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DAVID W. JOYNER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 8, 2011

Members present: Gene Conti, Chairman
Perry Safran
Robb Teer
Thomas Stith
James Ferebee

Members present via phone: Anthony Fox
Bob Clay

Members Absent: John Collett
Al Swanstrom

Also present: David Joyner, Executive Director

Secretary Gene Conti called the meeting to order at 1:08pm. Secretary Conti read the Ethics Statement and declared a quorum present. Secretary Conti welcomed new Board member, Thomas Stith.

Robb Teer moved approval of the July 7, 2011, minutes. The motion was seconded by James Ferebee, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

David Joyner also welcomed Thomas Stith. Mr. Stith stated that he is looking forward to serving on the Board and helping to move highway transportation forward in North Carolina.

David Joyner discussed the delay in tolling the I-540P segment of the Triangle Expressway. Mr. Joyner discussed how this segment became a part of TriEx. Rather than tolling I-540P beginning January 3, 2012, tolling would be delayed by seven months. The plan is to accelerate the opening of the section of Western Wake Freeway to US 64 to open five months early. Tolling on these segments would begin around August 1, 2012. He explained that this plan had been studied carefully and there will be no adverse affect on revenue according to Wilbur Smith Associate, traffic and revenue consultant, and PFM, financial advisor. William McBride discussed the resolution on initial toll rates given the changes in schedule.

Robb Teer moved to approve the resolution on Initial Toll Rates for Triangle Expressway (see attached). Perry Safran seconded the motion. Mr. Safran asked about the bonus structure for the contractors. Mr. DeWitt stated that there is a bonus for early opening. The additional revenue from opening early offsets the cost of the bonus. Mr. Safran asked for a

written opinion from William McBride stating that there are no adverse legal effects with the delayed opening. Thomas Stith asked about the sensitivity tests that have been performed. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Beau Memory gave a brief update on legislative priorities. He stated that the Turnpike Authority had legislation dealing with public records and charging interest that need to be acted upon. In the special session next week, the Senate will only take up 2 or 3 constitutional amendments. There may be a special session in November. Not having these two legislative matters enacted will not impact the TriEX opening.

Barry Mickle provided an update on operations. Mr. Mickle discussed the progress of preparing the Customer Service Center to open on October 11. He said that the site acceptance testing for the Back Office System has been completed, and the transaction test scripts that were run through the gantries and the information that was transmitted to the system were exactly as expected. He stated that the Triangle Parkway will be open to traffic in mid-December and tolling will begin January 3, 2012 at 12:01am. When the road opens, it will look and feel like a toll road even though tolling will be delayed until January. Andy Lelewski discussed the Roadway Operations and Maintenance Manual. Maintenance will be a cooperative effort between NCTA and NCDOT and will go into effect in mid-December. Performance standards are being developed. Mr. Lelewski discussed the rating measures (scale 0-100) with the target of 90, which is on the higher end of performance standards compared to other toll roads.

Mr. Stith asked if there were any feedback on I-540P being tolled from the public. Mr. Joyner stated that there is a concern about backlash and that Reid Simons works to stay in touch with public sentiment and address concerns.

Perry Safran moved to delay the tolling of the road from 2 weeks to a full month. Robb Teer seconded. Steve DeWitt stated that the road may be ready for a December 1 opening. Secretary Conti asked if the motion could be held until the November Board Meeting. James Ferebee moved to table the motion. Secretary Conti seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Thomas Stith was sworn in to the North Carolina Turnpike Authority by Court of Appeals Judge Linda Stephens.

Steve DeWitt discussed the Triangle Expressway construction progress. Mr. DeWitt stated that this project was going to set the tone of the future of tolling in North Carolina. Mr. DeWitt showed aerial photos of the project and the Triangle Expressway Trot 5K race route.

Steve DeWitt reviewed the Triangle Expressway Cost-to-Complete report. Expenditures are currently tracking about \$62 million under the original budget estimate.

Scott Slusser gave an update on the Monroe Connector/Bypass. Final briefs were submitted to the judge at the end of July. He stated that the judge had indicated that his final opinion would be made before October. Mr. Slusser discussed the Fish and Wildlife

Service's request to FHWA for clarification on the traffic modeling in the EIS. This information was provided, and Fish and Wildlife responded by letter that they reiterated their approval after reviewing this information.

David Joyner gave a brief update on the Mid-Currituck Bridge project. He stated that negotiations continue on terms of the concession agreement, which will actually be a group of agreements. (See attached spreadsheet.)

William McBride discussed the reimbursement resolution for Mid-Currituck Bridge. (See attached.) There is a cap of \$50 million for design and engineering, and Mark Foster said that amount would more than cover the engineering and design costs. James Ferebee moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Thomas Stith and approved unanimously.

David Joyner gave an update on Interoperability. Mr. Joyner discussed the agreements with E-ZPass and Florida... E-ZPass membership is \$250k per year but NC is looking at a license with E-ZPass for \$30k. Mr. Joyner discussed enforcement legislation among states. Maine recently entered into state-to-state agreements with New Hampshire and Massachusetts. (See attached presentation.)

Secretary Conti reported that AASHTO is developing stronger interest in tolling and said that he volunteered North Carolina's assistance in their efforts. Perry Safran noted that the Turnpike Authority has created jobs in this economy.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Jillian Bliss