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TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

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DAVID W. JOYNER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
March 8, 2012

Members present: Gene Conti  
Bob Clay  
John Collett  
Jimmy Ferebee  
Robb Teer  
Al Swanstrom  
Members present via phone: Thomas Stith  
Members absent: Anthony Fox  
Perry Safran  
Also present: David Joyner

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Conti. He read the State ethics act and declared that there was a quorum present.

Robb Teer moved approval of the January minutes. Bob Clay seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Steve DeWitt discussed the Garden Parkway Record of Decision and the project schedule. The ROD was signed on February 29, 2012. Mark Foster discussed the Garden Parkway financing and stated that the finance structure will be similar to that for the Monroe Connector/Bypass.

Shannon Sweitzer gave a project update on the Triangle Expressway. Mr. Sweitzer discussed the Triangle Parkway segment and stated that the landscaping is underway. He stated that the landscapers are using plants that are indigenous to the area. Robb Teer noted that the RTP owners and tenants group provided additional funding to increase the density and enhance the landscaping in the RTP area. Mr. Sweitzer discussed the Western Wake segment and stated that the first section will be open to traffic in August 2012. Concrete paving and heavy earth work have begun on the southern section of Western Wake. The CSX structure is on schedule. Steve DeWitt stated that the Triangle Expressway is a great example of accelerated project delivery. The project has won an ACEC award and is up for several other awards. An environmental study for a Morrisville Parkway interchange is underway; Mr. DeWitt said that it would be a fairly simple addition to the project.

Mr. Sweitzer discussed the Monroe Connector/Bypass project. Construction is anticipated to begin on the east end in August 2012. Mr. Sweitzer gave an update on ROW acquisition. Mr. Sweitzer reported that an up-to-date website is available at [www.monroconnector-bypass.com](http://www.monroconnector-bypass.com).

David Joyner discussed the Mid-Currituck Bridge project. ACS Dragados informed the Authority by letter that they would be able to build the project with approximately \$26 million in annual state appropriations. Mr. Joyner stated that a decision on financing could be made within the next month.

Barry Mickle gave an overview of the status of operations on TriEx. Andy Lelewski discussed TriEx traffic statistics. He stated that daily traffic volume is between 3000 – 4500 vehicles per day during the work week. Trends are showing a slow but steady growth in traffic. Mr. Lelewski stated that the roadway maintenance program is in place. Brian Purvis discussed the roadway reports. Mr. Purvis stated that there are a few highway patrol enforcement issues. Mr. Purvis stated that the NCTA Traffic Management Center is interoperable with the Highway Patrol and he stated that they are meeting monthly to discuss enforcement issues. Mr. Purvis also stated that there is strong coordination with emergency responders from all areas. He discussed monitoring of the road from wrecks to debris. Dane Berglund discussed the Customer Service Center reports. He reported revenue figures and the transactions by transponder and Bill by Mail for January and February. Mr. Berglund reported that over 15,000 transponders have been sold. Payment has been received for 62% of the invoices sent out to date. Mr. Berglund reported that the error rate on invoices is less than 1%. Barry Mickle reported that the CSC is now handling ferry reservations. Operations is preparing to implement recently enacted ferry tolling directives when they are so instructed.

Reid Simons gave a presentation on community relations efforts for the Monroe Connector/Bypass. Ms. Simons discussed the Town Council and partnering and stakeholder meetings. She also discussed efforts to work with constituents on right-of-way issues using the field office as a center for those efforts. Ms. Simons discussed community input on the project name and the name suggestions which include Monroe Connector/Bypass, Union County Parkway, Monroe Connector, Monroe Parkway, Union-Monroe Parkway, and Union Memorial Tollway. John Collett moved that the Board approve the official name for the project as "Monroe Connector/Bypass." The motion was seconded by Jimmy Ferebee. After discussion, Bob Clay made a substitute motion to officially name the project "Monroe Bypass." Mr. Collett accepted the substitute motion and Jimmy Ferebee seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Simons discussed the Garden Parkway and stated the ROD signing was announced on March 1, 2012. She stated that the time savings for the Parkway is estimated to be up to 28 minutes one way. Ms. Simons also discussed the estimated toll rates based on the Traffic and Revenue Study. She reviewed the draft plan of finance and the schedule. (See attached presentation.)

Ms. Simons gave a presentation on the Triangle Expressway outreach and marketing activities. She reported that the marketing plan is in a maintenance phase from now until July 2012. Ms. Simons stated that the second Triangle Expressway Trot 5k will be held on either July 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> prior to the opening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of TriEx.

Several Board members indicated an interest in meeting in Charlotte, perhaps at the Charlotte Douglas Airport, to have an opportunity to learn more about the Garden Parkway and the Monroe Bypass and also visiting the Mid-Currituck Bridge site in Currituck County. David Joyner indicated he would look into those possibilities.

David Joyner thanked Steve DeWitt for his service to the NCTA and congratulated him on his retirement. Robb Teer also thanked Steve DeWitt.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm.

*Minutes prepared by Jillian Brodeur.*