

**Lenoir CTP Steering Committee
Meeting #11
Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 10:00 AM
Lenoir County Tax Administration Building
101 North Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501**

Members Present

Harold Thomas (Lenoir County Economic Development), Mark Pope (Lenoir County Economic Development), Nathan Rhue (Town of La Grange), Adam Short (City of Kinston), Rick Barkes (Global TransPark), Angie Greene (Lenoir County Transit)

Staff Present

Jeff Cabaniss (NCDOT – Division 2), Andy Bailey (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Division), Amhad El-Khatib (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Division)

The meeting began with introductions of those present.

Mr. Bailey stated that he was asked to explore the idea of adding an additional Neuse River crossing from the eastern side of Downtown Kinston to the intersection of US 70 and NC 58. After some research and information gathered at NCDOT, it was revealed that the attorney general's office asked that this alternative not be explored due to various environmental concerns near the river, one of which was an old landfill.

Discussion ensued about making sure that there was some connection on the east side of Kinston and to include the eastern bypass from NC 11 to the Kinston Bypass, also highlighted in Feasibility Study FS-0802A. Other additions/modifications were discussed, including some operational improvements on Banks School Road and Airport Road, the extension of Cunningham Road from NC 58 to Airport Road, and relocation of NC 55 east of Kinston due to the eastern bypass. Also discussed was the interchange project on US 70 just east of La Grange. It was discussed that this relocated facility provide access roads to existing commercial and industrial land use.

Mr. Bailey would update these and other minor revisions in the highway map and recommendations document. The maps and document would then be sent back to the committee to review. Mr. Bailey noted that these maps and documentation would also have to go through internal NCDOT review as well.

Mr. Bailey hopes that by the February 14, 2018 meeting that these Draft CTP Maps and recommendations would be reviewed and approved internally by NCDOT and be ready for official release to the public for review and comment.

With no further business, the meeting concluded. The next CTP Steering Committee meeting will be in February 14, 2018. The DRAFT CTP maps and recommendations and public involvement for these documents will discussed in detail.