

FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022, at 2:00PM

Committee Members Present:

Maurice Ungaro, Committee Vice-Chair – Staff, Town of Brooks
Phil Mallon – Staff, Fayette County
Debbie Bell – Staff, Fayette County
Jaimi Tapp – Citizen Representative, Town of Tyrone
(Proxy: Phillip Trocquet – Staff, Town of Tyrone)
JT Rabun – Citizen Representative, Fayette County
Martin Sas – Citizen Representative, Fayette County
Chris Hindman – Staff, City of Fayetteville
(Proxy: Cajen Rhodes – Staff, City of Fayetteville)
Vanessa Tigert – Staff, Fayette County

Committee Members Absent:

Citizen Representative, Town of Woolsey (no one has been appointed yet)
Not appointed – Citizen Representative, Peachtree City
Not appointed - Fayette County Sheriff's Office

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Maurice Ungaro called the June 7, 2022, meeting to order at 2:02PM.

2. Ascertainment of Quorum

Committee Vice Chair Ungaro acknowledged that a quorum of the Transportation Committee was present. Two members had a proxy in attendance for them: Phillip Trocquet for Jaimi Tapp, Town of Tyrone; Cajen Rhodes for Chris Hindman, City of Fayetteville.

3. Approval of Agenda

JT Rabun made a motion to approve the agenda; Vanessa Tigert seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

4. Review and Approval of the May 3, 2022, Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Martin Sas made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with corrections noted below; Philip Trocquet seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with the following edits.

Item 2. 'notion' should be 'motion'

Item 6. State Route 54 S should be SR 74S

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5. Reports of Committee Members

a. Brooks

- i. Maurice Ungaro reported on an illicit discharge incident that occurred on Thursday, May 19, 2022, beginning at approximately 10:30 PM in Peachtree City at the Universal Environmental Services' petroleum product facility near Dividend Drive. A full tanker truck left PTC, traveled south on 74, N on SR 85, right on 85 Conn thru Brooks, then onto Brooks Road to SR 16 (Spalding County at that point). The cap on top of tanker was not closed and oil splashed out on stops and turns. Mr. Ungaro commended the county's quick response to track and initiate cleanup requirements. He stated that this would not have happened if we had NO THRU TRUCK routes, including 85 Connector and W. McIntosh Road, as requested by the City of Brooks.

Mr. Ungaro requested a copy of the incident report to review possible damage to pavement. Mr. Mallon inquired if we received a MSDS on the product. Brian Keller advised that we had, and that the Roads Department did not think this would have an adverse effect on the roads.

The question was asked if fines and clean up penalties would be imposed on the company responsible for the spill. Mr. Keller explained that in the County and Brooks the company initiated cleanup before Fayette County was even aware of the problem and they completed cleanup very quickly. The County estimated that the Public Works cost was about \$500; the County will probably not pursue any recompense funds. The quantity of discharge was a reportable quantity to EPD for illicit discharge and EPD may impose fines or penalties.

JT Rabun advised that we contact Dr. Peter Wu at the GDOT Office of Materials Testing for additional information about the oil product and its potential to damage the roads. This was clean oil so it had a higher volatility and might be detrimental to the pavement.

- ii. Brooks Mayor & Council recently approved funds to install 2 new speed cushions on Hwy 85C. One between Fire Station No. 6 and Price Road and the second near the old cemetery. Mayor and Council also approved placement of 8" ceramic domes on McIntosh and 85 Connector to slow traffic and prevent drivers from cutting the turn short and driving into oncoming traffic.

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b. Fayette County

- i. Phil Mallon advised the committee of upcoming funding opportunities thru the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and said ARC is a good resource. Few Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) have not been issued yet but the ARC webpage has a database to research opportunities. Safe Streets and Roads may have applicability, but projects must be tied to injury and death reduction. There are 3 webinars in June that will provide additional information about the funding package and types of eligible projects. The first webinar is this Friday - IIJA 101: Navigating the Infrastructure Law and Transportation Funding Opportunities. <https://atlantaregional.org/webinars/>

Candidate projects in the county may include the PTC roundabout, which has a safety component and is close to shovel ready.

