

# Budget Process

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation

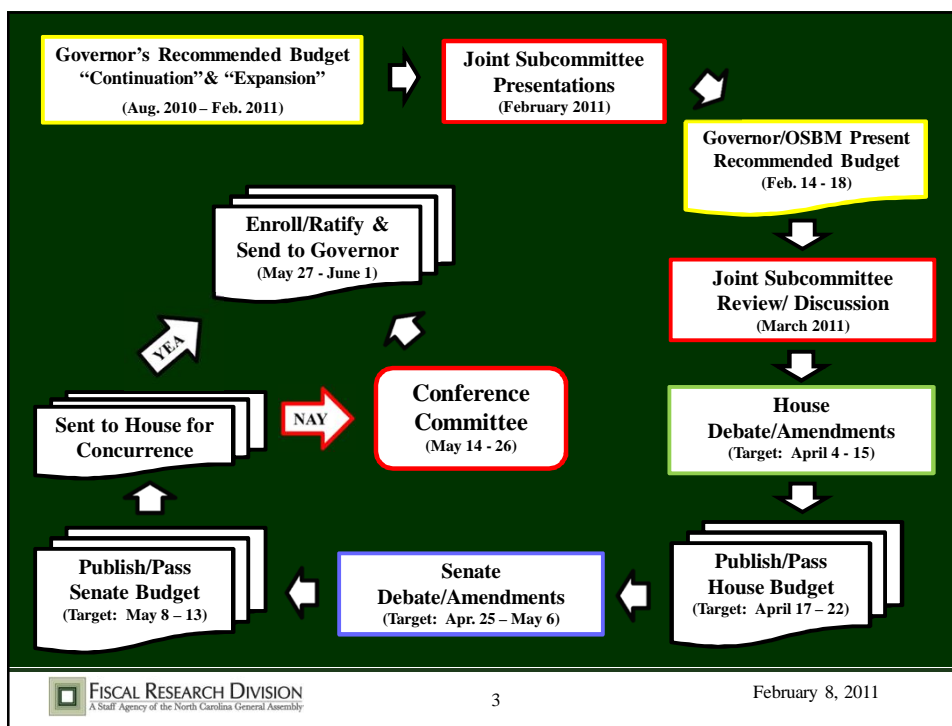
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## Presentation Outline

- Budget/Subcommittee Process
- Roles of Staff & Agencies
- Next Steps/Calendar



## Subcommittee Process

- Departmental presentations reduced and reframed to be more focused and issue-driven.
- Joint subcommittee process will allow for deliberative debate on budget issues.
- Transparency is the goal...
  - New subcommittee website:  
<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/documentsites/browsedocsite.asp?nid=131>
  - Budget will be discussed and completed in public.
  - Planned changes to the Certified Budget to improve public understanding of transportation spending.

## Roles of Fiscal Research Staff

- Fiscal Research (FRD) staff are non-partisan, professional analysts who serve all members
- Staff responsibilities (Chapter 120, Article 7A) include:
  - ❖ Budget & Policy Analysis
    - Analyzing and producing the budget
    - Fiscal Notes & Fiscal Memoranda
    - Answering confidential member requests
    - Conducting special studies (“Continuation Reviews” and interim studies)
  - ❖ Guidance & Coordination
    - *Appropriations Committees*
    - Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
    - Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

## FRD Transportation/IT Team

### Amna Cameron:

- Highway Construction/Maintenance
- Equity Formula
- Secondary Roads Construction
- Motor Fuel and Highway Use Taxes & Revenues
- Intermodal:
  - Public Transportation Division
  - Ferry Division
  - Aviation Division
  - Rail Division
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Division

## FRD Transportation/IT Team

### Bryce Ball:

- Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
  - DMV Fees
- State Highway Patrol (SHP)
- Turnpike Authority
- Global TransPark
- Visitor Centers

### Karlynn O’Shaughnessy:

- Information Technology

## Roles of Other NCGA Staff

### Bill Drafting & Research Divisions:

- Draft legislation and budget provisions (aka “Special Provisions”)
- Conduct legal research and policy analysis, focusing on legal and regulatory issues:
  - Constitutionality, statutory impacts, policies, and regulations
- Staff Standing, Interim, and Oversight Committees

## Roles of Other NCGA Staff

### Program Evaluation Division:

- Conducts formal, longer-term studies of programs
- Evaluation components include:
  - Assessing program performance/efficacy
  - Developing performance metrics, including activity-based costing
  - Recommending actions by the General Assembly

## Roles of Agency Staff

### OSBM and Agency Staff:

- Prepare and present the Governor's Recommended Budget
  - Justify proposed budgetary actions
- Provide presentations on agency programs
- Assist Fiscal staff in obtaining program data
- Assist in answering specific, or detailed, member questions

## Next Steps

### Tentative Schedule:

- 2/09/11 – DOT Overview
- 2/10/11 – Work Program & Prioritization
- 2/15/11 – Maintenance, Construction, and Secondary Roads
- 2/16/11 – DOT Finances
- 2/17/11 – Division of Motor Vehicles
- ✓ Begin issue discussions following the presentation of the Governor's Budget.

# QUESTIONS?

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