

FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023 at 1:30 PM

1. *Call to Order* – The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Maurice Ungaro.
2. *Ascertainment of Quorum* – Mr. Ungaro confirmed there was a quorum with the following members present: Maurice Ungaro, Caitlin Storc, Phil Mallon, Paola Kimbell, Sgt. Kris Purkey, Marty Sas, J.T. Rabun, Phillip Trocquet (for Jaimi Tapp), Dave Borkowski (for Jim Qualls). Vanessa Tigert and Chris Hindman were not present.
3. *Approval of Agenda* – J.T. Rabun moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Marty Sas and approved unanimously.
4. *Approval of January 2023 Meeting Minutes* – J.T. Rabun moved to approve the January minutes without edit. The motion was seconded by Caitlin Storc and approved unanimously.
5. *Report of Committee Members*
 - a. **Brooks** report by Maurice Ungaro.
 - LED sign at Hwy 85 Connector continued to have light up time issues. It has since been repaired. Maurice is not aware of any wrecks since the lighted signs have been installed.
 - b. **Fayette County** report by Phil Mallon.
 - County has awarded the Redwine/Bernhard/Peachtree Parkway roundabout project to McLeroy on 01/26/23 meeting.
 - AGL's gas line relocation continues along Redwine Road for the federal-aid path project. A key contact for AGL, JT Atkins, is changing positions. His replacement will be Chris Brittin.
 - Survey work is complete for the design of a roundabout at Eastin Road and Veterans Parkway. Construction funding for this project is dependent upon the 2023 SPLOST.
 - The contract for the Inman Road culvert replacement has been awarded. Staff is waiting on proposed schedule from the Contractor. Staff is considering delaying the work until summer break to minimize traffic impacts.
 - Grading work underway for the Ebenezer Church Road realignment.
 - Fayette County has reached agreement on the fees for design services on the next federal-aid paving project (GDOT PI 0017812). We need approval of cost estimate and task order from PTC and

Fayetteville before contract can be awarded, as well as development of an IGA.

- Trilith DRI – from David Rast on 12/16/22
 1. Everything was approved (by City Council), including Development Agreements for both the Town at Trilith and the Trilith Studios Expansion. The amendment to the PCD zoning for the overall development included language specific to implementation of the transportation enhancement projects identified in Attachment “A” of the NOD, and this was further referenced in the Development Agreements.
 2. We will be meeting with Trilith in January to discuss specifics related to thresholds, schedules, implementation and funding – a condition was added that an agreement must be in place before we issue any permits for the studio expansion. I will let you and your staff know when this is scheduled.
 3. Philip Trocquet was at the City meeting and confirmed the City has expectations for developer to pay pro-rata share of transportation projects.
- Forthcoming work – Inman Road Study and Kenwood Road path project.
- County staff are developing a rough cost estimate for the New Landfill Road project, connecting SR 54 to First Manassas Mile Road. This is a joint County/City project on the 2023 SPLOST list.

c. Fayetteville – no updates.

d. Peachtree City report by Dave Borkowski.

- Aesthetic sign options for the displaced left turn lane project (GDOT PI 013726) have been added. Project to be let in May of 2023.
- PTC is working with consultants for the Peachtree Parkway and Crosstown roundabout.

e. Tyrone report by Phillip Trocquet.

- Tyrone is continuing design efforts for Palmetto Rd and Senoia Rd.
- Tyrone is starting survey work for the multi-use trail at Senoia Rd.
- Tyrone has launched streetscaping work along Senoia Rd as a pilot project.
- Tyrone is looking at CSX crossing for the 2023 SPLOST. Design updates include either a signalized intersection or a roundabout. The Town may seek TIP funds for the project.

f. Woolsey report by Caitlin Storc.

- No updates.

g. Other Members – no report.