- ii. Electrification (i.e., charging stations) is another focus of ARC. GDOT's goal is to provide charging stations at not less than 50-mile intervals along the Interstates.
- iii. Feedback from ARC on the 2021 TIP project solicitation is expected in June.
- iv. Resident Ms. Holly Huelfer contacted the County because she feels like there is an inequity in the amount of path infrastructure on the north side of the county. This is specifically related to the issue of Tyrone residents not being able to use PTC paths to access locations inside the City.
- v. Keith Larson of Bike/Walk Fayette is participating in an ARC focus group for citizen input on Regional Safety Strategy recommendations.
- vi. Asphalt and fuel indices are high and impacting County construction projects.
- vii. The Ebenezer Church Road realignment is in progress. The new right of way is cleared and the County hopes to start grading in a few weeks. The existing gravel road will not be used for traffic once the new road is open.
- viii. The Sheriff's Office reached out to Public Works because they are concerned with the number of crashes on the SR 92 double roundabouts. Of special concern is the number of accidents

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involving tractor trailers. There have been about 18 crashes since opening, with 4 involved large trucks. Mr. Mallon noted there were none while it was still under construction and functioning as a one-lane roundabout.

Mr. Ungaro asked if the County considered cameras to monitor problem. Mr. Mallon replied that because it is a GDOT road, the County's response is limited to relaying the concerns to GDOT. Randy Ognio expressed opinion that it is a problem of geometry. Mr. Rabun explained that roundabouts are designed to slow vehicles down. Although slower speeds will not eliminate crashes it will make them less severe. GDOT will consider an educational campaign.

Mr. Ungaro asked if the design for the Woolsey roundabout is for a one-lane or two-lane road. Mr. Mallon will check the design.

- ix. Update on federal aid realignment of SR 279: the County locally-funded the traffic data collection. The field work is complete and the data has been submitted to GDOT for review.
- x. At the Retreat on May 13, 2022, the BOC requested county staff discuss with GDOT the McDonough Road widening project. County staff will coordinate with Clayton and Henry to gauge support.

c. Fayetteville:

- i. Upcoming bid openings include one for pavement assessment and one for an ADA sidewalk compliance inventory. This will assess current sidewalks and provide a roadmap for repairs. Mr. Mallon advised that this project may be eligible for IJA funding.
- ii. Fayetteville is seal coating inside The Villages subdivision.

d. Peachtree City:

- i. Mayor Learnard advised that she will make a mayoral appointment to replace Kevin Madden as Peachtree City's Transportation Committee representative.
- ii. Peachtree City is working with Tyrone to look for alternative routes for citizen access to cart paths near the Crabapple Road area. The use of golf carts on Crabapple Road has been extended by PTC council for six months, until December.
- iii. At Booth Middle School, PTC is working with the school board to get the access road paved, although this probably won't be completed

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before school starts. It will be the school system's project. Vanessa Tigert mentioned that the project is delayed b/c of supply chain delays getting waterline pipe.

e. Tyrone:

- i. Mr. Troquet advised that DRI 3628 was previously a movie studio project. They now have a rezoning request from East Group to make it a business technology park. This is located at the corner of Jenkins and SR 74. The developer will need to do a DRI update. Kimley Horne is doing the traffic study. TC members should let Philip know if they need a copy.
- ii. Tyrone also has a petition for rezoning for mixed-use project that meets the DRI threshold - it exceeds 250 homes and the square foot threshold for other uses. The project is proposing 429 residential units + office/ commercial SF. This is located at Tyrone Rd and SR74, west of Valleywood Road. The developer must provide direct pedestrian and bike connection to Town Center and is proposing a tunnel under RR (they will need permission from CSX).
- iii. Tyrone started a traffic study at Swanson Road for traffic calming and share-the-road improvements. This may be eligible for IJIA funding.
- iv. The intersection of Rockwood/Crabapple and Senoia Rd – Shamrock Industrial Park – met warrant for 4-way stop. Possible realignment
- v. Crabapple Lane – staff looking at alternatives for cart access connection w PTC.

f. Woolsey – no representative yet, no updates from Mayor Laggis.

g. Other Members – no comments

6. Public Comment

Randy Ognio reiterated the need to get ahead of the curve on project planning like the 54/74 problem. He suggested GDOT add an overhead bypass lane for through-traffic. No left turn lanes. We need updates from GDOT re improvements like SR 74/I-85 interchange, displaced left turns, and East Fayetteville Bypass. Mr. Ungaro acknowledged outstanding projects in limbo and that the Committee doesn't have a clear map of the progress of these long-range projects. Mr. Rabun explained where to find project updates on GDOT website; Bryan Keller demonstrated GDOT interactive project map and status updates: dot.ga.gov/DS/Maps/geopi#

