

## Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2021

2:00 PM

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### Committee Members Present:

Randy Ognio, Committee Chair – Representative, Fayette County BOC  
Kevin Madden, Vice Committee Chair – Council Member, Peachtree City  
(Proxy: Terry Ernst – Council Member, Peachtree City)  
Lee Hearn – Chairman, Fayette County BOC  
Edward Johnson – Mayor, City of Fayetteville  
Gary Laggis – Mayor, Town of Woolsey  
Maurice Ungaro – Staff, Town of Brooks  
Phil Mallon – Staff, Fayette County  
Stanley Merantus – Staff, Fayette County  
Jaimi Tapp – Citizen Representative, Town of Tyrone  
(Proxy: Phillip Trocquet – Staff, Town of Tyrone)  
Takiyah Christian, Secretary – Staff, Fayette County

### Committee Members Absent:

Martin Sas – Citizen Representative, Fayette County  
Chris Robison - Sgt., Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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#### 1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Ognio called the August 3, 2021 meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

#### 2. Ascertainment of Quorum

Committee Chair Ognio acknowledged that a quorum of the Transportation Committee was present. Two members had a proxy in attendance for them: Terry Ernst for Kevin Madden and Phillip Trocquet for Jaimi Tapp.

#### 3. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Chairman Hearn made a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

#### 4. Review and Approval of the July 13, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hearn made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee Chair Ognio recognized Peachtree City Mayor Fleisch for being in attendance.

## **5. Report of Committee Members**

### **a. Brooks – no report**

### **b. Fayette County**

- Hwy 85/Hwy 85 Connector – County staff is working out details for a task order for a possible traffic signal at this location. The scope will include an ICE and warrant analysis, similar to other signal projects.
- Ebenezer Church Road Bridge Replacement – Construction bids have been received and opened by GDOT for review. Construction award is expected in the Fall. We do not yet have a construction schedule.
- East Fayetteville Bypass – County staff is working on an alternative analysis document for GDOT and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers.
- Fayetteville Pedestrian Bridge – The construction contract has been awarded by Fayette County and the next step is for the County and GDOT to enter into an agreement for the construction phase. The project will be managed and funded by Fayetteville. The project includes a path connection from SR 54 to Lester Road
- Brodgon and New Hope Road Roundabout – Construction is slowed, waiting on utility relocation for the gas line.
- Redwine Path Federal Aid Project – The construction contract has been awarded and the construction agreement between the County and GDOT is being routed for signatures.
- LMIG Striping – A contractor is actively striping 22 roads using LMIG safety funds

Committee Chair Ognio asked if the intersection of Hwy 85 and Hwy 85 Connector would have turn lanes. Mr. Mallon stated that the warrant analysis will determine if turn lanes are warranted and how they should be implemented. Committee Chair Ognio also asked about the progress of the Realignment of State Route 279 and Corinth Road. Mr. Mallon stated that staff is preparing a request for qualifications. It is about 85% complete.

### **c. Fayetteville**

Cajen Rhodes provided the report for the City of Fayetteville. Fayetteville's LMIG priority list project has been contracted to Atlanta Paving and scheduled to begin in a month. Some of the roads on that list are Washington Ave., Long Ave., Mimosa Dr. Hidden Brook Trail, Carver Street, Whitney Street, Winona Dr., and Belle Drive. Fayetteville may also do restriping through the villages. The Board of Education is repaving Tiger Trail, which is scheduled to be completed before the start of the school year.

### **d. Peachtree City – no report**

### **e. Tyrone**

The Town of Tyrone's report was provided by Phillip Trocquet, Tyrone's Town Planner. Tyrone is still working on the design for the Spencer Lane, Palmetto Road, and Arrowood Road roundabout. Their SPLOST has it programmed as a mini roundabout but they are now pursuing a full roundabout design. Tyrone is also working on a sidepath along Tyrone Road from Julie Road in the Briar Hill Subdivision that will connect into the Dublin Downs Subdivision which is just past Farr Road.

- f. Woolsey – no report

## **6. Public Comment**

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **a. County Truck Routes** *(See attached list and map)*

Per the July Transportation Committee meeting, each member was asked to create a list of roads for the County Truck Route.

Fayette County provided a draft list of possible truck-route roads and sought feedback from the municipalities that they impact (see attached). The list also included six roads for Committee feedback on whether they should be truck routes, no-thru-trucks, or no mentioned.

Mayor Laggis expressed the sentiments of Woolsey residents about truck traffic on Hampton Road. These roads are residential and cannot handle the traffic volume that they are experiencing. As a result, there is a concern for safety and future roadway maintenance needs. He acknowledged that prohibiting trucks on Hampton Road west (SR 92 to Antioch) may be more feasible than Hampton Road east.

