the contract supplement is \$2,150,000."* The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Personnel Committee: Chairman Allan Dameron reported that the committee had no action items; however, a layout of the new office space was included in each Board member's notebook for their review. Mr. Dameron provided the address of the office space and added that the NCTA should be able to move in 30 days after the lease is signed. Mr. Dameron introduced Grady Rankin as the Chief

Financial Officer for the Turnpike Authority and welcomed David Miller with PFM as Financial Advisor.

- 4) Plans and Programs Committee: Chairman John Culbertson reported that the committee had one action item to bring before the Board. Mr. Culbertson proposed that the Board review the project approval process over the next 30 days and vote to adopt the policy at the next Board meeting. He added that any comments they may have should be submitted to Mr. Joyner as soon as possible.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Joyner introduced Jane Strickland as Office Manager and Julia Jarema as Director of Public Affairs/ Community Relations for the NCTA.

Mr. Joyner provided an update on the trip to Texas February 20 through February 23.

Mr. Joyner reminded the Board members of the group photo that would be taken following the meeting. Vice-Chairman Lanny Wilson asked if the Board could wait until Board member Sang Hamilton was present to take the picture. Mr. Joyner stated that he would like to go ahead and take the photo so it could be posted on the website; however, once Mr. Hamilton is available, they would take another group photo.

Chairman Tippet if there were other issues to come before the Board. Being none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jane Strickland.