

## MEETING MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: 04/13/2017 TIME: 10:30 AM LOCATION: NCTA Main Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT	Montell Irvin, Jim Crawford
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE	Charles Travis
MEMBERS ABSENT	John Collett

## **AGENDA TOPICS**

1. Welcome/Introductions - Montell Irvin, Chair	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Chairman Montell Irvin welcomed everyone and asked all in attendance in the room and on the phone to introduce themselves.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/No action required.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2017 MEETING MINUTES - MONTELL IRVIN, CHAIR	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Chairman Irvin called the meeting to order.  Chairman Irvin stated the committee minutes for the March 23, 2017 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.  Chairman Irvin announced to the committee that they were going to hear a presentation today regarding the Private-Public Partnership Review.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Chairman Irvin called for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Charles Travis made a motion to approve the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Crawford. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. OPENING COMMENTS – BEAU MEMORY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Feb. revenue up 35 percent over projections, up 15 % year over year from Feb 2016. Coming in at almost \$3.5 million
	Transactions are also on the rise; highest month ever in March, 4.26 million transactions, up 11% year over year.
	Set a record for number of transponder transactions, transponder sales are up 9% from March of last year.
	Secretary Trogdon tasked NCTA with the full life cycle of toll projects moving through state transportation improvement plans. In keeping with recent reforms with project delivery and the division of highways, we are very excited about this opportunity, and it speaks well for the board and the NCTA that we are being entrusted with this opportunity
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/No action required.

4. EXPRESS LANES TOLL RATE POLICY – DAVID ROY	
DISCUSSION	Mr. Roy gave a presentation about Express Lanes Toll Rate Policy and opened the floor for comments or questions.
	Mr. Irvin inquired about changes to any given project, and its impact going forward via this draft policy. Mr. Charles inquired about an express lane interacting with a toll road. How would the two policies work together? Mr. Memory explained that the policy states how interacting projects will be handled. Mr. Roy explained this policy was developed to create a process for express lane project development. These parameters would be applied on a project by project basis, instead of an overarching policy to apply to all future projects.
	Mr. Irvin expressed a need for clarification behind 'expressway', 'express lane', 'price managed lanes', 'toll lanes' etc. It was explained that the NCDOT mainly uses expressways for toll facilities and express lanes for price managed lanes. Mr. Keith Holliday (Community Affairs) explained that selling the idea of managed lanes to the public will be difficult. 'Express' has a connotation with speed, and increased mobility. 'Toll' or "price" has a negative connotation and will be more difficult to sell.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Mr. Irvin requested that comments from today's meeting be taken into the next draft of this policy. He requested it be presented to the committee before it is submitted to the full board.

## 5. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP REVIEW UPDATE – JIM TAYLOR, MERCATOR Mr. Memory introduced Mr. Jim Taylor and explained that the NCTA was tasked with working with Mercator to give an independent review of the Public Private Partnership agreement. Mr. Taylor gave a presentation about Public-Private Partnership comprehensive agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation and I-77 Mobility Partners, LLC.

	Mr. Irvin and Mr. Travis asked questions for clarification specific to Mr. Taylor's presentation examples. Mr. Taylor was able to give specific answers to those questions.
	Mr. Irvin asked if there are any groups in support of this project. Mr. Taylor explained that his hopes are to move past 'aye/nay'. Those that commute to Charlotte are in favor. Those that travel locally tend to be against the project. The commuters are probably silent supporters. What we need to do is address those that have concerns and tackle those issues. Mr. Travis confirmed there are groups in favor, he agrees that concerns should be addressed, as Mr. Taylor suggested.
	Mr. Travis commented on the Secretary's handling of this project, and gives praises to Mr. Memory and the staff's procedures thus far.
	Upcoming Meetings : Group : Agenda
	<ul> <li>April 19: Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization: Scope of work &amp; schedule</li> <li>May 4: NCTA Board: Preliminary report on public input</li> <li>May 4: NC Board of Transportation: Preliminary report on public input</li> <li>May 17: CRTPO: Preliminary report on public input</li> <li>July 19: CRTPO: Findings &amp; Recommendations</li> <li>August 3: NC Board of Transportation: Findings &amp; Recommendations</li> <li>August 3: NCTA Board: Findings and Recommendations.</li> </ul>
ACTIONS TAKEN	Mr. Taylor and Mr. Memory will be bringing their findings back to the NCDOT Board May 4, 2017 Board Meeting.

6. For Next Meeting / Acknowledgements	
DISCUSSION	Chairman Irvin acknowledged three agenda points that have been tabled.  MRP Overview (Dennis Jernigan)  Cybersecurity (Beau Memory)  Developing a vision statement for tolling in NC
ACTIONS TAKEN	None, information only.
7. ADJOURN	
DISCUSSION	Chairman Irvin opened the floor for new business. No new business was offered.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Chairman Irvin declared the meeting adjourned.