

FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2025, at 1:30 PM

140 Stonewall Ave, W., Fayetteville, GA 30214

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Maurice Ungaro, at 1:31 pm. Maurice introduced and welcomed Fayette County's new Assistant County Manager, Jason Tinsley.
2. A quorum was established with ten (10) members in attendance: Maurice Ungaro, J.T. Rabun, Martin Sas, Cajen Rhodes, David Borkowski, Jaimi Tapp, Karen Graiser, Phil Mallon, Paola Kimbell, Vanessa Tigert
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve by J.T. Rabun, seconded by Phil Mallon. Motion approved.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve by J.T. Rabun, seconded by David Borkowski. Minutes approved.
5. Report from Committee Members
 - a. Brooks – Maurice Ungaro
 - i. Phase 2 Sidewalk Project is complete. The project extended the sidewalk from downtown to Liberty Tech Charter School and along Price Rd to the town cemetery. The sidewalk improves safety and health options for citizens.
 - ii. The downtown Coffee Shop is open.
 - iii. Brooks also upgraded curb and gutter on a short section of Hwy 85C, between Price Rd and the railroad track.

- b. Fayette County – Phil Mallon and Paola Kimbell
 - i. Administrative – Notify Phil or Rhonda of any additions or deletions needed to update the email database
 - ii. Phil Mallon thanked Jason Tinsley for joining the Committee and asked Committee Members and visitors to introduce themselves as they speak during the meeting.
 - iii. CTP Update – Staff plans to post the RFP by August 25th with intent of awarding the contract at the October or November Board of Commissioners meeting. The Notice to Proceed should be issued in November or December.
 - iv. ARC will issue a RFP for Metro Southern Trails Plan (\$1M budget). The study will look at regional connectivity opportunities between South Fulton, Coweta, Fayette, Spalding, Clayton, and Henry Counties. ARC's NTP is anticipated in February 2026.
 - v. A Notice to Proceed was issued to consultant for design services at intersection of Sandy Creek Road & Ellison Road.
 - vi. The Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) for the SR 279 federal aid project was completed on July 14th and 15th. It was well organized by GDOT.
 - vii. The Redwine Tunnel Path Project opened to the public on July 21st. Mirrors and a centerline stripe were added at the tunnel's entrances/exits. Feedback from the public has been good so far.
 - viii. The Invitation to Bid for traffic signal installation at SR 85 and Hwy 85C will be going out soon.
- c. Fayetteville – Cajen Rhodes
 - i. Paving was scheduled to start on Monday but has been delayed due to weather. Contractors will begin paving Brandywine

- Blvd, Cornwallis Way, Monmouth Ct, and LaGrange Ct when weather permits, maybe Thursday. Equipment is already staged, and signage is out
- ii. A SPLOST sidewalk repair project is ongoing within The Villages Subdivision. Much damage has been caused by tree roots. Irrigation repair is another costly item. It's over \$200k worth of repairs in just one development, trying to close them out this week
- d. Peachtree City – Dave Borkowski
- i. Huddleston Rd @ SR 54, dual intersection project, should go to Council for award on August 21st
 - ii. SR 74 & SR 54 – No updates but running smoothly
- e. Tyrone – Jami Tapp
- i. Roundabout at Arrowood Rd, Spencer Ln, Palmetto Rd – in land grading and utilities
 - ii. Crestwood Rd multi-use path should go to the council for approval for right-of-way on Thursday
 - iii. Laurelwood Dr and Dogwood Trail multi-use paths are both in property acquisition stage
 - iv. Private Transportation Path Project – East Group has been clearing at SR 74 & Jenkins Rd and should be doing curb cuts in a few months
- f. Woolsey – Karen Graiser
- i. No report
- g. Fayette County Water Systems – Vanessa Tigert
- i. No report

- h. Fayette County Sheriff's Office
 - i. Not present
- i. Citizen Representatives
 - i. Martin Sas – No report
 - ii. J.T. Rabun – No report

6. Public Comment

- a. Dylan Shoemaker
 - i. Debbie Straight with the Environmental Health department has been running Safe Kids Fayette County since 1992 but is retiring in January. A replacement is needed. This is potentially applicable to transportation because they provide free car seat checkups and free car seats. In terms of pedestrian safety, they also provide helmets and other safety materials. Safe Kids will cease to exist if no agency takes over.
- b. Peachtree City Councilman Clint Holland
 - i. A collaborative effort is coming together consisting of counties, other municipalities, and GDOT to do a full engineering study of the SR 74 & SR 54 corridors which has been an ongoing issue.
 - ii. Phil Mallon added that he hopes the Transportation Committee will be an integral part of the study and his strategy is to hold staff level meetings with Coweta, Tyrone, and others to define project scope and goals. There is a potential funding source through ARC this October (possibly in the spring also) but we need to position ourselves to respond to that.
- c. Randy Ognio
 - i. Traffic on SR 85 is backing up to Bernhard Rd due to school zone.

