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North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2013

Members present: Anthony Tata
Perry R. Safran
Robert D. Teer, Jr
Scott Aman

Members present via phone: Robert C. Clay
James H. Ferebee

Members absent: John Collett

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chair, Anthony Tata. He read the State ethics act and declared that there was a quorum present.

Scott Aman, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's new board member was sworn in by Judge Fred G. Morrison Jr.

Mark Foster gave an update on the Triangle Expressway Cost to Complete Report. The Triangle Expressway was completed at \$36M under budget. The final portion of the TIFIA loan will not be borrowed, and the TIFIA draws will be coming to an end soon. Any reduction in the amount borrowed from TIFIA will result in a decrease in debt service.

Andy Lelewski gave a brief update of the traffic volumes of the Triangle Expressway and offered copies of the NCTA Quarterly Operations Statistics Report for the first quarter of 2013. Andy described the spikes in volumes of traffic due to the opening of each phase and the increasing mainline volumes. He spoke on the effectiveness and consistency of the Traffic Management Center's response and clearance times. He also described the current Maintenance Rating Program results and stated that the overall performance rating was a 94.6 and the roadway was being well maintained.

Dane Berglund gave an update on the Customer Service Center operations. He discussed the weekday gross traffic volumes. Dane discussed the account openings and the total amount of transponders sold to date being almost 70,000. He also spoke on the steady increase in interoperable transactions between the NC Quick Pass and E-ZPass agencies. Bob Clay asked how the transaction, revenue, and transponder numbers were looking in comparison to projections. Mark Foster stated that everything was above projections. Additionally, Chairman Tata asked if the double transponder billing had been resolved. Dane stated that the issue has been resolved.

Jennifer Harris gave a brief update on the Monroe Bypass. The Monroe project was slated to be the Turnpike's next construction project. Jennifer stated that NCDOT released an updated schedule today for the environmental study of the Monroe Bypass. The draft supplemental environmental document will be released this summer and the public comment period on the draft supplemental environmental document will follow. The final supplemental environmental document and Record of Decision will be released in Fall 2013. Jennifer also commented that because of the updated schedule, the US Army Corps of engineers withdrew the Section 404 environmental permit until an updated construction timeline was established. This permit was originally issued on April 15, 2011. NCDOT will need to reapply for this permit before construction of the roadway begins.

Spencer Franklin gave a brief overview of the Mid-Currituck Bridge project. He discussed that the Final Environmental Impact Statement was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in January of 2012, and that a Record of Decision document was submitted to FWHA for approval in October of 2012. Spencer stated that the pre-development agreement process is complete and that NCTA is currently negotiating the concession agreement.

Perry Safran discussed House Bill 540. This bill will delay NCTA from billing vehicle owners until their bill equals or exceeds five dollars. Perry discussed that this may not be allowed within the bond covenants and that when it was decided to not use cash collection that it was known that it would take the public a bit of time to become used to the concept. He did insist that it must become easier and friendlier for customers to pay their bills. One option discussed was making the first billing cycle 30 days instead of 15 days. Now that all three phases of the TriEx are open, the average bill is in excess of \$7.

Chairman Tata asked if anyone in attendance would like to address the Board. Wallace E. Davis from Aydlett, NC requested to address the board. He read a prepared letter and discussed his opposition to the Currituck Mid-County Bridge. He stated that the bridge fails to meet the objections expressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Final Environmental Impact Statement; in particular, that the project does not meet the objective of improvement to the hurricane evacuation time, and that it will move the point of congestion further north on US 158. He disputed the claim that this project will support economic development and jobs, that the bridge will improve delivery of county services,

and that it would support real estate development. He concluded saying that it will cost tax payers \$2 billion and that the traffic volumes will not be sufficient to pay the operational and maintenance costs.

Chairman Tata gave a presentation on the strategic mobility formula for North Carolina. He gave an overview of the reasoning behind the implementation of the new system, which is to ensure that our revenue is being used as efficiently as possible. The current 10-year plan includes 175 projects and creates 174,000 jobs. The same amount of funding with the new proposed formula would fund at least 260 projects and create more than 240,000 jobs over the next 10 years. The fourteen districts of NCDOT have also been organized into two-district pairs to increase efficiency. The plan is data driven and uses local input as all modes of transportation compete for funding. Funding is broken down into three categories: statewide (40%), regional (40%) and local (20%).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.