

MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2019

2:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Randy Ognio, Fayette County BOC
Carmen Blount, City of Fayetteville Staff
Maurice Ungaro, Town of Brooks Staff
Mayor Gary Laggis, Town of Woolsey
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
Chris Hindman, City of Fayetteville Staff
Martin Sas, Fayette County Citizen Representative

Guests: Joseph Robison, Fayette County Transportation Engineer

1. Call to Order by Chair Randy Ognio

Chairman Ognio called the July 9, 2019 Transportation Committee meeting to order at 2:02pm.

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. Mallon second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Review and Approval of the June 4th Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Robinson motioned to table the approval of the June 4 meeting minutes until the August 6 meeting. This will allow more time to review the minutes. Mr. Mallon second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Report of Committee Members

a. Antioch and Goza Update

Mr. Mallon reported that paving work has started but is delayed as the crew works at the Kenwood Road School Zone and around some mechanical and staffing issues. Mayor Laggis said homeowners in the area are still concerned with the rumble strip noise and asked if they can be removed or modified. A suggestion was made for staff to discuss with Consultant.

b. Hampton Road and SR 92

Mr. Robison reported that he and Mr. Mallon are working with Mayor Laggis and members of the Woolsey Town Council on selecting the best options for the offset intersection. Croy Engineering has produced several concept designs and once Woolsey chooses which options they prefer, staff will set up a meeting with GDOT for their input. The Transportation Committee will receive a report once the meeting with GDOT is complete.

c. CTP Status Update

Mr. Mallon has submitted comments to the Consultant and is waiting to hear back. Minor changes are needed to the text and project list before it can be posted on-line for public comment.

d. Kenwood School Zone project

Mr. Mallon said work has begun and the focus is on completing all road work before the start of school. The Road Department is hoping to complete the parking lot work before school as well but that is less likely.

e. EFB Update

Mr. Robison reported that Right of Way Plans for the roundabout at S. Jeff Davis, County Line, Inman and Northbridge Roads has been approved by the Board of Commissioners. Final Construction Plans for the roundabout should be completed by the end of the month. Final Right of Way Plans for the East Fayetteville Bypass have been received by the Engineering Department. There are some minor changes still to be made. The intersection of the East Fayetteville Bypass and McDonough Road will most likely be a traffic signal per an Intersection Control Evaluation, required by GDOT. A Signal Warrant Analysis for the intersection will be required. We expect final Right of Way Plans for the bypass to be delivered close to the first of August. Construction Plans no later than October.

f. ARC TIP solicitation for 2020 to 2025 - project ideas

Mr. Mallon reminded committee of the ARC project solicitation window and asked for any comments regarding project suggestions.

g. Corridor Studies. Final PIOH scheduled for Monday, July 15, 4 – 7 pm, Fayette County Library

Mr. Mallon noted the 2nd PIOH set for July 15 at the Fayette Library and encouraged all to attend and spread the word. The intent of the meeting is to get public feedback on the draft projects for each road.

h. Brogdon and S. Jeff Davis roundabouts are approved for ROW acquisition.

Mr. Mallon said both projects are approved for right-of-way acquisition.

6. Public Comment

Mr. Charles Futral reminded the Committee that the citizens approved the SPLOST funds for the construction of the East Fayette Bypass (EFB) over 10 years and he is awaiting the completion. He was there to obtain an update of the construction timeline. He also wanted to know if any of his land would be needed for the development of the EFB.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

a. Banks Road Corridor Study - review of draft projects.

Mr. Mallon provided a package to the Committee that summarized some characteristics of Banks Road and then reviewed the eight potential improvement projects (see attached). The following key discussion points were made by the Committee:

- Crash Data – Banks has 92% of the crash volume of SR 279 but substantially less volume.
- Concepts 1 & 2 – The Committee had mixed support for these concepts. People were unclear how much impact they would have and if they were feasible. The group suggested a traffic study at the SR 85 signal to better assess proposed changes.
- Path – there was support of a path on south side of road
- Left Turn Lane at Gilbert – the Committee supported this project but at lower priority
- Pedestrian Bridge over SR 54 – the Committee supported this as a long-range project
- Ellis & Banks – The Committee requested consideration of a three-way signal at Ellis & Banks, possibly as a quick-fix, short term project.
- Banks Road Extension – The Committee had considerable discussion and support for extending a travel path from Banks Road to McDonough Road, possibly via McElroy Road and/or East Banks Road. If done, that could serve as a bypass around downtown Fayetteville. The group acknowledged that effort may be beyond the Banks Road Study but may be an appropriate long-range project.

b. SR 279 Corridor Study - review of draft projects

Mr. Robison provided a package to the Committee that summarized some characteristics of SR 279 and then reviewed the six potential improvement projects (see attached). The following key discussion points were made by the Committee:

- Crashes – There were 400 crashes along the corridor over a five-year period. A common complaint from citizens is the difficulty of making left turns, especially out of a subdivision.
- Capacity – The Committee generally agreed with the need to widen the road and add capacity.

- Realignment of SR 279 with Corinth Road – The Committee supported Version 1 and 2 over 3 and 4 (i.e., they supported bringing SR 279 down along Butler Road). Chairman Ognio asked staff to check the status of a structure at the end of Butler Road.

Other Business

Lt. Gary Farr stated that the Sheriff's Department is in the process for getting recertified for radar in the county. As part of that, the Sheriff maintains a List of Roads that are radar eligible. For some of the roads, current speed limit signs need to be changed out because of improper height or reflectivity. Some internal subdivision roads will need additional signs placed so that the road will have a posted speed limit on both ends of the road. GDOT will inspect new roads added to the list to assure compliance.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Ognio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Mallon second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm