

FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes October 4, 2022 at 2:00 PM

1. *Call to Order* – The meeting was called to order by Maurice Ungaro at 2:03 PM.
2. *Ascertainment of Quorum* – The Committee had a quorum with nine members present. Caitlin Storc and Vanessa Tigert were absent.
3. *Approval of Agenda* – The agenda was approved unanimously without comment.
4. *Elections*

An election was held to fill the vacant position of Chair. Phil Mallon nominated Maurice Ungaro. The motion was seconded by JT Rabun. Maurice was elected with a vote of 8-1-0 (Maurice voting no).

A second election was then held to fill the newly vacated position of Vice Chair. Maurice Ungaro nominated JT Rabun. The motion was seconded by Phil Mallon. JT was elected with a vote of 8-0-1 (JT abstaining).

5. *Approval of September Meeting Minutes* – Marty Sas motioned to approve the September Meeting Minutes without edit. The motion was seconded by JT Rabun and approved 9-0-0.
6. *Report of Committee Members*
 - a. Brooks – no report
 - b. Fayette County – report by Phil Mallon
 1. The Ebenezer Church Road Bridge Project is open to traffic. Fayette County is preparing a press release. There was discussion among the Committee about how there should be better communication with property owners throughout the construction process. JT asked if there was a PIOH at the start of the project to inform citizens and noted that the Concept Report is a good document to explain the need, purpose and scope of the project. There was also discussion of why the project did not include a side path and the group reiterated the importance of planning documents, like the CTP, that could help require paths to be included as part of projects.

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2. Public Works recently made two hires that will be relevant to the Transportation Committee. Brian Harris (present at the meeting) recently started as Administrative Specialist and next week a new Transportation Engineer starts.
 3. There have been three accidents at Banks and Ellis Road within one week. County staff offered to meet with property owners in October. Sgt. Purkey said failure to yield has the number one problem, not failure to stop. Safety improvements have been made at the intersection earlier this year including the addition of rumble strips.
 4. Fayette County has a new operator at Transfer Station, Amwaste. A new fee schedule is in place along with minor operational changes. Please direct citizen questions and comments to Amwaste or Public Works.
 5. County staff received a request for sidewalk installation along SR 74 between Mill Pond Manor and The Chimneys. The Committee asked if bike lanes be marked along SR 74 south as well. The group noted the opportunity for recreational access across various properties. County staff to research and provide an update.
 6. Fayette County is replacing rotted boards on the timber bridge along Redwine Road over Camp Creek. The work is nearly complete.
- c. Fayetteville – Chris Hindman said the City’s sidewalk and pavement evaluations are underway (by a third party). They expect the study to be complete by the end of October.
- d. Peachtree City – report by Jim Qualls
1. PTC held follow-up meetings with Coweta, Tyrone, and Fayette County regarding congestion on SR 54 from PTC to Coweta. There is no easy solution and City staff believes more analysis is needed, particularly to check if the signals are operating as efficiently as possible and if an alternate connection to the north (off Dogwood Trail) would have benefit.

Maurice Ungaro asked about the status of Stagecoach Road. Jim will have check. PTC looking at a grade-separated path across SR 54. Keith Larson said Stagecoach Road is under construction and it will provide a two-way road with a parallel path. The path goes across the Methodist Church property and ultimately to the Robinson Woods subdivision.

- e. Tyrone – report by Philip Trocquet

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The Palmetto/Arrowood roundabout includes a multi-use path with rapid flash beacons for the at-grade crossings. Design is 60% complete. DRI 3741 is a large project from Pulte Homes. Tyrone is looking at the proposed new intersections and/or road impacts along Hwy 74, Tyrone Road, and Valleywood Road. The project has >430 homes on ~100 acres. Tyrone looking to disperse traffic points. In other news, the Tyrone Road golf cart path is in final stage of design and the Town is acquiring ROW.

- f. Woolsey – Phil Mallon said the Hampton Road roundabout project is essentially on hold pending location of gas lines. The work is dependent upon AGL.
- g. Other Members - none

7. Public Comment

Randy Ognio asked if the GDOT responded to the roundabout concerns? A trailer can't be pulled through the roundabout without crossing lanes.

Randy Ognio suggested Peachtree City consider a raised lane over SR 54 from east of SR 74 to Coweta County. Input is needed from PTC and GDOT.

Randy Ognio asked if there an extension of Stagecoach Road to Ebenezer Road in the 2023 SPLOST lists? Keith Larson noted the property owners in the past did not support public access thru Stagecoach Road. Randy Ognio suggested that a new connection could be made from the new Booth Middle School south to Spear Road. Keith Larson said that those properties had houses and Camp Creek with wetland that would constrict any easement and construction options. The group discussed these options for extending the Road and a suggestion was made to invite the Board of Education to Transportation Committee meetings.

Keith Larson congratulated all on submission of the SS4A grant application. This is first step for getting federal dollars with the new Infrastructure Law into the County. The grant, if awarded, will require a team of stakeholders that represents the communities and residents from the Underserved Communities that would benefit from the projects. County, Cities and Towns may be required to use local match to leverage the \$5M minimum grant applications. The Committee should consider revision of the Transportation Committee Ordinance now to add stakeholders for any Safety System Approach studies and reach out to engage those stakeholders now. Don't wait for the grant to be awarded. Highway planning is a 10-year cycle.

Keith reminded the group about information from GDOT for those seeking money for hawk signals and related projects. The information was first sent earlier in the year. He will resend to the local governments.

- 8. Unfinished Business - None
- 9. New Business

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- a. Draft 2023 SPLOST Transportation Projects – each local government provided an overview of their lists.
 - Fayetteville - \$15.5M for transportation/public services allocated among seven areas (see 2023 SPLOST Worksheet). There was discussion and general support for a new road connecting SR 54 with First Manassas Mile Road. Keith Larson suggested a road name of Cotton Gin Road based on local history for the area. The group also talked about including a path along the road that could connect to the Ridge Nature Area.
 - Tyrone – See attached information. The Town’s list was developed with a citizen advisory group.
 - Brooks – The Town has three projects 1) replace culvert under Woods Road; 2) Brooks/Hwy 85C intersection roundabout – PE/ROW with CST in 2023 SPLOST; 3) sidewalks and stormwater infrastructure work at various locations.
 - Fayette County – See attached list of projects. For the County’s rail to trails study, it was discussed that an IGA would be needed to start regional coordination and that this could ultimately be a 30-mile trail across multiple Counties. Keith Larson referenced the Silver Comet Rail Trail project as a good example.
 - Peachtree City – Phil Mallon and Jim Qualls provided a high-level review of the PTC SPOST list (see attached).
 - b. SS4A Grant Application Review – Phil Mallon reviewed the application submitted and said we are holding waiting to see if any grant money is awarded to develop a Safety Action Plan.
 - c. ARC IIJA Consortium & SMART Grant Planning (Stage 1) – Phil Mallon reviewed Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) slides on their effort to support various grant applications for the IIJA.
 - d. County 2017 SPLOST update – the discussion was tabled to next month.
10. *Adjournment* – Motion to adjourn by Chris Hindman at 3:50 PM. It was seconded by JT Rabun and was approved unanimously.

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