

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Vice Chair – Maurice Ungaro

Secretary – Martin Sas

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 100

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FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 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

JT Rabun – Citizen Representative, Fayette County

Chris Hindman – Staff, City of Fayetteville

Jaimi Tapp – Citizen Representative, Town of Tyrone

Jim Qualls – Citizen Representative, Peachtree City

Kris Purkey – Fayette County Sheriff's Office

Committee Members Absent:

Martin Sas – Citizen Representative, Fayette County

Vanessa Tigert – Staff, Fayette County

Citizen Representative, Town of Woolsey (vacant)

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Maurice Ungaro called the July 12, 2022, meeting to order at 2:00PM.

2. Ascertainment of Quorum

Committee Vice-Chair Ungaro acknowledged that a quorum of the Transportation Committee was present.

Mr. Ungaro and Mayor Learnard introduced Jim Qualls as the representative of PTC. He will fill the balance of the PTC term, through 2024.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ungaro made one amendment to the agenda – to move the Tyrone DRI discussion to August at Mr. Trocquet's request. The agenda with revision was approved unanimously.

4. Oath of Office

The Oath of Office for members of the Transportation Committee was administered by the County Clerk, Tameca Smith. Sgt. Purkey abstained from taking the oath at this time so he can ensure that it will not conflict with his oath taken for his service as a Law Enforcement Officer.

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5. Review and Approval of the June 6, 2022, Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Chris Hindman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with no changes; JT Rabun seconded the motion. Jaimie Tapp abstained since she was not at previous meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

6. Reports of Committee Members**a. Brooks**

- i. Maurice Ungaro reported he contacted Dr. Wu at GDOT regarding the oil spill in May; a GDOT inspection team pulled core samples and the town is waiting for results to determine if any pavement damage occurred.

b. Fayette County

- i. Phil Mallon advised the committee that there are no updates to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant activities at this time. Some limited grants and funding programs are open. Jami Tapp said the Town of Tyrone may apply for a project to provide grade separation at Palmetto Road and Tyrone Road. The county and surrounding communities will work together to see if there are joint projects, as these may receive priority funding.
- ii. The Ebenezer Church Road realignment (2017 SPLOST) is in progress – trees are cleared, and wood material is chipped. We are waiting on the completion of the design.

c. Fayetteville:

- i. Chris Hindman advised that the pedestrian-bridge project is still ongoing.
- ii. There was discussion about which roads on the SPLOST concept list were receiving the most attention.
- iii. There is an issue with the traffic signal at Jimmie Mayfield and Bradley Drive. It was hit by lightning and needs repair.
- iv. City Center Parkway is in design phase with engineering and environmental underway.
- v. The August meeting will be at the Fayetteville City Hall; the City's Planning Director will present the Comprehensive Plan, The meeting location will be the 2nd floor training room

d. Peachtree City:

- i. Mayor Learnard confirmed that she has invited GDOT for the Tuesday, September 13 Transportation Committee meeting. Tyler Peek from GDOT will be talking about some of the items of greatest concern, notably the intersections at SR 54/SR 74 and SR 74/I-85. GDOT Board Member Dennis McIntyre will join us. State Representatives Josh Bonner and Karen Mathiak are also invited.

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e. Tyrone:

- i. Jaimi Tapp advised she has no update from Tyrone

- ### f. Woolsey
- A new Town representative to the Committee has not yet been appointed, although Mayor Laggis advised via email that he hopes to have the position filled by the August meeting.

- ### g. Other Members
- no comments

7. Public Comment

- a. Randy Ognio could not be present but sent Mr. Ungaro written comments regarding the possible widening of McDonough Road. See attached. Mr. Mallon noted that the BOC has not taken action to support the project, but it is being discussed.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Continued discussion of future Transportation Committee Meeting

topics. The following monthly meeting topics and locations were agreed to by the Committee.

- i. August – City of Fayetteville – review the City’s planning documents & status of projects
- ii. September – Peachtree City – GDOT meeting with invitation extended to our GDOT Board Member and District Engineer.
 - a. Mayor Learnard advised there is a lot of cut-thru traffic in Planterra Ridge. Two full-length left turn lanes for Huddleston Road would provide relief there.
 - b. Mr. Qualls advised he is a 25-year resident of PTC and advocates for synchronizing traffic lights along SR 54. He is aware of problems at Planterra, but feels like traffic light sync is key.
 - c. Mr. Mallon suggested that we provide these concerns to GDOT ahead of time so they can prepare responses.
- iii. October – (open) regular meeting location in County conference room
- iv. November – Brooks to host, topic to be determined
- v. December – (open) regular meeting in County conference room
- vi. January – regular meeting in County conference room, suggested topic of CTP update.
- vii. February – Mr. Troquet will check with Jaimi Tapp and determine if Tyrone can host the meeting.
- viii. There was discussion on topics that need regular updates:
 - a. SPLOST projects
 - b. Comprehensive Transportation Plan projects – we will plan for CTP project updates to be presented in January and July.

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b. Continued review of CTP Short-Range project list (2019-2023)

- i.** Mr. Mallon noted the CTP has three project lists:
 - 1.** Short-range
 - 2.** Mid-range
 - 3.** Unconstrained/aspiration list
- ii.** A draft CTP Short-Range project list/worksheet was distributed, and Committee members were asked to provide comment for projects within their respective jurisdictions. The group talked about the advantage of the revised list (possibly done annually) being approved by each local government.
- iii.** There was consensus that the list needs to be kept up-to-date. The update process can identify what is complete; remove projects that will not be retained on the list; add new projects, as appropriate. Having projects on the revised list will help for soliciting federal funds.

9. New Business

a. Summary of Fayette County's Comprehensive Plan –

- i.** Phil Mallon presented an update on Fayette County's Comp Plan (attached).
- ii.** General discussion about preserving character, especially on road frontage, multiple driveways
- iii.** Consider a Land Use session at a future meeting

~~b. Tyrone DRI Update(s) – Philip Trocquet~~ [update moved to August]

10. Adjournment: Phil Mallon made a motion to adjourn; Chris Hindman seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.