

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA
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Chairman Randy Ognio- Fayette County BOC
Carlos Christian- Fayette County
Lt. Gary Farr- Fayette County Sheriff's Office
LaShawn Gardiner - City of Fayetteville
Gary Laggis- Town of Woolsey
Phil Mallon- Fayette County
Charles W. Oddo- Fayette County BOC
Shayne Robinson- City of Peachtree City
Martin Sas- Citizen Representative
Jaimi Tapp- Town of Tyrone
Ellen Walls- Town of Brook

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2017

2:00 P.M.

Special location: Fayette County Public Library, Meeting Room
1821 Heritage Park Way, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

Call to Order by Chairman Randy Ognio

Chairman Ognio called the March 7, 2017 Transportation Committee meeting to order at 2:04pm

Chairman to acknowledge that a Quorum of the Transportation Committee is present.

The presence of a quorum was acknowledged. It was noted that Lt. Gary Farr- Fayette County Sheriff's Office, Jaimi Tapp of the Town of Tyrone and Ellen Walls of the Town of Brooks were not present for the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda as published.

Mrs. Shayne Robinson moved to approve the Agenda as published. Martin Sas seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0-3 with Lt. Farr, Mrs. Tapp and Mrs. Walls were absent from the meeting.

MINUTES:

Approval of the February 7, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Shayne Robinson moved to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Phil Mallon made updates to the minutes and changes to item number 5 are attached. The motion passed 8-0-3 with Lt. Farr, Mrs. Tapp and Mrs. Walls being absent for the March 7, 2017 meeting. *Pages 5-7*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Welcome and Introduction of Sam Wellborn and Michael Presley.

Mr. Phil Mallon introduced our special guest, Michael Presley, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) District 3 Engineer. Michael has always been great to work with; from a technical stand point he will work with you to get the job done. Mr. Sam Wellborn, now serving his 6th 5 year term is the longest serving representative of GDOT.

Mr. Sam Wellborn discussed that Fayette County is very important to the state because it is one of the fastest growing counties in the state as well as one of the fastest growing counties in the district. He suggested that himself and the county start today with quarterly meetings to have good communication and time to talk about transportation. Also to discuss up and coming projects, traffic signals, a new sign or striping in the highway no limit on what we can talk about. Mr. Wellborn talked about the Coordinated Highway and Maintenance Program (CHAMP) that has gone into full effect through the state; the 1st 24hrs there were 174 contacts that the CHAMPS were there to help with.

2. Review of Committee Purpose

Phil Mallon asked everyone to review the handout on the Committees purpose. **Pages 8**

3. Review of Active GDOT Projects

Phil Mallon discussed the list of GDOT Projects. A handout was given to the audience that list contains 17 open projects. **Pages 9**

4. Moving Forward

a. Top County Priorities

- i. Chairman Ognio asked for an update on project #9 SR 74 / I-85, it is actually outside of District 3 and Mr. Michael Presley will get back with the committee on a change of the completion date.
- ii. Chairman Ognio also raised discussion on project #12 SR 54 / SR 74 Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI). He wanted to know if additional funds could be added to the CFI fund for a move effective layout to help with growing traffic. Mr. Michael Presley stated the study of the area provided a lot of overall continuous planning. He notated without seeing modeling of the CFI there is no way to guarantee that it is the best option. Mr. Michael Presley stated that the intersection is a choke point that badly needs improvement so GDOT will be moving forward with the project unless they are told not to by ARC.

- iii. Chairman Ognio asked about project #2 the Widening of McDonough Rd to SR 54. He suggest that with the additional lanes added to McDonough Rd that will dump more traffic in to SR 54 and the already growing traffic in the area. Mr. Michael Presley stated different signal timing options or one way pairs could be used to assist with the traffic in the Fayette downtown area. They both agree that the project will not reduce the traffic.
- iv. Chairman Ognio mentioned the county's desire to align SR 279 and Corinth Rd to reduce the signal wait time when crossing over the intersection. Mr. Michael Presley asked for details so that he could review the suggestion and Mr. Sam Wellborn suggested adding the topic to report back on in the next discussion. Mr. Phil Mallon added that if the 2017 SPLOST was passed then that would provide funding for the initial planning study to get the project into ARC TIP.
- v. Chairman Ognio asked about the golf cart multi-use path within GDOT ROW. Mr. Michael Presley stated that the department doesn't have a policy that currently supports multi-use paths in the ROW, Not to say they won't have on. He will search for an answer on why the paths are not currently allowed. Mr. Mallon asked if it would help to give GDOT a traffic design of what Fayette County was proposing to help get the request approved. Mr. Presley stated that a traffic design would help him at the policy level.

5. 2017 ARC TIP Solicitation Process

The ARC TIP Solicitation Process was not mentioned.

6. 2017 SPLOST Referendum

Mr. Phil Mallon briefly discussed the SPLOST and Mr. Sam Wellborn expressed how important it is to get a SPLOST in a county that wants to prosper in the area of transportation.

7. Public Comment

Citizen Mike inquired why he can't cross a golf cart across a State Route. He mentioned that 6 request has been turned down. Mr. Michael Presley stated he would take another look at the request that was denied.

Commissioner Brown made mention of SR 74 / I-85 exchange. He stated that there are several trucking companies in the area that brings through traffic. Several trucks are blocking the center lane while they wait for the light. This creates a lineup of vehicles just waiting to access the center lane.

Commissioner Brown also brought up SR 54 West in Peachtree City and how the multi-path project is on an easement that offers successful implementation of the paths near the ROW.

Commissioner Brown mentioned the 1825 Historic Mill is scheduled to have the bridge replace and if there could be architecturally matching the historic context of that site.

Citizen question: What is the start date on the roundabout of SR 92 @ Antioch and SR92 @ Seay? Jack Reid – GDOT local coordinator for LMIG and other project funding, Harlon Smith – GDOT planning engineer stated there is a 2018 completion date.

Mr. Phil Mallon asked for an update on resurfacing projects that GDOT has in Fayette County. Mr. Harlon Smith provided details on SR 93 near the Fulton County line, SR 54 from McDonough Rd, SR 85 & SR 314 and SR 92 & CR 347.

Mr. Phil Mallon inquired about the Quick Response Fund and if the cap of 200K was the max. Mr. Presley stated the GDOT loves when municipalities add to the 200K funds to complete a project in their county. The discussion opened to question of the funds being used in other projects around the county.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Robinson moved to adjourn the March 7, 2017 Transportation Committee meeting. Mrs. LaShawn Gardiner seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0-3 with Lt. Farr, Mrs. Tapp and Mrs. Walls being absent.