

**Governor's Logistics Task Force
Regional Hub Design Subcommittee Meeting
NC Department of Transportation
Raleigh, NC
June 21, 2010**

Minutes

Subcommittee Chairman John Atkins called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. In addition to the Chairman, subcommittee members in attendance were David Willauer, Tom Eagar, Dan Danieley, Pat Long, and Secretary Dee Freeman. Members David Congdon and Earl Brinkley participated via telephone.

Also in attendance were: Matt Nolan and Lisa Yuan of Longistics; George List , Alix Demers, and Robert Foyle of NC State University; Roberto Canales, Jed McMillan, Mustan Kadibhai, Moy Biswas, and Richard Walls of NC DOT; Stephanie Ayers of the NC Ports Authority; Jennifer Fair of MMI Public Relations; and subcommittee staff member Charlie Diehl.

Following welcoming remarks by Chairman Atkins, attendees made self-introductions.

Chairman Atkins reviewed the subcommittee's charge of "Working with the NCSU research team and other universities to explore the feasibility of regional transportation hubs to make sure the entire state of North Carolina is moving forward." Atkins also noted that the Logistics Task Force Chairman, Lt. Governor Dalton, has asked that each of the subcommittees be able to provide at least an initial report by November.

Charlie Diehl gave a presentation on Inland Ports. The report included general characteristics frequently found at inland ports, examples of services commonly performed, a review of several existing and several planned inland ports, and existing North Carolina facilities with inland port characteristics or potential capabilities.

Matt Nolan of Longistics gave a presentation on the history, nature, and advantages of Foreign Trade Zones. He reviewed the types of functions that can take place within a Foreign Trade Zone, and explained the positive tax/tariff/duty impacts of that activity. There are fewer than 60 general purpose FTZs in the United States, with six of them being in North Carolina. General purpose FTZs often include a number of sub-zones, which serve only individual businesses. Nolan indicated that location and business clustering are key factors in FTZ site selection decisions.

Dr. George List of N.C. State University gave a detailed review of the Seven Portals Study being done on behalf of the Logistics Task Force, and the related contract. List discussed the research team membership, the expected scope of the study, a working timeline, and the planned interaction between the study team and this subcommittee.

In response to questions, List offered that the project is intended to be holistic, and not focused solely on airports. Service to and from sea ports in other states is also expected to be considered. Traffic developments through both the Panama Canal and the Suez Canal will be considered. Recommending one portal for each of the seven economic regions is not a foregone conclusion, but multiple facilities within some or all of the regions is a possibility. And Metropolitan and Regional Planning Organizations will be part of the study group's outreach.

Chairman Atkins noted that the study group should be aware of what other states are doing, given the impact their activity might have on North Carolina projects. Secretary Freeman asked that environmental issues be explicitly addressed in the study.

Tom Eagar discussed inland ports needing service by multiple Class 1 railroads, and Chairman Atkins mentioned the plan to have a speaker at an upcoming meeting to discuss inland ports from a railroad perspective.

The subcommittee discussed that the next meeting will be during the July 19 Logistics Task Force meeting in Raleigh, which will be devoted entirely to subcommittee work.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on June 30, 2010.

Charlie Diehl
Subcommittee staff