6. Public Comment

a. Randy Ognio

- Randy noted the following issues around the county:
 1. Request for staff to look at intersection of Ellis Road and SR 85 with respect to left turn lanes.
 2. SR 85 and Bernhard Rd – light timing in the mornings seem to be too short. This causes car pileup.
 3. SR 85 and Corinth – no time to do U-Turns before the light turns red. Signal timing seems to be off for this light as well. Mentions the addition of a turn arrow may be beneficial.
 4. Why is a path or sidewalk not included for the SR 85 bridge replacement over Whitewater Creek, as was provided in Senoia?

b. Keith Larson

- Keith mentioned the benefit of widening the Starr's Mill Bridge and that the project should account for future widening of SR 85 to 4 lanes. J.T. noted that can be handled with a second, parallel bridge in the future, if needed. Keith mentioned the strategy to build a sister bridge to not be proactive.
- Keith mentioned the widening of SR 85, SR 279 and SR 92 should be added to the agenda for future TC meetings.
- Keith reiterates the importance of pedestrian infrastructure, which Maurice and Phil seconded.

c. J.T. Rabun

- J.T. mentioned there is a Transportation Plan, but there should also be a Path Plan. Phil and Maurice both agree these are conversations higher ups need to have with GDOT Planning. Phil noted there needs to be majority support among the BOC for path projects.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Continued Review of the SR 279 Realignment Project (PI 0017813)

- Phil re-introduced the project.
- Presentation of both alternatives was given by Angela Snyder with PDP (see attached slides).
- Public input and results were presented by Paola.
- There was discussion among the Committee and guests on the two alternatives and the public outreach.

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- Randy said the curb signs were very effective in reaching the property owners. He asked if the modeling accounted for the extra traffic associated with the East Fayetteville Bypass project and traffic increases on Corinth Road? What will the cost to address the inefficiencies for the LOS drop at some intersections. SR 85 speed drop doesn't match the lane reduction from Clayton from 3 to 2 lanes - how will that work? What will the impact of extra turns for Alt 2 be on the traffic flow? Note the elevation change for SR 279 and SR 85 in the design – this could be a danger to trucks turning. The two turn lanes on SR 279 will negatively impact the entrances into the QT property. Consider this. Why not extend the LT lane from SR 85 south to Corinth? Double check need for SB left turn from SR 85 to Corinth. Eliminate Old Road intersection to SR 85 on Alt 1.
- Keith – the driver impacts from the multiple turns of ALT 2 need to be factored. Take advantage of opportunity to fix this now with ALT 1. It has the best public value/safety. How to factor the future accidents & delay of Alt 2. Pedestrian paths – needed along SR 85, similar to what's in Senoia. The path should accommodate cyclists.
- Kris – noted concern with merge of two to one lane on SR 279. The merge on SR 92 at the roundabouts has crash problems.
- Keith – Alt 2 adds a level of complexity.
- Phillip said to look at the vacant tracks around Corinth and consider what future build-out may do to the traffic on SR 85 and SR 279.
- There was a discussion and agreement that a person filling in for a committee member could not vote unless they were a pre-designated proxy. Maurice will look at the bylaws.
- Phil asked for a committee to vote on their preferred alternative, which ended with 5 votes for Alternative 2 and 2 votes for Alternative 1. David Borkowski and Phillip Trocquet did not vote as they were not designated proxies before the meeting.

8. New Business

a. People For Bikes 2023 City Rating Submission (Keith Larson)

- Keith provided draft submissions to PTC, Fayetteville, and Tyrone. The deadline is January 31, 2023.

b. AARP 2023 Community Challenge Grants (Keith Larson)

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- Keith mentioned he would be emailing information regarding this grant to the group. He mentioned that last year, this grant donated over \$3 million dollars, although he believes \$15,000 is more likely. Project examples include nature areas to improve walkability, information kiosks, water fountains, picnic kiosks. Projects average around \$11,000 each and the money is available to any local government. Phillip mentioned Tyrone has applied for this grant before. The application period is from end of January to end of March with awards in June.

c. 2019 CTP Project List Update (Maurice Ungaro)

- Phil supplied updated Transportation Plan and asked municipalities to give updates. Only short-range projects are being included at the moment.
- J.T. mentioned adding an annual report.
- Discussions among the group were had about how to better reach the citizens regarding these projects.
- PTC mentioned that they have currently hired people to help advertise along with added completed signs to projects.

9. Adjournment – J.T. made a motion to adjourn at 3:28 pm. The motion was seconded by Marty Sas and was unanimously approved. Phil reminded the group that Tyrone is hosting in February at their council chamber.