

Logistics Task Force Meeting
April 22, 2010
Davidson County Community College

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton, Chairman of the Logistics Task Force, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Davidson County Community College with the following members present:

Gene Conti, Keith Crisco, Nelson Cole, Terry Bellamy, Tom Eager, John Atkins, Gary Teng, Paul Kauffmann, Rick Sholtes, Allen Joines, Dan Danieleley, Patricia Long, Buddy Shavender, Dee Blackwell, Larry Wooten, Colonel Beth Austin, David Willauer, David Congdon, Joe Stephens and John Goodman.

Manly Wilder attended the meeting on behalf of Task Force Member Dee Freeman.

Member Earl Brinkley participated via conference call.

Members absent were: Al Delia, Clark Jenkins, Dawn Clegg, Jerry Orr, and Bob Morgan.

Chairman Dalton welcomed everyone to Davidson County and thanked Allen Joines, Mayor of Winston Salem and Dr. Mary Rittling for hosting the meeting. Mayor Joines welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Rittling, President – Davidson County Community College. Dr. Rittling welcomed the Task Force to Davidson County and shared information about the Community College.

Chairman Dalton introduced Mr. Joseph Stephens. Mr. Stephens is the newest member of the Logistics Task Force. He is the Managing Director of FedEx Express.

Chairman Dalton introduced Mr. Don Kirkman with Piedmont Triad Partnership. Mr. Kirkman pointed out the seven economic development regions in North Carolina and listed the key advantages of the Piedmont Triad Counties. Some of those advantages are the Mid-Atlantic location, interstate highways, FedEx Express and ground hubs, eleven 4 year colleges and universities, nine community colleges and of course the furniture market. Mr. Kirkman expressed the Piedmont Triad Partnership is a key player in the transformation of the region. In working with the U.S. Department of Labor through their WIRED (Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development) grant, the Partnership is focused on making the Region's global competitiveness stronger through the creation of high-skill, high-wage jobs.

Mr. David Congdon was introduced by Chairman Dalton. Mr. Congdon represents Piedmont Triad Aerotropolis. He explained that Aerotropolis means a city in which the layout and infrastructure and economy are centered around a major airport. Mr. Congdon provided the Task Force with several handouts regarding regional assets. The Aerotropolis Leadership Board currently has 35 members. He stated the clear vision and priorities are leadership, coordinated land use planning, workforce development, marketing and branding, inland port and funding. The funding comes from PTP Legacy Corporate in the amount of \$500K, Counties and EDC's in

the amount of \$250K and new “clusters of opportunity” corporate funding in the amount of \$1.3M for a total of \$2.050M. Mr. Congdon also stated how important it is to get support from the General Assembly.

Mr. Congdon introduced Mr. Dave Hauser and Dr. Joy Bhadury from the UNCG Center for Global Logistics. Dr. Bhadury stated the vision of the center is to be the premier global supply chain, logistics and transportation management resource center. The center’s business plan was developed and approved the summer of 2009. Mr. Hauser and Dr. Bhadury provided the Task Force with a handout listing various Piedmont Triad Regional Logistics Educational Projects.

Chairman Dalton introduced Mr. Joe Stephens with FedEx. Mr. Stephens shared Fedex PTIA Hub facts including the project initiation in October 1997, with the project completion on May 31, 2009. The FedEx budget is \$228.3M and it has eight stand alone facilities on a 168 acre site. The PTIA Hub has a sort system comprised of 2.25 miles of conveyors with four 2,000 KW generators. This allows 29K packages per hour to be handled. There are twelve freight build up and break down positions with three technologically advanced CTV lifts and eleven A/C gates. This allows about 8M shipments per day. FedEx has a revenue of \$33B. They employ 280,000+ team members and contractors with 42 air express and ground hubs. 700+ team members and contractors are located in the Triad area.

Mike Mills and Pat Ivey, Division Engineers with the Department of Transportation, were introduced by Chairman Dalton. Mr. Mills represents Division 7 which includes Alamance, Caswell, Guilford, Orange and Rockingham Counties. He shared several projects of interest in his division with the Task Force. Mr. Ivey represents Division 9 which includes Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Rowan and Stokes Counties. He also shared several projects of interest located in the Division 9 area with the Task Force Members.

Secretary Gene Conti thanked Mr. Mills and Mr. Ivey for sharing information from each of their respective areas. One project Secretary Conti pointed out is the Yadkin River Bridge project. The second piece of this project is not currently funded. However, it is a project that could be used as an example to the legislature as a project that could use mobility funding once it is established.

Chairman Dalton introduced Brent McKinney with PART (Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation). Mr. McKinney stated the importance of I-40 and I-71 in the Triad area as it relates to logistics. He stated that we have to keep the level of service moving along on 311 Bypass and cannot allow I-40 to breakdown. Mr. McKinney also stated the need to pick up the pace. High speed rail is very important. He also mentioned that Winston-Salem and Greensboro are looking at installing street cars in their areas.

Mayor Becky Smothers from High Point asked the Task Force to investigate the possibility of an independent study of the equity formula. This would give support to an independent analysis.

Chairman Dalton informed the Task Force Members that Chairs will be appointed soon to the various subcommittees. Once the Chairs are appointed, they may call for meetings of their subcommittee at any time.

Mr. Joe Stephens stated that with the new FedEx Express facility, Old Dominion and the future opening of the FedEx Ground facility, along with the highway infrastructure and surrounding land, the Triad is an excellent location to capitalize on the logistics desires of the Task Force.

Secretary Gene Conti advised the Task Force that a scope of work will be given at the May meeting regarding the study being conducted by NC State.

Chairman Dalton announced the next meeting of the Logistics Task Force will be Monday, May 17, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Asheville Civic Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.