



MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2019
2:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Randy Ognio, Fayette County BOC
Chris Hindman, City of Fayetteville Staff
Ellen Walls, Town of Brooks Staff
Martin Sas, Fayette County Citizen Representative
Lt. Gary Farr, Fayette County Sheriff's Office
Phil Mallon, Fayette County Staff
Shayne Robinson, Peachtree City Citizen Representative
Charles W. Oddo, Fayette County BOC
Jaimi Tapp, Town of Tyrone Citizen Representative

Committee Members Absent: Carlos Christian, Fayette County Staff
Mayor Gary Laggis, Town of Woolsey

Guests: Joseph Robison, Fayette County Transportation Engineer
Courtney Hassenzahl
Jack Gilson, Town of Woolsey
Peachtree City officials
Chris Snell, Fayette County Library

1. Call to Order by Chair Randy Ognio

Chairman Ognio called the May 7, 2019 Transportation Committee meeting to order at 2:01pm.

2. Ascertainment of Quorum

Chairman Ognio acknowledged that a Quorum of the Transportation Committee was present.

3. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Mrs. Robinson moved to accept the agenda as published. Mr. Martin second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Review and Approval of the April 9, 2018 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Robinson motioned to table the April 9th meeting minutes until June 4th meeting. This will allow the committee members to review the extensive meeting minutes thoroughly. Mrs. Walls second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Report of Committee Members

a. Research Project - A Data-Driven Road Risk Prediction for Condition Assessment and Maintenance Prioritization (Mallon)

Georgia Tech and some other research groups have introduced a study in which they are using data analysis to help identify and prioritize road projects. We have worked with this group in the past with similar studies. We have responded with a letter of intent, further details will follow. There is no monetary commitment to participate.

b. FTA Formula Fund Notification (Mallon)

Each year the Transit Authority offers each county in the state a certain amount of money to be used for transit type projects. The best fit for the funds would be with Fayette Senior Services. Each we put the money in reserve but never in an effective project.

c. SR 92 & Hampton Road Project Update (2004 SPLOST) (Robison)

Two of the six concepts have been received from Croy Engineering. Mayor Woolsey is not present in the meeting and has asked the committee to table the discussion until the June 4th meeting.

d. Antioch/Hampton/Winn Way – Update (Robison)

Last month the committee approved the surveying of the property near the intersection of Antioch Road and Hampton Rd. We have contracted a surveyor to provide everything we need including marking the easement for permanent temporary for the county to clear the property. The tract is 5.6 acres and will leave enough land to leave a legal lot.

e. April 19th Storm (Mallon/Road Dept.)

The County received about 5.7 inches of rain over a 6.5 hour period of time that completely washed away a handful of roads throughout the County. Bankstown Road was one of the roads washed out by the storm. Bankstown Road will reopen temporarily this week.

6. Public Comment

Donna Black, she lives off of Brooks Woolsey Road. She would like to make a comment on Antioch Road and Goza Road intersection. She stated the 4 way stop is working perfectly since its instillation and would not like to see tax money spent constructing a roundabout.

Donald Sissen resident from the Brooks Woolsey area spoke on the Antioch Road and Goza Road intersection. He mentioned he has driven the corridors for over 30 years and the new 4 way stop works well. He stated it should have been installed years ago.

Carol Springsteen, wanted to share some thoughts on what can help with traffic in the Fayette County area. She suggested opening two new airports to create jobs and reduce traffic in the area. She commented, road improvements in the area are only bringing more traffic into Fayette County.

