

**House Select Committee on
Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions**

January 7, 2019, 9:00 AM

**North Carolina Transportation Museum
1 Samuel Spencer Drive
Spencer, NC 28159**

AGENDA

Chair: Representative John Torbett

Kelly Alexander, Museum Executive Director, will give a brief overview of the museum.

1. Call to order
2. North Carolina Railroad: The Road to Long-Term Job Creation is More than Just a Road
Scott Saylor, Executive Director, North Carolina Railroad
3. Andrews to Murphy Rail Corridor
Jason Orthner, NCDOT Rail Division Director
4. Norfolk Southern and North Carolina
Tim Bentley, Resident Vice President, Norfolk Southern Corporation
5. Short line perspectives: Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway
Ed Thum, Vice President of Transportation and Maintenance of Way, Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway
Paul Hoben, Director of Business Development, Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway
6. Lunch
7. Discussion of the “How the West was Won” rail exhibit and presentation
Ray Rapp, former member, historian, and co-chair of the Western North Carolina Rail Committee
8. Great Smoky Mountains Railroad: The Economic Impacts of Operations and Visitor Expenditures
Al and John Harper, Corporate Family Owners, Great Smoky Mountains Railroad
9. Vote on Committee Report
10. Tour of the Transportation Museum
Kelly Alexander, North Carolina Transportation Museum Executive Director