

June 13, 1975 Meeting

approved request from the Mountain Area Health Education Foundation, and authorized the Administrator to execute the agreement in behalf of the Board, subject to conditions outlined.

Action Re Placing Bicentennial Historical Markers within the Rights-of-Way of State-Maintained Facilities

Acting on the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Board Member Callahan made a motion that the Board adopt the following policy regarding the placement of bicentennial markers within highway rights-of-way:

The Board of Transportation will give consideration to requests for the placement of bicentennial markers within the right-of-way of roads comprising a part of the State Highway System only in those instances where the request has been reviewed by and recommended by the State Bicentennial Commission. Approval of such requests by the Board of Transportation will be contingent upon the construction and maintenance costs for such markers being the responsibility of an agency other than the Board of Transportation.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Harris, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Callahan advised two requests have been received, and it is contemplated that numerous requests of this nature will probably be received due to the upcoming Bicentennial celebration.

41 Approval - Naming of Bridge over Yadkin River at Siloam the "Atkinson-Needham Memorial Bridge"

Acting on the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Board Member Callahan introduced the following resolution and

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made a motion that it be adopted, contingent upon receipt of approval by the Needham family. The motion was seconded by Board Member Perry, and unanimously carried.

"WHEREAS, Hugh and Ola Atkinson, natives and longtime residents of Surry County, lost their lives during the accidental collapse of the bridge over the Yadkin River at Siloam on February 23, 1975; and

"WHEREAS, Judy Brown Needham and daughter, Andrea, natives and residents of Surry County, lost their lives during the accidental collapse of the bridge over the Yadkin River at Siloam on February 23, 1975; and

"WHEREAS, the Needham family and Hugh and Ola Atkinson were leaders and highly respected in their community; and

"WHEREAS, the Board of Transportation, through Senate Joint Resolution 657 ratified on June 9, 1975, is urged to name the new bridge to be constructed to replace the Siloam Bridge in Surry County in honor of the memory of Hugh and Ola Atkinson and Judy Brown Needham and daughter, Andrea;

"NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Transportation hereby resolves to name the proposed replacement bridge over the Yadkin River at Siloam the ATKINSON-NEEDHAM MEMORIAL BRIDGE."

Mr. Callahan noted previous approval had been received from the Atkinson family and the North Carolina General Assembly

had approved a resolution endorsing the name and urged the Board of Transportation to officially name the proposed new bridge.

Approval - Administrative Actions Affecting Services to the Public to be Approved by the Board

Chairman Alexander read a "news release" outlining actions taken regarding the cutting of grass on our highway rights-of-way. He noted the Department had received many inquiries, complaints and criticisms due to the delay in cutting the grass.

A discussion followed, and a motion was made by Board Member Callahan that all administrative actions affecting the services to the public will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Transportation. This motion was seconded by Board Member Vaughn, and unanimously carried.

New Business

1. Board Member Vaughn reported the Organization and Finance Committee met on the afternoon of the 12th.
2. Board Member Anderson, Chairman of the Planning and Programming Committee, read resolution from the Wake County Board of Commissioners endorsing the Highway Improvement Program for Wake County.
3. Chairman Alexander advised dates and places for the next three Board of Transportation meetings - July 11, 1975 in