



MEETING MINUTES

October 1st, 2019

2:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Randy Ognio, Fayette County BOC
Phil Mallon, Fayette County Staff
Shayne Robinson, Peachtree City Citizen Representative
Chris Hindman, City of Fayetteville Staff
Martin Sas, Fayette County Citizen Representative
Mayor Gary Laggis, Town of Woolsey
Jaimi Tapp, Town of Tyrone Citizen Representative

Committee Members Absent:

Sgt. Chris Robison, Fayette County Sheriff's Office
Charles W. Oddo, Fayette County BOC
Maurice Ungaro, Town of Brooks

Guests:

Joseph Robison, Fayette County Transportation Engineer
Phillip Trocquet, Tyrone Planning and Development Coordinator
Chelsie Boynton, Fayette County Public Works

1. Call to Order by Chair Randy Ognio

Chairman Ognio called the October 1st, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting to order at 2:04pm.

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 meeting agenda. Mr. Sas second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Review and Approval of the September Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Robinson moved to accept the September meeting minutes. Mr. Hindman second the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Tapp abstaining.

5. Report of Committee Members

a. Update on ARC TIP solicitation

Mr. Mallon stated the Board of Commissioners approved three projects for County submittal to the Atlanta Regional Commission as part of the 2019 TIP solicitation:

1. Alignment of State Route 279 and Corinth Road on SR 85;
2. County-wide resurfacing; and
3. Widening of Banks Road.

Mr. Mallon explained the Tyrone Road widening project was removed at staff recommendation due to a revised cost estimate in excess of \$14,000,000.

b. 2017 SPLOST Updates

Mr. Mallon updated the members on the following SPLOST projects:

- Kenwood School is complete except for striping and the striping should be completed within the week.
- The paving on Antioch Road is complete.
- The Corridor Studies are on schedule for 2019 completion.
- The Redwine Roundabout design phase is 80% complete.
- The Brogdon / New Hope Road roundabout is starting right of way acquisition.
- Ebenezer and Spear Road is low priority and currently getting a revised scope for grave delineation on Ebenezer.
- The County is preparing an Invitation to Bid for tree clearing for Winn Way and Antioch.
- Redwine Road Path had utility and right of way certification requested this week. The County is preparing a bid package.
- Starr's Mill Tunnel has a pre-design field meeting this week and the Task Order is being revised.
- Chairman Ognio asked about the bridge on Redwine. Mr. Mallon stated that boards are being replaced on the bridge and the Road Department is aiming to have it completed by the end of October.

Chairman Ognio asked the cities if they wanted to provide any updates. Mrs. Robinson stated that Peachtree City is slowing down on cart paths due to the weather. New cart paths will begin to be built in the next couple of weeks. Peachtree City's big project is the Gateway at 54.

Mr. Hindman stated the City of Fayetteville recently approved 4 miles of resurfacing and had the ground breaking for the new City Hall and City Center Park site.

Mr. Trocquet reported Tyrone is on schedule for the Dogwood Trail culvert replacement and the resurfacing of the back end of Senoia Road. He further stated one of Tyrone's biggest projects is the cart path from Tyrone Road to Farr Road. Mr. Trocquet stated that he will be presenting more in detail later in the meeting. Mr. Mallon spoke of creating a press release in early 2020 highlighting the County's and cities' SPLOST updates. The members were in favor of this suggestion.

c. Inman Road and SR 92 – GDOT evaluation for school zone

Mr. Mallon stated some citizens have complained about this intersection. One citizen pushed issue with GDOT. Mr. Mallon state the District 3 Engineer for GDOT, Mr. Michael Presley, responded to the citizen acknowledging it is not a school zone on SR 92 because there is no school entrance onto SR 92. However, due to the issues in this area, GDOT is studying it again to see if they can post it as a school zone in order to drop the speed limits during the morning and afternoons. Mr. Mallon stated a roundabout is recommended but there is not funding for it. Chairman Ognio inquired about how many accidents have occurred at this intersection. Mr. Robision stated Public Works will find out. Chairman Ognio further discussed if you put a lot of roundabouts on SR 92, traffic – specifically truck traffic - will look for other ways to go which could lead to creating problems on SR 85.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

a. Town of Tyrone Transportation Update – Phillip Trocquet, Planning and Development Coordinator

Mr. Trocquet presented updates on the Town of Tyrone. He discussed the Palmetto Road and Spencer Lane cart path that will help connect centers of population with retail and dining establishments in the Commercial Corridor and the Town Center District. He then spoke about a cart path that is planned for downtown. Mr. Trocquet explained how Commerce Drive goes down to the library and how Tyrone is planning an extension of an already existing cart path at Arrowood and Veteran's Park. Commerce Drive would connect to the existing path that goes around Shamrock Park. In addition to Tyrone's sewer project

downtown, an addition to this path may also be created that will go behind businesses and connect into Shamrock Park.

Mr. Trocquet also spoke about the Tyrone Road cart path. This path will go from Julie Road to Handley Road. This project is currently in the design phase and right of way acquisition phase. Furthermore, Mr. Trocquet updated the committee on a crosswalk across Tyrone Road that will connect to Farr Road path system. This crossing may include a hawk system to be in compliance with the design standards that have been developed within the CTP. Next, Mr. Trocquet spoke about a mixed-use project at the corner of Sandy Creek and Highway 74. This development is currently called Sandy Creek Corners. The mixed use portion provides a pedestrian multi-use path with an easement that runs from the development to the schools in the area. Tyrone's goal is to gain access to the schools with these cart paths. This project is contingent upon the developer. Mr. Trocquet also updated the committee that there is a plan for a signal light at the intersection of Sandy Creek and Highway 74 that has been approved by GDOT to be constructed in the next year.

At Palmetto Road, Spencer, and Arrowood a full roundabout is planned to better service this intersection. It was previously programmed for a mini roundabout.

b. Comprehensive Transportation Plan – close of public comment period, review of comments

Mr. Mallon reviewed the public comments received. The target date for the final plan is October 23rd for the BOC meeting on November 14th. These comments included adding path crossings at roundabouts, excitement for the paths within the school system, the Southside rail to trail project from the city council in the Town of Brooks, and comments referencing bike paths and specific signs for sharing the road.

c. GDOT Statewide Transit Plan Focus Group Summary

Ms. Boynton spoke about how she attended a Focus Group held by GDOT that focused on counties without transit and what was needed in order to for those counties to adopt a transit plan. Many counties in attendance suggested educating leadership on benefits of transit, educating the public on opportunities outside of their counties, and regional coordination. GDOT also reviewed common themes from existing plans which included connecting to jobs and healthcare, improving access and mobility for elderly and underserved populations, and exploring opportunities to partner with private companies such as ride hailing services. GDOT will continue to review transit trip data and demographic needs to quantify the state's transit needs and develop potential solutions.

d. Corridor Studies – preparation for final report

Mr. Mallon reviewed the corridor studies (Sandy Creek Road, Tyrone Road – Palmetto Road, Banks Road, SR 279). The Existing Conditions and Community Engagement Reports from each study will be on the Fayette County website within the week. The Needs Assessments and Recommendations will be posted soon after. Once all are posted, the plan

will be open for public comment for 30 days. The Corridor Studies will then go to the Board and hopefully be adopted at the November BOC meeting.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Ognio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Sas second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:41pm.