

MEETING MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: 10/23/2017 TIME: 10:30 AM LOCATION: NCTA MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

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

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Welcome/Introductions – Montell Irvin, Chair	
Discussion Summary	Chairman Montell Irvin welcomed everyone to the committee meeting, reviewed the agenda, and asked all in attendance, both phone and in person, to introduce themselves.
Actions Taken	Information only/ No action taken

2. Call to Order and Approval of September 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Montell Irvin, Chair	
Discussion Summary	Chairman Irvin called the meeting to order.
	Chairman Irvin stated the Operations Committee minutes for the September 14, 2017 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.
	Chairman Irvin announced to the committee that they were going to hear presentations updating the committee on Automated Vehicles, Complete 540, Morrisville Parkway Interchange, and NC Toll Project Development Policy.
Actions Taken	Chairman Irvin called for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Travis.
The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Opening Comments – Beau Memory, Executive Director	
	Mr. Memory thanked all those in attendance for coming and gave an update to NC Turnpike:
	Triangle Expressway continues to see solid growth, 4.1 million transactions in September
	Up 9% Year Over Year
	 Late August we transitioned to new transponders and technology. Going into August transponder sales were around 4300 sold monthly, after the transition around 11,000 transponders were sold
	Two procurements were recently released:
	 Back Office Toll Processing System (BOS)
Discussion Summary	 Roadside Toll Collection Equipment (RTCS)
	Mr. Irvin asked if this was an upgrade to what we currently had. Mr. Memory explained that yes this was an upgrade, one of the big achievements is implementing what we did on Monroe on Triangle Expressway.
	Mr. Irvin inquired about a timeline. Mr. Memory explained that is will take about 8 months to a year to work through the entire process.
	 Mr. Irvin stated that he did an unofficial tour of 77, looking forward to seeing that next month at board meeting
	Mr. Collett asked if work was being done to settle the letter from a Hillsborough citizen sent to board members last week. Mr. Memory explained that yes, work is being done, and he will be sending an update to the board later.
Actions Taken	Information only/No action taken

4. Autonomous Vehicles Update – Dennis Jernigan, P.E.	
	Mr. Jernigan gave an update on Autonomous Vehicles.
Discussion Summary	Mr. Irvin asked if this program was intended only for Triangle Expressway. Mr. Jernigan explained that Turnpike is working with Kevin Lacy to test on Triangle Expressway, but it can be applied to other roadways.
	Mr. Irvin asked if Mr. Jernigan visited California with the intent to get this rolling. Mr. Jernigan explained that yes, he did, and he also met a representative from

	Toyota who will be visiting NC legislators this week. Mr. Jernigan explained that Turnpike was hoping to lobby him for bringing Autonomous Vehicles to NC.
	Mr. Travis asked about testing, and what exactly will occur on the highways. Mr. Jernigan explained that different groups will want different things tested. In North Carolina, we can test real world environment, that is what makes the state an attractive testing ground.
	Mr. Irvin asked about a timeline to the start of testing, when will it begin? Mr. Jernigan explained that testing will begin as soon as the crews can get here. Turnpike is ready.
Actions Taken	None, Information only.

5. Complete 540 Update – Rodger Rochelle, P.E.	
Discussion Summary	Mr. Rodger Rochelle gave an update on the Complete 540 project.
	Mr. Irvin inquired about any other critical paths with the project. Mr. Rochelle explained that globally, finance is a critical path.
	Mr. Irvin inquired if the project, which was split into segments, was financed as one large project or as the separate segments. Mr. Memory explained that it was financed as one large project.
Actions Taken	No action, information only.

6. Morrisville Parkway Interchange Update – Dennis Jernigan, P.E.	
Discussion Summary	Mr. Dennis Jernigan gave an update on the Morrisville Parkway Interchange.
Actions Taken	No Information only/no action taken

7. Toll Project Development Policy Update – Gene Conti	
	Mr. Gene Conti gave an update on the Toll Project Development Policy.
Discussion Summary	Mr. Travis asked what specifically was being done to engage the MPOs? Mr. Conti explained that other states' best practices were taken into consideration, and addressed questions and concerns in presentations. He stated that having the local sponsor involved from the beginning was very important to this project.
	Mr. Irvin asked if an MPO has a project they would like considered for tolling, is it scored against all other projects, not just tolling projects? Mr. Memory explained that by law, projects are required to be scored against all projects.

	Mr. Travis asked how the team expected to convey the statewide vision, if that was done during the process of groups inquiring about toll projects? Mr. Conti explained that has happened already. Two representatives from the largest MPOs involved, inquired as the handbook is being developed.
	Mr. Travis stated that he approved of the idea of a dynamic document, instead of a static policy document.
Actions Taken	No Information only/no action taken.

8. Adjourn – Montell Irvin, Chair	
Discussion Summary	Chairman Irvin opened the floor for new business. No new business was offered.
	Chairman Irvin reminded all in attendance of the board meeting in Charlotte, November 6th.
	Chairman Irvin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
	Mr. Crawford made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
	Mr. Travis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Actions Taken	Chairman Irvin declared the meeting adjourned.