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Mayor Learnard would like to host the next TC meeting in Peachtree City and invite GDOT. Mr. Ungaro said Kevin Madden mentioned having TC meet in PTC in September 13.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Continued discussion of future Transportation Committee Meeting topics:

- i. Mr. Ungaro would like to advocate for completion of Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) update. Maybe a standing update on CTP projects would be an appropriate agenda item. Mr. Mallon suggested that in July, we will continue the discussion and include an update on County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
- ii. August: City of Fayetteville – review the City’s planning documents & status
- iii. September – Peachtree City will host with a program from their police department on their golf cart safety ordinance.
- iv. October – GDOT update on projects GDOT board member and district engineer
- v. November – Mr. Ungaro volunteered Brooks to provide a Comprehensive Plan update
- vi. December – Mr. Troquet will check with Jaimi Tapp and determine if Tyrone can host the meeting.

b. Recap of BOC Retreat Truck Route Discussion

- i. Mr. Mallon sent an email update to Committee members explaining that that the BOC did not want to evaluate truck routes further. A primary reason cited by Board members was that they did not want to push more truck traffic onto Goza Road.
- ii. Mr. Ungaro thinks the Transportation Committee needs to readdress this, and each municipality will need to address on their own. Brooks and Woolsey are very concerned about the volume of truck traffic. He requested that we revisit this annually. Mr. Mallon said the County will conduct an annual assessment of traffic and accident data for both communities.
- iii. Mr. Troquet advised that Tyrone already has some NO THRU TRUCK routes within the Town limits, including Swanson Road.

8. New Business

a. 2023 SPLOST

- i. Bryan Keller presented a review of Fayette County’s draft 2023 SPLOST projects. The County is keeping same color scheme for consistency. They are working with Chamber of Commerce to distribute information. This will be a 6-year SPLOST with no cap.
- ii. The website has an explanation of SPLOST dollars, with an interactive map showing projects by municipality.

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- iii. March 2023 special election
- iv. County estimates collecting 94 million for projects
- v. Justice Center renovation/3rd floor buildout is prominent County project
- vi. Public Safety –
 - 1. Fire EMS training center,
 - 2. additional trucks and heavy rescue trucks, replacing safety gear, new ambulances
 - 3. New backup 911 operations center
 - 4. Watch office upgrades at jail
 - 5. Additional cameras all facilities
 - 6. Tactical Driving Course – 2 miles of track for sheriff's
- vii. Parks & Rec & Human Services
 - 1. New Multi-Purpose facility at Redwine Road – Kiwanis Park location
 - 2. Senior Services vehicles and Senior center café
 - 3. Meals on Wheels new freezers and refrigerator
 - 4. Starr's Mill Educational Facility adjacent to old pump Building and adding restrooms (PM mentioned incorporating the proposed path from school complex to mill pond; VT – Southern Conservation Trust has property in this area, also)
 - 5. Animal Shelter Master Plan – add to the building – path and small livestock facility.
- viii. Stormwater – 169 proposed projects – categorized by need
- ix. Transportation – Infrastructure Preservation and Improvements
 - 1. Pavement/maintenance
 - 2. Bridge maintenance
 - 3. ROW clearing and grubbing
 - 4. Maintenance of ROW
 - 5. Corridor improvements
 - a. Sandy Creek/Tyrone/Palmetto Roads – from 2017 studies
 - b. Creek Road – New road construction to link First Manassas Mile Road to SR 54 with intent of reducing truck traffic on Grady Avenue
 - 6. Intersection projects
 - a. Eastin & Veterans – funding for roundabout
 - b. Banks & Ellis Road- funding for roundabout
 - c. Ebenezer Church and Redwine – funding for roundabout
 - d. Realignment of Tyrone Road and Dogwood Trail
 - e. Other intersection improvements from corridor studies
 - 7. Pedestrian and Bicycle multi use projects – regional connections including seed money for rails to trails; also for path near Kenwood Road and the Elementary School.

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- x. Mr. Keller then gave a review of the SPLOST referendum timeline, including key public notice and meeting date requirements. Local government can educate people, but not actively promote SPLOST.

 - b. Phil Mallon led a review of Fayette County's 2019 Comprehensive Transportation Plan short-range project list. Mr. Mallon requested feedback from the committee at the next meeting regarding status of each project. Then we will update the high priority/short-range list. This may be used to facilitate the application for federal funding as it becomes available.
9. **Adjournment:** Phil Mallon made a motion to adjourn; Vanessa Tigert seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 3:58PM.

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Transportation Committee Membership

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