

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2017

4:00 P.M.

Call to Order by Chairman Randy Ognio

Chairman Ognio called the October 3, 2017 Transportation Committee meeting to order at 4:02pm

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

Approval of the Agenda as published.

Commissioner Oddo welcomed the guest in the room and moved to have the public comment section moved to the front of the agenda today and forever. Shayne Robinson motioned to approve the change in the agenda as well as the agenda itself. Martin Sas second the motion. The motion passed 9-0-2 with Lt. Gary Farr and Ellen Walls being absent from the meeting.

MINUTES:

Approval of the September 5, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Robinson moved to approve the September 5, 2017 meeting minutes. Mr. Sas seconds the motion, the motion passed 9-0-2 with Lt. Gary Farr and Ellen Walls absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Scott Schaefer, a resident of the Highgrove Subdivision, discussed his safety concerns for pedestrians in the Highgrove community, specifically along Quarters Road. He noted the high volume and speed of vehicles throughout the day. He purchased a baseball radar to record the various speeds of the drivers in his neighborhood and believes the majority of vehicles are over 45MPH. The road is posted at 25MPH road. The committee discussed options of stop signs on Quarters road, speed tables and increased law enforcement. Phil Mallon said the Engineering Department will collect traffic data and bring the information back to the Committee in November.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Traffic Calming Policy – The policy will be completed and emailed to the committee members for their approval. Once approved by the committee it will be scheduled for presenting at the next Board of Commission meeting.
2. Update on Antioch and Goza intersection – The Notice-to-Proceed has been issued to the Consultant. Their work includes data collection and evaluation, identification of short-term safety improvements, evaluation of long-term options and design. An assessment of options is expected in November.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **The Comprehensive Transportation Project and Multiuse Path Project for Fayette County Update by Phil Mallon and Joe Robison;**

There are three transportation studies underway: The Comprehensive Transportation Project CTP includes 3 different projects. It is a CTP, master path and Hwy 74 study. Each municipality should have a contact representative involved in the study. Your city representative must be engaged in the meetings so that they can report back to the municipalities. Taking into account the future growth of the cities; the consultant will reach out to the different municipalities. Also a survey will be created via app and webpage to gain public opinion of various aspects of the study.

Path Update - GDOT has developed a policy for allowing operation of Personal Transportation Vehicles (e.g., golf carts) within State right-of-way. This may be a positive step forward but details have to be read through.

4. **2004 SPLOST approved projects review – Phil Mallon will expand on 2004 SPLOST uncompleted project chosen for completion.**

Mr. Mallon reviewed the 2004 Transportation SPLOST and identified projects that are eligible for funding with the "county-wide" SPLOST dollars (i.e., the "321" fund). The list of projects is from the April 2003 Fayette County Transportation Plan, and projects that had not yet been completed were split into two groups: Recommended and Not Recommended for Consideration. Each project was then reviewed and a short discussion followed to create a "short list" of projects for further consideration at the November Committee meeting. Six factors were identified as guiding principles for evaluating the projects: congestion relief, safety improvements, capacity increases, positive freight-movement impacts, consistency with the Land Use Plan, and constructability.

B-7 SR 85 Bridge Replacement @ Whitewater Creek - This is a GDOT-funded bridge replacement. There was general agreement not to use SPLOST money for possible aesthetic improvements to match the historic character of the Starrs Mill area. **Not Recommended**

I-2 Sandy Creek, Sams Drive & Eastin Road - A study of the intersection of Sandy Creek, Sams Drive & Eastin Rd has been included in the 2004 SPLOST before Pinewood and the traffic associated with it moved to Fayette County. This project remains marked for consideration. **Recommended for Short List**

I-6 Lafayette Street @ SR 85 Traffic Signal and R-14 Lafayette Avenue Extension (SR 85 to Church) Brian Wismer from the City of Fayetteville described the details of these projects, which includes a new signal on SR 85 and new road construction. Making Lafayette Street a through-street with a viable left-turn signal phase may help reduce congestion at the square. **Recommended for Short List**

I-16 Peachtree Parkway @ Crosstown Drive – This project has been studied by Peachtree City in the past and a roundabout is the likely preferred upgrade. **Recommended for Short List**

I-19 SR 54 @ SR 74 Grade Separation – This is an intersection of two state routes and GDOT already has a project programed for it. The cost for grade separation would exceed available funds. **Not Recommended**

R-1 Tyrone-Palmetto Road (74 to Coweta) Widening – The project's purpose is to widen Palmetto Road from SR 74 to the County line. The Committee questioned the need and cost and staff noted that the project will be studied as part of the 2017 SPLOST to define need and purpose, as well as prepare rough cost estimates. For these reasons the Committee determined this to be low priority for 2004 SPLOST funding at this time. **Not Recommended**

R-6 Kenwood Road Operational Improvements – This project would provide safety and operational improvements along Kenwood Rd, Lees Mill Road and portions of New Hope Road, from SR 279 to Sandy Creek Road. **Recommended for Short List**

R19 SR 85 Widening (92 to Bernhard) R-20 SR 85 Widening (Bernhard to 74) – Funds for this project could be used to match with GDOT money to provide several intersection safety improvements along SR 85 south under GDOT's "Quick Response" program. Commissioner Oddo motioned to recommend to the BOC allocation of \$500,000 of SPLOST 321 funds for joint use with GDOT's Quick Response program. Mrs. Robinson second the motion. The motion passed 9-0-2 with Lt. Gary Farr and Ellen Walls being absent from the meeting.

