

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 100

Fayetteville, GA 30214

FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Special Meeting Location

Brooks – Hardy Hall

113 Church Alley

Brooks, GA 30205

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1. *Call to Order* – The meeting was called to order by Maurice Ungaro at 2:00 PM.
 2. *Ascertainment of Quorum* – The Committee had a quorum with all members present.
 3. *Approval of Agenda* – The agenda was approved unanimously without comment.
 4. *Approval of October Meeting Minutes* – Marty Sas motioned to approve the October Meeting Minutes without edit. The motion was seconded by JT Rabun and approved unanimously.
 5. *Report of Committee Members*
 - a. Brooks – Maurice said the Town’s report will be included in the presentation under New Business.
 - b. Fayette County – report by Phil Mallon
 1. There is no new information on IJJA Grant Notice of Funding Opportunities nor on the County’s Safety Action Plan grant application.
 2. Fayette County approved an IGA with Clayton County for repairs to Helmer Road Bridge.
 3. Public Works recently made a new hire that will be relevant to the Transportation Committee. Paola Kimbell has filled one of the two Transportation Engineer positions. She is part of the Public Works Department and will be a staff representative on the Committee.

The other Transportation Engineer has been filled by Christian Smith. Brian Harris, previously with Public Works and assisted with previous TC meetings, moved to the Environmental Management Department.

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4. Phil met with representatives from New Hope South Baptist Church on October 20, 2022. They are concerned with possible development of the NE corner of the SR 85 and SR 74 intersection in any manner beyond park and recreation. They were non-committal about continued public use of the road/drive from SR 74 to the Old Mill. They are getting the property surveyed and will talk with Fayette County once that work is done.
 5. Sidewalk along SR 74 between Millpond Manor and The Chimneys – Fayette County has several messages in with GDOT and is waiting on a response.
 6. New Road to 1st Manassas Mile Road – County staff hiked the property on October 19, 2022 and are preparing a high-level cost estimate. Fayette County received questions about the project's need and purpose from a citizen on October 11, 2022 but has not yet provided a response. County officials appear to remain supportive of project.
- c. Fayetteville – report by Chris Hindman
1. Fayetteville's PCI rating with data compilation is still ongoing. A new traffic study is in draft format for City Center Parkway.
- d. Peachtree City – report by Jim Qualls
1. Peachtree City is doing follow-up work on SR 54 corridor. The city is working with a new traffic engineer from Newnan. There was a group discussion about whether driver education or police enforcement would help minimize congestion in this intersection.
 2. An invitation was extended to the Committee for the Bike Walk Summit. Comments were made about alternative modes of transportation and creating a walkable friendly city. There is community focus on getting people out of our cars.
- e. Tyrone – report by Philip Trocquet
1. The Palmetto/Arrowood roundabout design is currently at 60%. The roundabout also includes a multi-use path with rapid flash beacons for the at-grade crossings. Design is being matched to CTP/Master Path Plan design guidelines.
 2. Rumble strip placement and design are being examined at various locations on Senoia Road.

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3. The Pulte Homes DRI is no longer active.
4. The Tyrone Road golf cart project is in ROW phase and the Town is looking at options for another golf cart path along Crabapple Road. They hope to present to the PTC Council in the future.

f. Woolsey – report by Caitlin Storc

1. Hampton Road roundabout project is essentially on hold pending location of gas lines. The work is dependent upon AGL for utility locate.
2. Woolsey also supports path and bike lanes along Hampton and Brooks Woolsey as this area is not friendly to pedestrians. Caitlin asked if “Watch Out for Pedestrians” signs could be installed and noted that the posted speed limits are not controlling speed.

g. Other Members –

1. Vanessa Tigert – the Water Department will be requesting \$1.2 million at the next Board of Commissioners meeting for water relocation at SR 54 and SR 74 (GDOT PI 0013726).

6. *Public Comment*

1. Keith Larson invited the committee to the Bike Walk Summit on Friday, 11/04/22, and Saturday, 11/05/22. Topics during the Bike Walk Summit will include Safe Routes to School and “What’s Your Score?”. Last year, 25 communities participated in the PeopleForBikes City Score rating program, but only 7 had enough comments to qualify for designation. Keith is working with individuals in each Fayette County city for participation. The City ratings includes a heat map analysis that can show need for new paths. Keith noted that many companies use bike and walkability as part of their decision-making process when opening new offices or relocating. The Community Survey and City Snapshot submissions are through January 31st. Visit <https://cityratings.peopleforbikes.org/about/contribute>
2. PTC Path, Bridge, and Tunnel Tour taking place on Saturday, 11/05/22, and led by Keith. Sign up using the Bike Summit link.
3. Accessible Trail Marking Project – Keith is working on this project under the ADA. Several areas are deficient. The project will add trail markers and ADA accessibility where applicable. This project was funded by a grant from AARP while PTC has included a Path Transition Project Plan in their 2023 SPLOST.

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7. Unfinished Business - None

8. New Business

- a. *Brooks Transportation and Planning Update* - Maurice Ungaro presented the Town's Transportation and Planning Update (see attached slides). Items during this presentation included upcoming projects along with community goals and challenges.

Currently, the community's bigger challenges include bad internet, lack of multi-use paths/sidewalks, and lack of downtown entertainment. Goals include creating trail connections, working with ARC for sidewalk funding, and possibly installing a HAWK crossing for some of the sidewalk expansion paths. Another topic included in this presentation was Liberty Tech traffic congestion. Traffic backs up on during school peak hours on Price Road and Hwy 85 Connector. New road alternatives to alleviate this traffic are being considered.

- b. *SR 279 Realignment Public Outreach* – Phil Mallon and Practical Design Partners (PDP) staff members Angela Snyder and Ian Maxfield presented alternatives 1 and 2 to the Committee and reviewed the public outreach activities planned for the month of November. Both alternatives were presented using the Social Pinpoint platform. The Public Information Open House will be held on November 15, 2022 in the Fayette County Public Library.

There was significant discussion on the project and outreach activities, including the following points.

- The Social Pinpoint application can be difficult to navigate, especially on a cell phone. The link to the survey should be more prominent.
- The Committee questioned the project's need and purpose and especially the benefit of alternative 1 over 2 given the provided matrix summary – which implies both projects provide congestion and safety relief. The group suggested changes to the matrix and information on Social Pinpoint to better convey information.
- There was discussion on what path, sidewalk, and bike lane infrastructure is proposed for each alternative. Many expressed support of using this project as a step for providing pedestrian connection to Kenwood Park. J. T. Rabun cautioned of scope creep and said GDOT may not approve path work if it was not part of the original project description.
- Better describe the benefits of the project – what are we solving.
- Define cultural impacts or remove from graphics.
- Simplify the language (e.g., no “geometric deficiencies”).

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- Show a continuous right turn lane from Corinth to SR 85 NB.
- More storage is needed for SB 85 left turn onto Corinth Road.
- The project will have to account for GDOT's Complete Streets policy which will drive the bike/ped infrastructure. Check the CTP and prior planning documents for future pedestrian/path projects in and around the project area.
- Extend the dual lanes north/west on SR 279 from the left turns off SR 85.

Phil thanked the Committee and said the project team would review this information and incorporate as much as possible but noted the time constraints the project has with respect to the PIOH and the survey going live.

- c. County 2017 SPLOST update* – Phil Mallon reviewed the 4th quarter County SPLOST project table update (see attached). This item was tabled from the October meeting.
9. *Adjournment* – Motion to adjourn by Maurice Ungaro at 4:00 PM. It was seconded by JT Rabun and Jim Qualls and was approved unanimously.

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