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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 18, 2007
Board Room, NCTA Offices

Members present: Lyndo Tippet, Chairman
Perry Safran, Secretary/Treasurer
Lanny Wilson, Vice-Chairman
John Culbertson
Anthony Fox
Sang Hamilton, Sr.
Bill Lackey
Bob Spencer
Robb Teer

Also attending: David Joyner, Executive Director

Chairman Tippet called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm in the Board Room of the NCTA offices. He read the State Government Ethics Act statement.

Chairman Tippet called on Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran for approval of the March minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Chairman Tippet stated that the committee met and discussed plans for the May 15 board retreat and the possibility of canceling the some board meetings, and Mr. Joyner would review those dates during his report. Chairman Tippet noted that the Executive Committee would meet May 3 at the Transportation Building and invited the Board members to attend.

Operations and Personnel Committee: Sang Hamilton stated that the Operations and Personnel Committee met and reviewed statistics on visits to the NCTA website. Over 19,000 visits were made to the website during January and February 2007, which was a much higher number than expected. The group discussed plans for improving the website.

Mr. Hamilton reported that the request for proposal process for the toll technology system was reviewed as well as the importance of the integrity of these systems, and how integrators will assist with this process. He reported

that the committee also discussed different strategies for selling transponders, and plans for expanding NCTA office space.

Robb Teer recommended that an Architectural and Aesthetic Advocacy Committee be formed for Triangle Expressway to include Ed Willingham with the Regional Transportation Alliance, Mayor of Cary Ernie McAlister, and Elizabeth Rooks, Executive Vice President of the Research Triangle Foundation as the members. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve this recommendation, which was seconded by Mr. Teer and approved unanimously.

Plans and Programs Committee: John Culbertson reported that the committee met and discussed the design-build request for proposal process, including the schedule, the selection process, establishing criteria for selection, identifying the selection committee members, evaluating the proposals, and the role of the NCTA board members. Also discussed were the initial stages of the architectural process and NCDOT ownership of right-of-way for the toll projects. Mr. Culbertson stated that the only action item they had was a change to the March minutes.

Finance Committee: Bob Spencer stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed the revised financing schedule for the Triangle and Western Wake projects, the finance plan changes for operations and maintenance expenses, and the request for quote for a public accounting firm.

Mr. Spencer made a motion to approve the execution of contracts for Michael Baker Corporation, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, and URS Corporation in the amount of \$1 million each for a duration of three years to provide on-call engineering services by conducting environmental studies or preparing functional or involvement plans for candidate turnpike projects. The motion was seconded by John Culbertson and unanimously approved.

David Danforth with Wilbur Smith provided a presentation on the revised Triangle area growth projects and its impacts on the Triangle and Western Wake projects.

Outreach and Community Affairs Director Reid Hartzoge provided a legislative update.

Executive Director Report: David Joyner reported that he had been asked to look at the meeting calendar for the Board for the remainder of the year and recommend to the Executive Committee which meetings could be cancelled. Mr. Joyner recommended that the July, September and December meetings be placed on the agenda as tentative and final decisions as to whether the meetings would be held would be made as far in advance as possible based upon the work schedule. Mr. Joyner stated that there had not been much conversation lately about public-private partnerships, but this is something that needs to be discussed during the coming months.

Chairman Tippett began the public input session. The following people addressed the Board:

- 1) Gary Bird, Board of Directors Chairman, First Environments Early Learning Center Association (parent's group)
- 2) David McDowell

Mr. Bird was not in favor of the Triangle Parkway project. Specifically, he was concerned with the air pollution and noise impacts related to the placement of the freeway in close proximity to the learning center.

Mr. McDowell was not in favor of tolling I-540.

Chairman Tippett stated that Mr. McDowell's concerns had been raised by others in the past, and the NCTA Board would note his concerns.

Chairman Tippett closed the public input portion of the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 2: 28 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Jane Strickland