R-21 SR 92 South of McBride Safety Improvements – Gary Laggis, Town of Woolsey, stated a study of this area was done a year ago where counters were used to track the speed of traffic. The average speed was 50MPH in a 45MPH area. However traffic has increased and intersection improvements are needed. This project remains marked for consideration, primarily to address the intersection in and around downtown Woolsey. **Recommended for Short List**

R-22 Hampton Road Realignment – this purpose of this project is to align Hampton Road as it crosses SR92. The town of Woolsey is no longer considering this alignment due to the property impacts it would have. **Not Recommended**

R-23 Goza Road Realignment @ Bernhard Road – This project correct the 90-degree curve out of Bernhard Rd and connect it with Goza Road so the primary traffic movement on Goza would be to and from the existing traffic signal. The Committee noted improvements would be needed on Bernhard. **Recommended for Short List**

Commissioner Ognio excuses himself from the meeting turning it over to Shayne Robinson as 2nd chair.

R-25 TDK Boulevard Extension – This project would provide a new connection over Line Creek between Peachtree City and Coweta County. Mrs. Robinson will discuss it with Peachtree City officials and will report back to the committee, and that information will be used to decide if the project is recommended for the short list. The project will remain on the list for consideration.

R-28b West Fayetteville Bypass 3 – This project would extend Veterans Parkway down Lester Rd, Ebenezer Church Road, and Harp Road, thus providing better connection between SR 85 and SR 54 and a “bypass” around Fayetteville. The project could be new road construction or a series of improvements to existing infrastructure. The committee did not feel there is adequate cost-benefit for the project. **Not Recommended**

S-5 SR 54 West Multi-Use Bridge – This project is for a pedestrian bridge over SR 54 near the Coweta County line. **Not Recommended**

R-8 East Fayetteville Bypass - operational improvements – When discussing operational improvement concerning the West Fayetteville Bypass 3 Chairman Ognio asked if such improvements could be made to the East Fayette Bypass smoothing the flow of traffic on County Line Rd and Inman Rd. The committee agreed to further study this option, which would be an expansion of the existing EFB project currently in design. **Recommended for Short List**

There was a quick review of the Not Recommended for Consideration list -

I-4 SR 85 / North Jeff Davis / SR 314

I-9 Gingercake Road @ SR 54 – there was a desire to add a left turn arrow to the existing signal.

I-18 Huddleston Drive @ Dividend Drive – intersection improvement currently not being considered by PTC.

R-2 "Jenkins Rd or Sandy Creek Rd Extension (to Trickum Creek Rd or Mann Rd)" - This project was attempting to prevent speeding in the area.

R-4 Northside Parkway – A study to improve the Jenkins Rd, Ellison Rd and Sandy Creek Rd triangular intersection;

R-7 SR 314 Widening north of SR 279 – this project is too big for Fayette County;

R-10 McDonough Road Widening – GDOT project;

R-13 SR 85 Medians Phase 1&2 – This project would install a center median along portions of SR 85 within the City of Fayetteville. The purpose is to improve safety and reduce congestion. **Recommended for Short List**

R-15 Georgia Avenue Extension (LCI) – connecting Georgia Ave as it crosses SR 85;

R-18 SR 92 Widening from Jimmy Mayfield to McBride – GDOT project;

- R-26 Crosstown Drive Widening* – A expensive project but Mrs. Robinson will discuss it with PTC;
- S-1 Fayetteville Greenway* – no additional information provided;
- S-2 85 Streetscape Enhancements* – no additional information provided;
- S-3 Lafayette Avenue Streetscape Improvements*– no additional information provided;
- S-4 Lanier Street Streetscape Improvements* – no additional information provided;
- S-5 SR 54 West, Multi-Use Bridge* – no additional information provided;

The document will be updated and emailed to the committee members with estimated prices and existing traffic data. This topic will be reviewed at the November meeting, with emphasis on the short-listed projects.

5. Transportation Committee Meeting 2018 schedule review

The Transportation Committee reviewed the 2018 schedule and upon initial review the following dates were changed. January 2nd will be changed to January 9th; April 3rd being that it is in the week of Spring break will be changed to April 10th; The Fourth of July falls on a Wednesday and with committee members taking days before or after the holiday it was decided to move the meeting date to July 10th the following Tuesday. The 2018 schedule will be updated, emailed and posted for members of the committee as well as the general public. The start time of 2pm for future meeting was discussed. Initially Lt. Gary Farr could not make a 2pm meeting therefore the time was set to 4pm. Mrs. Poorman the committee secretary will reach out to Lt. Farr and discuss future 2pm meeting times.

6. Time allowed for public comments

Shayne Robinson suggested an allotted time for public comments. The set time limit will be 5 minutes. Commissioner Oddo added based on the information that the guest is providing their time may be extended. It was decided that if more time was needed the individual should request their comment to be added to the Board of Commissioners next meeting agenda. Jamie Tapp motioned to limit public comment to 5 minutes. LaShawn Gardiner seconds the motion. The motion passed 9-0-2 with Lt. Gary Farr and Ellen Walls were absent from the meeting.

7. 2017 Tip Solicitation – Phil Mallon

The solicitation has closed and ARC is reviewing the submissions. A draft of the recommended project is expected in late fall and formal approval in spring 2018.

8. Additional updates

It was brought into discussion that GDOT Board member Sam Wellborn will attend the December 5th meeting. The Committee agreed to limit discussion to one hour and keep all agenda items on GDOT-related issues. If necessary,

the meeting will break after the GDOT items are discussed and resume once the guests are given an opportunity to leave.

ADJOURNMENT:

Shayne Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gary Laggis first the motion and Martin Sass second the motion. The motion passed 9-0-2 with Lt. Gary Farr and Ellen Walls absent from the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm