

MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2021

2:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Randy Ognio, Committee Chair - Representative, Fayette County BOC
Kevin Madden, Vice Committee Chair - Council Member, Peachtree City
Takiyah Christian, Committee Secretary - Staff, Fayette County (non-voting)
Lee Hearn – Chairman, Fayette County BOC
Edward Johnson – Mayor, City of Fayetteville
Gary Laggis – Mayor, Town of Woolsey
Phil Mallon – Staff, Fayette County
Stanley Merantus – Staff, Fayette County
Martin Sas – Citizen Representative, Fayette County

Committee Members Absent:

Jaimi Tapp – Citizen Representative, Town of Tyrone
Maurice Ungaro – Staff, Town of Brooks
Sgt. Chris Robison – Sergeant, Fayette County Sheriff's Office

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Ognio called the July 13, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

2. Ascertainment of Quorum

A quorum of the Committee was present.

3. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Vice Committee Chair Madden made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Mr. Sass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review and Approval of the June 8, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Johnson made a motion to accept the June 8, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sas. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Report of Committee Members

- a. Brooks – no report
- b. Fayette County
 - i. GDOT response letter for SR 85S widening project
Mr. Mallon stated that both he and Mayor Johnson received a letter from GDOT agreeing to accept County and Fayetteville's request to expand their traffic study of SR 85 to include several small side streets. He believes that they will do a more comprehensive

evaluation. If impacts are identified, they may expand the scope of the project to possibly include turn lanes or intersection improvements for Ramah Road and Highway 92.

ii. ARC's Regional Safety Taskforce

Mr. Merantus reported the Regional Safety Taskforce was created by ARC to make road safer, be more proactive instead of reactive. The taskforce's objective is to address road safety concerns for all users through collaborative, multidisciplinary, and multimodal approaches. They will address various areas in transportation engineering through safety for intersections and corridors. The next meeting will be held on August 12th at 10 a.m. and Mr. Merantus will provide us with updates at the Transportation Committee's September meeting.

Mr. Mallon added that he likes that the taskforce is looking at non-traditional engineering solutions such as connecting road departments to law enforcement agencies and school systems.

Mr. Merantus stated that they are looking at out of the box safety approaches. Currently, most municipalities are using the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Device (MUTCD) as a guide. The taskforce aims to use law enforcement and the 4 E's (enforcement, engineering, education, and emergency medical services) to look at different avenues of roadway safety including for all users (pedestrians, golf carts, scooter, in urbanized or rural areas).

iii. ATL Authority's 2022 ATL Regional Transit Plan (ARTP)

ATL Authority is a new regional transit governance and funding structure that is running transit operation in the Metro Atlanta Region. They contacted Chairman Hearn and Mr. Mallon to touch base as they update their transit plan, which is different from the transportation plan that the County programs the roadway projects through. Though Fayette County does not offer public transit services, they still wanted to include the County. There will be two more updates scheduled for the fall and early spring. They are currently only working with counties.

Mr. Mallon introduced Tobi, the County's newest transportation engineer. He stated that for the first time in two years the County's project delivery team is fully staffed.

Mrs. Ayodeji introduced herself and gave a brief background of her expertise. Her background is in transportation and construction. She recently worked with the Texas Department of Transportation with their design group for roadway design. Before her time with TxDOT, she did project management for a construction company.

c. Fayetteville

Mayor Johnson stated that Fayetteville was pleasantly surprised that GDOT is willing to expand the scope of their project and excited for it. He thanked Mr. Mallon for his role getting a response for their request. Mayor Johnson stated that he was asked to ask about Fayetteville's involvement in selecting a contractor for the pedestrian bridge on Highway 54 at Piedmont Hospital. The bid awardee is to be discussed at Fayetteville's City Council meeting on Thursday, July 15. Mr. Mallon stated the lowest bidder has been identified and the references and background checks completed. Their bid proposal meets all requirements. Most of this

work was done by Fayetteville's consultant. Mr. Mallon stated the project was properly vetted and feels comfortable with their decision.

d. Peachtree City

Vice Committee Chair Madden stated that he met with the Peachtree City's City Manager because of an email received from the county regarding the intersection of Ebenezer, Ebenezer Church, and Spear Roads. Peachtree City is in agreement with the County's plan. Since the roads are county roads, they'll leave the decision making up to the County and the Committee. Vice Committee Chair Madden stated that the proposed changes will be a distinct improvement for the intersection and understands the difficulty and practicality of relocating the unmarked graves. He hopes that the developer will be cooperative.

Mr. Mallon stated that the developers are cooperative with the proposed development but will need to work out some legalities.

Committee Chair Ognio stated that the last BOC meeting, it was suggested the creation of a new road across from the intersection that would connect into Peachtree City.

Vice Committee Chair Madden asked for clarity on the suggested new road. He stated the new road connecting to Stagecoach Road would provide added traffic relief to the new J.C. Booth Middle School by creating an additional access point. It would fit into Peachtree City's development plans.

Mr. Mallon stated that the idea was brought up as a suggestion, but would be supported by the County if initiated by Peachtree City.

- e. Tyrone – no report
- f. Woolsey – no report
- g. Others

6. Public Comment

Mr. Donald Britt of Brooks reported on some road issues that he has observed.

- Mr. Britt made initial contact with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) about resurfacing Highway 74 by the Publix in the Wilshire Pavilion. Now, the road is a lot better.
- There was another sinkhole developing on Highway 85 about 400 yards north of the Highway 85 and Seay/Applewood Roads intersection. He reported this to GDOT and they made repairs within three weeks of his call.
- Making left turns at the roundabout
- There has been another accident at the intersection of Morgan Mill Road and Highway 85 Connector on the Friday before July 4th. He said that he believes within last six months there has been at least four accidents. He spoke with Maurice about that matter and was advised to mention it to the Committee. Mr. Britt reported that he has seen social media post from his community discussing the possibility of flashing lights being added to Morgan Mill Road. He understand that a roundabout would cost a lot of money.

Chairman Hearn stated that the County has added double stop and stop ahead signs to Morgan Mill Road as well as including "Cross traffic does not stop" signage. He feels as though the

County has added much needed signage but that cannot stop drivers from driving distracted. Chairman Hearn asked Mr. Britt to look at the new changes and keep the Committee updated.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Committee Bylaws and Ordinance

- i. Quorum – The Committees requires six members to constitute a quorum. Once, a quorum is lost, the meeting must adjourn.
- ii. Experience – Each jurisdiction has the ability to advertise the representative position with eligibility requirements.
- iii. Motions – In order for a motion to pass, six affirmative votes from the Committee is needed.
- iv. Proxy – Committee members may select a proxy to represent them in the event that that have to miss a meeting. The proxy must be identified before the meeting and is required to be present for the entirety of the meeting.
- v. New Board Membership – Effective March 28, 2022, the Transportation Committee will no longer require two Commissioners to serve as members. Those positions will be filled by a County staff member and a citizen representative.

b. County Truck Routes

Committee Chair Ognio stated that he did not have anything new to add but during the next meeting, the Committee would have a list of roads to vote on. After the Committee approves of the list, it will be sent to the Board of Commissioners. If approved by the BOC then hopefully, the Cities will pick it up.

8. New Business

- a. County SPLOST project updates (See that attached chart for updates)

9. Adjournment

Mr. Sas moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Committee Chair Madden seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

No.	Program	Category	Project Name	Finance Code	Concept	Design	ROW	Procure.	Utilities	Const.
1	GDOT	Bridge	SR 85 @ Whitewater Creek Bridge Replacement	013734						
2	GDOT 2017 SPLOST	Bridge	Ebenezer Church @ Whitewater Creek Bridge Replacement (0008598)	17TAA						
3	GDOT 2004 T-SPLOST	Bridge	Coastline Road Bridge Replacement (0015647)	B-1						
4	2004 T-SPLOST	Bridge	EFB Bridge @ Morning Creek	R-8C						
5	GDOT	Intersection	SR 74 & I-85 Interchange (Fulton Co.)	07841						
6	2017 SPLOST	Intersection	Redwine, Bernhard & Peachtree Pkwy Roundabout	17TAL						
7	2017 SPLOST	Intersection	Brogdon & New Hope Roundabout	17TAM						
8	2017 SPLOST	Intersection	Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer & Spear	17TAN						
9	2004 T-SPLOST Peachtree City	Intersection	Peachtree Parkway @ Crosstown Drive	I-16						
10	2004 T-SPLOST	Intersection	Sandy Creek, Sams Drive & Eastin Rd Roundabout	I-2						
11	2004 T-SPLOST	Intersection	SR 85 (North of Bernhard)	R-19						
12	2004 T-SPLOST	Intersection	SR 85 (South of Bernhard)	R-20						
13	2004 T-SPLOST	Intersection	Hampton Road(s) & SR 92	R-21						
14	2004 T-SPLOST	Intersection	County Line, Inman, S. Jeff Davis & N. Bridge Road Roundabout	R-8A						
15	2017 SPLOST	Maintenance	Resurfacing - FY 2019 federal-aid (0016058)	19TAF			na		na	
16	2017 SPLOST	Maintenance	Resurfacing - FY 2020 federal-aid (0016083)	19TAG			na		na	
17	2004 T-SPLOST	New Capacity	EFB Roadway and Intersections	R-8B						
18	2004 T-SPLOST Fayetteville	Operations / Safety	SR 85 Medians Phase 1 & 2 (SR 54 to SR 314)	R-13						
19	2004 T-SPLOST	Operations / Safety	Goza Road Realignment at Bernhard Rd	R-23						
20	Fayetteville	Path	Pedestrian Bridge over SR 54 at Hospital	12878						
21	2017 SPLOST	Path	Redwine Rd Path Project (0012624)	17TAH						
22	2017 SPLOST	Path	Starrs Mill Tunnel & Path (at Robinson Road)	17TAI						