- ii. The all-way stop at Old Greenville Road & Goza Road also backs up in all directions around 7:30am. Vanessa Tigert said the intersections of Ebenezer Church Road at Redwine Road and Ebenezer Church Road at Lester Road also sees heavy back-up.
- iii. Randy asked the Committee to push ARC and other agencies to look ahead at traffic volumes. Phil Mallon said there are very few planned capacity projects in the County. Mayor Laggis asked if the roundabout at SR 92 in Woolsey is a capacity project. Phil Mallon said it is an intersection improvement that will provide safety and operational benefits. Keith Larson encouraged everyone to provide comments on the planning studies about the need for increased capacity.

d. Keith Larson

- i. Compliments to Fayette County, Peachtree City, and the Committee for the successful completion of the Redwine Tunnel Project and that a public recognition or ribbon cutting event should be done to highlight how tax dollars were effectively used.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a. Draft Path/Trail Score Study – Phil Mallon

- i. Phil Mallon shared a draft scoring system for path projects. The system quantifies a project's benefits, relative to other projects, and calculates a project's cost, again relative to other path projects. A benefit to cost ratio can then be calculated to help prioritize projects.

- ii. Project features that contribute to the benefits score proximity to homes, proximity to destinations, filling a gap between two paths, extending a path segment, safety benefits, political support, and public support
 - iii. Factors that impact the cost include project dimensions (length and width), profile, material, need for retaining walls, stream crossings, environmental impacts (wetlands, floodplains, buffers, etc.), and private property impacts
 - iv. A fictitious project was used to illustrate how the scoring system could work. The following comments were provided by the Committee
 - Increase scores for proximity to schools
 - Account for path access to businesses
 - Account for projects with multijurisdictional benefits
 - Weigh the safety benefit of road crossings by road type
 - More consideration is needed for a project that connects to the Peachtree Path system (>100 miles is too much to add to formula)
 - Consider benefit for a project helping protect and preserve environmentally sensitive areas
 - Account for the economic benefit a project might have
 - v. There was general support from the Committee to continue development of the scoring system. Bryan Keller offered to see if the scoring process could be partially automated by using GIS
- b. Multi-Use path and Bike Recommendations – Keith Larson
- i. Keith Larson gave a presentation on Bike-Walk Fayette's recommendations for shared-use path and bike routes. The presentation is attached to these meeting minutes
 - ii. Specific recommendations for future projects include a focus on side paths and the removal of greenway / greenbelt projects. These are considered too expensive and high risk in terms of deliverability. Keith also stressed the relatively low-cost advantages of paving shoulders and that several areas in the County already have the paved shoulders (e.g., Bernhard Road). JT noted paved shoulders extends pavement life as

well. Keith noted some other local governments manage paths through their Recreation Department since they can be considered a linear park. He suggested a future *County Recreation Trail Plan*, in addition to a *CTP*, to guide this process.

- c. ARC Active Transportation Roundtable at Trilith – Phil Mallon
 - i. Phil reminded the Committee that Fayette County is hosting the ARC Active Transportation Roundtable on September 10, 2025. The event will be at Trilith, and the target audience are transportation planners and engineers from around the Atlanta Metropolitan area. The Transportation Committee and others from the community are invited to attend as well
 - ii. The proposed agenda was shared for comment and discussion. Proposed speakers include:
 - Justin Strickland - Peachtree City, City Manager
 - Aaron Fortner - Trilith Canvas Planning Group
 - Eric Dial - Fayette Forward Executive Director
 - Keith Larson Bike-Walk Fayette, Community Advocate
 - iii. The Committee supported the agenda and emphasized the desire to put forth a message of cooperation and focused vision. It was also suggested to use a panel-format for Q&A at the end, if time allows
- d. Safety Action Plan – Paola Kimbell
 - i. Paola provided a final review of the Fayette County’s SS4A Safety Action Plan, highlighting crash data trends and priority intersections from 2019-2023 and 2020-2024. The analysis identified the most critical crash locations both countywide and in the unincorporated areas, with SR 85/ W Fayetteville Rd at Commerce Dr and County Line Rd at McDonough Rd consistently ranking as top crash spots. Other high priority intersections countywide included SR 54 at SR 74, SR 85 at Corinth Rd, Banks Rd and Ellis Rd, and S Jeff Davis at Inman Rd. The presentation also noted ongoing and completed projects as part of the County’s efforts to address these high crash intersections. A copy of the presentation is attached as backup to these meeting minutes

9. Adjournment

Maurice reminded the Committee of no meeting in September but encouraged

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Vice Chair – J.T. Rabun

Secretary – Martin Sas

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members to attend the ARC Roundtable. The meeting was adjourned.