

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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**FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 100  
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**FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**March 1, 2022 at 2:00PM**

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1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order 204 pm by Randy Ognio
2. Ascertainment of Quorum – The Chairman confirmed there is a quorum with nine members present.
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve by Mr. Sas, second by Mr. Madden. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Reading and Approval of January and February Meeting Minutes -
  - a. Philip Trocquet from Tyrone – minor edits to the January minutes needed regarding Tyrone’s roundabout for Arrowwood-Spencer Road and a path project.
  - b. January minutes – Motion to accept with amendment by Mr. Sas, second by Mr. Madden. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. February minutes – Motion to accept by Mr. Madden, second by Mr. Mallon. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Report of Committee Members
  - a. Brooks
    - i. Not present
  - b. Fayette County
    - i. Phil Mallon
      1. Brogdon-New Hope roundabout – the project is nearly complete and the intersection will be open to traffic on March 13, 2022.
      2. Ebenezer Church Road – work is underway, and the tentative road closure date is March 7.
      3. Major resurfacing in Country Lake Estates off Hwy 279 – the work is almost complete, the project also included storm pipe replacement.
      4. The County Road Department is actively cutting back woody vegetation from the right-of-way with boom mowers.
      5. Coastline Road Bridge Replacement – ready for let by GDOT in Summer 2022; RR removing contaminated soil.
      6. From Maurice Ungaro & Keith Larson – DNR has an Environmental /Outdoor Stewardship Program. GA

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Legislature allows local communities and NPs to request funds for conservation and outdoor recreation opportunity goals. Also, RTP funding available. Includes rail to trail, hiking trails, etc. Community needs to plan, vision – to be ready when funds available. There was additional discussion on potential County projects. Keith Larson asked when the County last updated a Recreation Strategic Plan. Randy Ognio noted the trail project from Starr’s Mill to the high school may be good opportunity.

c. Fayetteville

i. Chris Hindman

1. Pre-con for bridge project – between red lights @ hospital – about 1 month before start. Road closing in about 6 months, but only for a weekend
2. GDOT requesting input for the SR 85 widening project: Grady Ave to Price Road
3. Kickoff Community meeting for trail study – prioritizing projects 6 pm – 8 pm at City Hall tonight

d. Peachtree City

i. Kevin Madden

1. SPLOST Committee formed, they don’t have a project recommendation list yet
2. Comp Plan Committee has met , had workshop last Thursday for citizen preferences for transportation plan; will have update at next meeting – this is part of Comp Plan update.
3. What is Redwine Tunnel status? Phil Mallon said the consultant has been told to resume work. We hope to have a concept level drawing in April. The project includes new trail construction from Holly Grove to Foreston Place. Kevin Madden said the subdivision developer will provide a path from Foreston Place to the south

e. Tyrone -

i. Philip Troquet for Jaimi Tapp

1. Comp Plan update process – steering committee looking at citizen concerns regarding traffic and will probably include multi use trails
2. SPLOST – the Town will create a citizen advisory committee
3. Tyrone Road – surveying is complete, and the Town will get appraisals for cart path to connect Farr Road to downtown
4. Intersection study (not gone to council for approval yet) – several large residential projects proposed nearby
  - a. Senoia Road/Palmetto Road – roundabout recommended
  - b. Crabapple, Senoia Rockwood – recommended 4-way stop
  - c. Roundabout in design Arrowwood/Spencer

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- d. Scott Langford (Tyrone) - CSX railroad is closing several crossing March 7-11<sup>th</sup> for maintenance (all crossings but East Crestwood and Hanley)
- f. Woolsey
  - i. Mayor Laggis
    - 1. Comp Plan update underway – meeting in a few weeks.  
Current topics – traffic congestion on Hwy 92; Pedestrian connectivity – sidewalks and multi-use paths
  - g. Other Members
    - i. Randy Ognio – expressing concern about future 4-lane of SR 85 from Price Road to SR 16 in Coweta County. Also, a recent rezoning did not require left turn lane. Brian Keller explained that the rezoning was to remove certain conditions of a prior rezoning (Childress Kline storage facility), and not a traffic study/development.
    - ii. Randy Ognio – A pothole is developing on SR 85 near Morning Creek, north of bridge in SB right lane.
- 6. Public Comment
  - a. Keith Larson, Bike-Walk Fayette –
    - i. sent out list of adjoining counties truck route info and ordinances
    - ii. Brian Rushing (ARC) commentary regarding Atlanta regional trail plan – it is inaccurate and missing many completed paths
    - iii. Keith will work with Phil Mallon to compile a comprehensive look at paths and sidewalks along County roads and within subdivisions. This may help with future funding requests. Phil Mallon said city/county GIS staff need to provide updated path, sidewalk map data to ARC
- 7. Unfinished Business
  - a. Phil Mallon provided the following summary of Board of Commissioner changes to the Transportation Committee membership. The changes were approved on February 10, 2022.
    - i. The changes were approved by a 3-2 vote and after considerable discussion. Most of the BOC did not want a county commissioner on the Transportation Committee, or any County Committee. Some commissioners felt having city or town officials did not align with this idea.
    - ii. Randy Ognio said he believes GDOT prefers having elected officials on committee. Philip Trocquet said he is used to committees having at least 1 elected official.
    - iii. Under the new rules, each municipality will appoint one person to serve on the committee, but no elected officials. For the County seats, the two Commissioner positions will be replaced with another citizen representative and another County staff person.