7. Unfinished Business

a. CTP update (Mallon)

i. Dogwood Trail Bypass – citizen suggestion

Sandy Creek, Tyrone and Dogwood are all used for East West traffic. A citizen suggested making a continuing path west on Dogwood Trail, cross the railroad, there is an existing road behind the quarry, bridge Line Creek and exit on Minix Road. Jon Rorie, PTC City manager, commented the topic has been discussed with Tyrone and has not moved beyond discussion.

ii. Hood Road Bridge Replacement

The City of Fayetteville would like Hood Road to connect to the new roundabout. The County would like it to stay within the plans. A petition of 42 signatures was collected to oppose the road improvements. The citizen could not make today's meeting but he and the signees of the petition don't want the character of the Hood Road changed by the opposed road improvements. Mrs. Walls motioned to keep the project in the CTP, Mr. Mallon second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

b. Antioch/Goza – review of updated traffic study and crash data (Robison)

The Antioch Road and Goza Road intersection was a cause for concern in the summer of 2017. Since then a new 4-way stop intersection was implemented. Data was collected for 18 months with the results showing the intersection has made great improvements, only 3 minor accidents making a 81% decrease from 18 months prior. The County's Transportation Plan is anticipating Goza Road being a major East / West corridor. The question is do we keep the 4-way stop or change it into a roundabout. Mrs. Robinson motioned to keep the 4-way stop as it is, reallocate the funds to another SPLOST 2004 project, and to keep the roundabout project in the CTP project list. Mrs. Walls second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The Committee deferred making a recommendation of reallocating the project budget to other SPLOST eligible project, asking staff to relook at the possible list of projects.

c. Corridor Study – Update (CROY Presentation) (Mallon)

Fayette County and several of the cities are working on 4 corridor studies that are federally funded. The main purpose for the study is to see which project we should seek federal funds. Sandy Creek, Tyrone/Palmetto and Banks Roads, along with SR 279 are the corridors being studied. The first set of stakeholder meetings have taken place, with another meeting for all stakeholders May 22 at the Fayette County library. Feedback from the March meeting was shared with the committee.

d. Chip Seal – review of public feedback (Mallon/Road Dept.)

The county asked residents on Huckaby Road to give feedback on the Chip Seal preservation process. Few responses were received. The Road Department would like to use the process on Hardy and Morgan Roads to maintain the life of the road. Mrs. Robinson motioned to continue the application of Chip Seal on

County roads that qualify; roads with traffic counts of fewer than 800 cars a day. Ms. Walls second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Ebenezer & Spear & Ebenezer Church Road – review of need & purpose (2017 SPLOST) (Robison/Hassenzahl)

An initial intersection improvement consisted of a roundabout. After an archeologist study of the area revealed numerous possible grave sites in the roundabout footprint, a plan of regrading Ebenezer Road to improve sight distances was considered. Two possible grave sites lie not far from the existing edge of paving of Ebenezer, one being extremely shallow, limiting the ability to obtain a 500' intersection sight distance from Spear Rd. Another option presented to the committee was to remove trees growing within the right of way of Ebenezer Road. This would allow for a 500' line of sight for vehicles stopped on Ebenezer Church Road. The traffic impacts of a new school proposed for Stagecoach Rd was discussed with the members agreeing a solution has to be developed. The committee also agreed to allow Croy Engineering to look at other possible vertical alignments and grading of Ebenezer Road to obtain expanded sight distances, to clear the ROW and leave all grave site intact.

b. GDOT Update on Starrs Mill Bridge (PI 0013734) and SR 85 S. Widening (PI 321960) (Mallon)

c. Fayetteville recommendation for Heritage Parkway/Library/Future City Hall (Hindman)

Brian Wismer presented a future roads concept for the Downtown grid network surrounding the new Fayetteville City Center. The concept includes a new through street from Beauregard Blvd and a new road in front of the library connecting to intersection of Heritage Parkway and the existing entrance to the library with a proposed roundabout. A discussion on accessing the library only through the roundabout was made and agreed to by Mr. Wismer. Mrs. Tapp motioned that the Transportation Committee support the road on the library site. The Committee will continue to work with the City of Fayetteville to mitigate the traffic concerns and continue to study traffic and safety issues. Mrs. Walls second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Ognio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Walls motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Hindman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm