

**Lenoir CTP Steering Committee
Meeting #12
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 10:00 AM
Lenoir County Tax Administration Building
101 North Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501**

Members Present

Nathan Rhue (Town of La Grange), Wayland Humphry (Lenoir County Planning), Harold Thomas (Lenoir County Economic Development), Economic Development), Angie Greene (Lenoir County Transit), Bill Whaley (Lenoir County Transportation Committee), Mark Pope (Lenoir County

Staff Present

Jeff Cabaniss (NCDOT – Division 2), Patrick Flanagan, Eastern Carolina RPO, Andy Bailey (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Division), Amhad El-Khatib (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Division), Michelle Howes (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Division)

The meeting began with introductions of those present.

Mr. Bailey presented the Draft Lenoir County CTP Maps and supporting documentation. It was suggested not to reroute NC 55 onto new location using Tower Hill Road and keep it on the existing alignment to its intersection with NC 11. This would align NC 55 with the proposed Eastern Bypass (FS-0802A) and NC 11 interchange.

Mr. Flanagan stated that he would like NCDOT to commit to the redesignation of NC 11 from its current route through downtown Kinston to the proposed Eastern Bypass (supported by FS-0802A). This appears be necessary to be able to rank this project in the “regional tier” when the RPO submits projects to NCDOT for the next round of prioritization. Mr. Bailey stated he will follow up with appropriate NCDOT staff regarding this concern.

Next steps for public involvement in the draft CTP was discussed. Mr. Flanagan stated that it was an RPO practice to take the draft CTP before the county and municipal elected officials to present it before releasing it for public comment. The Lenoir County Transportation Committee (LCTC) would also like to look at the draft CTP before it is released to the public. The LCTC will next meet on March 14, 2018. The CTP Steering Committee decided to schedule its next meeting on March 7, 2018 to give a final review of the draft CTP before recommending it to the LCTC. After the LCTC’s review and draft approval, presentations to the county and municipal boards will be scheduled and then a total of 3 public workshops (Kinston area, La Grange area, Southern Lenoir County) will be scheduled.

With no further business, the meeting concluded. The next CTP Steering Committee meeting will be on March 7, 2018.