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- iv. The Commissioners changed the ordinance that dictates the committee membership. The committee can make recommendations to change bylaws that dictate when officers are elected, meeting times, etc.
  - v. Agendas will also go out to guests, interested parties, etc. – they are welcome to be on email list and attend meetings.
- b. Continued discussion of truck routes / no truck routes
- i. Randy Ognio attended the BOC meeting (when truck routes were discussed) and spoke in public comment to relay the Transportation Committee’s ideas and concerns.
  - ii. Maurice Ungaro sent a letter to be read at BOC meeting.
  - iii. Keith Larson noted ordinances differ – who has authority to designate truck routes? – Law Enforcement, Public Works, Commissioners. Ways to calculate impacts – cost on roads
  - iv. Maurice Ungaro said the Brooks Connector had two truck incidents in Feb – 1 rollover and 1 jack-knife
  - v. Mayor Laggis - There was a request for data on what should or should not be a truck route.
  - vi. Bryan Keller – traffic data – counts from 2008 – 2016 – we can determine what roads trucks are using. Keith Larson – what are road design standards, and can those be used to set routes? Phil Mallon – we don’t have a complete dataset for that. Kevin Madden – if we select 5 candidate roads – can County then provide assessment of those roads?
  - vii. Phil Mallon expressed concerns about viability of enforcement, especially if many roads are designated no-trucks.
  - viii. Mayor Laggis – Establish regulations similar to surrounding municipalities – not establish ‘truck route’ – only establish ‘no truck routes’
  - ix. Keith Larson – Engineering, Enforcement, Education – County needs to reach out to Chamber, GDOT, trucking industry, Google Maps.
  - x. Chris Hindman – improved pavement on Grady is needed to support trucks going to the dump.
  - xi. Kevin Madden – enforcement is key – you NEVER see a truck on Peachtree Parkway.
  - xii. Marty Sas – maybe the BOC can provide an annual statement of their goals for the year?
  - xiii. Philip Trocquet – suggested adding a public comment section to end of agenda for elected official feedback?
  - xiv. Randy Ognio –we need to send agenda to elected officials; Phil Mallon suggested sending agenda to city/county managers to send updates to boards. Also invite state level elected officials. Possibly have a workshop format a 1 meeting a year.

Commented [MS2]: This discussion detail es very good and detailed, but perhaps as a transition step before moving on to next subject we should attempt to summarize Key Points, Key concerns, Key Action Items--- this approach would apply to all discussion topics

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- xv. Phil Mallon – suggested presenting this list of roads to BOC for consideration as no-truck routes:
  - 1. Ebenezer Church
  - 2. Redwine
  - 3. McIntosh
  - 4. Lowery
  - 5. Hampton (west)
  - 6. Hwy 85 C
  - 7. Gingercake
  - 8. Brogdon
  - 9. Buckeye
  - 10. Jenkins
  - 11. Newton

After considering various regulatory options, there was consensus to focus on a few select roads to be no-truck routes and use better signs and mapping app coordination (Google Maps) to encourage drivers to use the State Routes and other major thoroughfares (e.g., McDonough Road).

c. SPLOST Outreach Discussion Continued

The SPLOST vote has been pushed from November 2022 to March 2023. This will be a special election. Mayor Laggis said the Chamber of Commerce is willing to endorse the SPLOST referendum but will wait until later in 2022.

Bryan Keller said the County’s EMD office will help coordinate outreach material, similar to the 2017 SPLOST. Outreach and public education will begin next fall.

Mayor Laggis saw a recent presentation by Dr. Patterson from the BOE on the proposed E-SPLOST to the Chamber. He said the Chamber has significant impact on the vote and is an important partner.

8. New Business

- a. GDOT PI 321960 Early Coordination Letter
  - i. Phil Mallon shared an early coordination request letter from GDOT for the SR 85 widening project. Keith Larson said GDOT includes low income/minority areas but doesn’t seek input from bike-walk representatives.
- b. Crash Data - Old Greenville Road and Goza Road
  - i. Bryan Keller presented crash data from this intersection and sought input on why there has been an increase in the past few years. Several members said Goza is becoming a more common cut-through and new homes in the area are increasing traffic volumes. Bryan Keller

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wondered if the installation of a 4-way stop at Goza & Antioch changed traffic patterns. Fayette County will field check the location and recommend improvements.

## 9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Chris Hindman with second by Kevin Madden. The motion passed unanimously at 3:56.

**Transportation Committee Membership**

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