

**Logistics Task Force Meeting
February 5, 2010
Raleigh, NC**

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton, Chairman of the Logistics Task Force, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010 in Raleigh with the following members present:

Gene Conti, Dee Freeman, Nelson Cole, Dan Danieley, Paul Kauffmann, Larry Wooten, Rick Scholtes, Gary Teng, Buddy Shavender, Earl Brinkley, Tom Eager, Pat Long, David Willauer, Keith Crisco, Al Delia and Tom Bradshaw.

Members absent were: Clark Jenkins, Dawn Clegg, Allen Joines, Dee Blackwell, Terry Bellamy, John Atkins, Jerry Orr, Bob Morgan, Jeff Frazier and Colonel Beth Austin.

Chairman Dalton introduced Secretary of Transportation Gene Conti who welcomed everyone to DOT. He thanked everyone for the great effort that has been shown so far in getting this task force started. Secretary Conti stated that DOT is committed in helping this commission and how important it is to work together. He expressed that this is a great opportunity but it is going to take a lot of hard work.

Chairman Dalton expressed his excitement for this task force and getting it going. He thanked Secretaries Conti, Crisco and Freeman for their excitement and commitment and he is looking forward to working with everyone.

Roberto Canales introduced John Farley who presented a map of North Carolina Facilities showing an inventory of what the state has available as far as airports, rail, etc. Mr. Farley stated that there are approximately 80,000 state maintained roads in North Carolina. He will provide the task force members with a CD listing the county boundaries and economic regions throughout the state upon their request. Chairman Dalton stated that we have the tools that we can overlay to show what is available.

Bob Foyle and George List from NCSU-ITRE presented the task force with the OSBM Logistics Report. This report presents a statewide logistics plan for North Carolina. It responds to House Bill 1005, Session Law 2007-551, which instructed the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management to develop a statewide logistics plan that addresses the State's long term economic, mobility, and infrastructure needs. Mr. List will provide the task force with a copy of the slides used in his presentation.

Secretary Conti again expressed the amount of work that will have to be accomplished in a short period of time. He stated that the task force has no hidden agenda and will move in a direction to make things better. Everything the task force executes will have to be approved by the Legislature.

Al Delia extended Governor Perdue's appreciation to the task force for agreeing to serve and also to Lt. Governor Dalton for his willingness to serve as Chairman. He stated that it was very important to identify ways to come out of the depression and move ahead.

After a short break, Chairman Dalton called the meeting back to order at 10:25 a.m. At that time he introduced Tom Eager, the Chief Executive Officer with the NC Ports Authority. Mr. Eager presented information regarding what the Ports Authority is involved in at this time and some of their plans for the future. He presented each task force member with a pamphlet of information.

Pat Simmons, Director of the NCDOT Rail Division presented the task force with information. Mr. Simmons stated that the State Rail Plan was adopted in 2009. A copy of this plan was given to the task force members. Mr. Simmons also provided the task force members with a copy of the state railroad lines.

Richard Wiley with Economic Development made a presentation on behalf of the North Carolina Railroad. He stated that there are 317 miles of railroad in North Carolina. At this time there are 60 freight lines and 8 passenger lines. Mr. Wiley invited the task force to attend an upcoming event, Progress in Motion to be held on May 11, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Darlene Waddell, Director of the North Carolina Global Transpark Authority presented the task force with an overview of the GTP project and future plans for the Transpark. She provided the task force members with an information pamphlet. Mrs. Waddell stated that approximately 20,500 jobs have been created in the Eastern Region since the inception of the Global Transpark. This is due, in part, to a \$5 tag fee charged to the citizens in the 13-county region from 1995-1999 by the Eastern Region (formerly Global Transpark Commission). The Eastern Region has provided low interest loans and grants to companies and counties with the monies collected. By law, none of those funds can go to the GTP. The GTP's anchor tenant, Spirit Aerosystems, is nearing completion of a 500,000 SF manufacturing facility. Opening of the facility is expected to take place in the Spring of 2010.

Richard Walls, Director of the NCDOT Aviation Division made a presentation to the task force. He provided various information regarding the airports located throughout North Carolina. He stated that North Carolina has 300 airports.

Terry Gibson, State Highway Administrator provided information to the task force regarding roads throughout North Carolina. He stated there are 80,000 miles of state maintained roads in North Carolina. These include Interstate, US Highways, NC Highways, and secondary roads. Mr. Gibson referenced the 2009 Annual Performance Report that was provided to the task force members and pointed out that lots of valuable information located in this report.

Chairman Dalton thanked all presenters and opened up the floor for questions. A request for a dictionary of acronyms was requested by several of the task force members. Some of the acronyms can be found in the Statewide Logistics Plan for North Carolina provided by George List and Bob Foyle. Roberto Canales agreed to develop a dictionary for the task force.

Chairman Dalton stated how very important it is for the task force to consider every area of economic interest. There are seven economic regions in North Carolina. The task force is planning to hold meetings at various regions throughout the state. He also stated that subcommittees will be appointed within the task force.

The next meeting of the Logistics Task Force is scheduled for March 16, 2010 at the Charlotte International Airport.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

