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DAVID W. JOYNER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 16, 2007  
Board Room, NCTA Offices

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

Members Absent: Sang Hamilton, Sr.  
Bill Lackey

Also attending: David Joyner, Executive Director

Chairman Tippet called the meeting to order at 1:52 pm in the Board Room of the NCTA offices. He read the State Government's Ethics Act statement.

Chairman Tippet called on Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran to present minutes of the April meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

*Committee Reports:*

*Executive Committee:* Chairman Tippet stated that the committee met on May 3 and adopted a motion to bring to the full board for approval that would authorize the Executive Director to work with NCTA legal and financial consultants to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NCTA and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), ensuring that the MOU will serve as a planning and communication document only and not as a document that could adversely affect project financing or schedules. The MOU should not be construed as a contract but as an understanding between the two parties. The motion was seconded by Robb Teer and approved unanimously. Also discussed was naming the Triangle Parkway-Western Wake project. Chairman Tippet said that several names were discussed, and he called on Executive Director David Joyner. Mr. Joyner said that the names that were considered were brought before the marketing team. One comment from the team was that a project such as this takes on an identity beyond the full name for the project. He said that a nickname for a road is what traffic reporters would use to identify the roadway. Some of the names discussed were the Triangle Parkway which could be called Tripark, Triangle Expressway or TriEx, and Capital Parkway which could be called CP or CAP. Mr. Joyner said the Executive Committee voted to recommend to the full Board that the project be named Triangle Expressway. Mr. Safran made a motion to name the roadway the Triangle Expressway and nicknamed TriEx; Mr. Teer seconded. Mr. Spencer asked if this name had been communicated to the local groups and if it had

been endorsed. Mr. Joyner asked Joe Milazzo with the Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA), who was in attendance, his thoughts. Mr. Milazzo commented that while he could not speak for all groups, that RTA does refer to this roadway as the Triangle Expressway. Ed Johnson with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) stated that the Northern Wake Expressway was named expressway because technically it is not a fully accessible controlled facility in transportation and engineering terms, and he felt that Triangle is the key word and whatever follows that will be fine. Mr. Fox asked if there was an issue over the use of Expressway or Parkway, to which Mr. Teer responded that his preference was Triangle Expressway. The motion to name the roadway the Triangle Expressway was unanimously approved.

Chairman Tippet reported that the Executive Committee authorized Mr. Joyner to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CAMPO. Mr. Joyner commented that this was discussed at length in the Plans and Programs Committee meeting earlier and the discussion would be recapped during their committee report. Mr. Joyner said this had been a very tough exercise. Later this afternoon, he will meet with CAMPO, and he is confident that needed approvals would occur.

*Operations and Personnel Committee:* Robb Teer stated that the Operations and Personnel Committee did meet and discussed electronic toll collection. They also discussed the All Hands Operations and Marketing meeting reports. The committee received updates on aesthetics and architecture for toll roads. The committee had no action items to report.

*Plans and Programs Committee:* John Culbertson reported that the committee met and discussed the NCTA Policy for Project Advertisement and Contract Execution and authorized Steve DeWitt to move forward with this document with a couple of amendments. Mr. Culbertson reported that the committee discussed the CAMPO MOU in great detail. He added the importance of negotiating and conversing with all stakeholders all projects and discussing what the key elements of a successful toll road would be. Mr. Culbertson thanked CAMPO for working with the NCTA on this project. The committee received an update on DOT ownership of right-of-way and the status of the Triangle Corridor advertisement. Mr. Culbertson made a motion to approve the NCTA Policy for Project Advertisement and Contract Execution with amendments, which was seconded by Mr. Fox and approved unanimously.

*Finance Committee:* Bob Spencer stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed Triangle-Western Wake financing, including the Finance team progress and future financing plans. Also discussed were the traffic and revenue studies schedules for I-74 in Brunswick County, the Cape Fear Skyway and the Yadkin River Bridge, as well as the public accounting firm request for proposal.

*Executive Director Report:* David Joyner announced that Carolyn Johnson was selected as the new NCTA general counsel and would begin June 18, adding that Ms. Johnson came highly recommended by Board member Anthony Fox and the legal community. Mr. Joyner said that Ms. Johnson previously served as legal counsel for the Triangle Transportation Authority and is currently employed by the Charlotte Area Transportation System. He said she will be working with Beth McKay on many legal issues that concern the NCTA. Mr. Joyner reported that were three or four bills pending approval by the legislature, one which would allow the NCTA to secure bonds for early funds to procure right-of-way; the second is a toll enforcement bill the Board previously approved. Mr. Joyner stated that Senate Bill 1054 concerned funding the \$18 million

gap for the Triangle Expressway for a period of 39 years, the length of the bond indebtedness, which would probably be with money from the Highway Trust Fund which he does not think the NCTA can support, and House Bill 292 requiring the NCTA to study the Yadkin River Bridge as a toll project. Mr. Joyner stated that Mr. Rankin would speak at a MUMPO Board meeting that night to discuss funding for the Monroe Bypass. He added that it would be good if Board members in the Charlotte area could attend the meeting as well. It was noted that Mr. Culbertson serves as ex-officio and will be at the meeting.

Chairman Tippettt thanked Frank Wilson and Donal Simpson for their presentations during lunch. He stated that the aesthetics issues and marketing need to be taken seriously and should support the Executive Director's plans.

Chairman Tippettt stated that the next Board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2007, and the next Executive Committee meeting would be held June 7 in the Highway Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm.

***Minutes prepared by: Jane Strickland***