Phillip Trocquet said the Tyrone Council would discuss Tyrone/Palmetto Road and Sandy Creek Road.

Committee Chair Ognio and Mr. Mallon suggested the need for a consensus about the interface of the truck routes between cities, county, and towns. The topics of discussion were enforcement, sending the routes to mapping systems, and coordination of roads throughout the County. Mr. Mallon asked the Committee about the interest of their jurisdiction's elected officials in establishing a truck route.

Committee Chair Ognio suggested that the Committee table the discussion until the September meeting to give everyone time to review the drafts and make their comments. Sheriff Babb has been invited to the September meeting to provide insight from a law enforcement perspective.

## **8. New Business**

**a. Redwine Road TIS and Golf Cart Crossing** *(See attached presentation)*

Committee Chair Ognio recognized Dr. Patterson, Superintendent of Fayette County Public Schools, for being in attendance.

Mr. Mallon stated that he was seeking suggestions from the Committee for the best solution to get golf carts across Redwine Road. There is currently an intergovernmental agreement between the County and Peachtree City for a tunnel near Robinson Road but a recent residential development application has placed the project on hold. After numerous discussions between both jurisdictions, the County is now seeking alternatives to the tunnel. Mr. Mallon used a PowerPoint presentation to provide information about the Traffic Impact and Golf Cart Study recently prepared by Marc Acampora, PE for the proposed project and surrounding area.

Mr. Mallon said the study has several conclusions but believed the most significant to be:

1. Continue office control at intersection of Redwine Road at Panther Path.
2. Eliminate Foreston Place at-grade crossing.
3. Replace the existing crossing with a grade-separated crossing (tunnel or bridge), if feasible. Else, replace with a mid-block, at-grade crossing with an actuated flashing crossing beacon or signal (i.e., a pedestrian hybrid beacon).
4. Divert the existing path at Nesmith Ct. to the east, to create two separate conflict points for vehicles.
5. The Mill Farm entrance should have one inbound and one exit lane with stop control. Provide a left turn lane on Redwine Road into the subdivision.

Dr. Patterson supported the proposed bridge concept as long-term solution that will address the future traffic needs of this developing area.

Motion for a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners supporting further exploration, through a third-party feasibility study and preliminary cost estimate, of a pedestrian bridge over Redwine Road near the entrance of Panther Path, and to seek funding assistance and support from the Board of Education and Peachtree City if a bridge or tunnel is deemed feasible. The motion was made by Maurice Ungaro, seconded by Phil Mallon, and passed unanimously.

**b. GDOT SR 54 Reliever Feasibility Study** *(See attached presentation)*

Coweta County is in the process of updating their transportation plan. They contacted Fayette County and Peachtree City to discuss options for connecting the counties over Line Creek. A preliminary recommendation from the Coweta plan is for a stakeholder-led study of options to alleviate congestion on SR 54 between SR 74 and Coweta County. Participants could include Coweta County, Peachtree City, other local governments, the Atlanta Regional Commission, and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

To aid the discussion, the Coweta County CTP team presented a summary of GDOT SR 54 Feasibility Study completed in August 2020. Mr. Mallon presented the study overview to the Committee. The area of focus was the route from the Sharpsburg commercial area to the State Route 54/State Route 74 intersection towards Senoia and Rockaway Road.

The GDOT study looked at two new-road alternatives: A and B. Alternative A is TDK Boulevard from SR 74, TDK Blvd Extension, McIntosh Trail to State Route 54 at SR 154. Alternative B is Cooper Circle from SR 74, New Roadway, McIntosh Trail, Reese Road to SR 54 at Stewart Road. Travel time savings on SR 54 from either option would be between one to three minutes. The study concluded that reliever routes did not make much of a significant impact in reducing traffic on SR 54. Each alternative had a cost estimate more than \$22 million. The consensus of the Committee was that the two alternatives, as studied, offered little benefit for the cost.

Committee Chair Ognio stated that the County received an email from a resident on Kenwood Road asking for sidewalks to be installed along the road to provide access to the elementary school. He stated that although our primary focus has been on multi-use paths, this is something that should be looked into.

Mr. Mallon informed the Committee that staff is aware of the email and has actively been working to determine the feasibility of the request.

Mr. Ungaro expressed his support for County staff evaluating the possibility of installing sidewalks on Kenwood Road. He stated that it would provide another way for students to get to the school similar to students in other areas of the County that commute via golf carts. He would like the County to explore other path types outside for golf cart paths.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM. Mr. Ungaro made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hearn and it passed unanimously.