

## FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2023 at 1:30 PM

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1. *Call to Order* – The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Maurice Ungaro.
2. *Ascertainment of Quorum* – Mr. Ungaro confirmed there was a quorum with the following members present: Maurice Ungaro, Caitlin Storck, Phil Mallon, Paola Kimbell, Lt. Gary Farr, Marty Sas, J.T. Rabun, Jaimi Tapp, Vanessa Tigert, and Chris Hindman.
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 with one edit regarding SR 85 and Ellis. It was suggested to look at traffic signal and lanes. The motion was seconded by Maurice Ungaro and approved unanimously with Chris Hindman abstaining.
5. *Report of Committee Members*
  - a. **Brooks** reported no updates.
  - b. **Fayette County** report by Phil Mallon.
    - County has given NTP to McLeroy and is pending bond submittals by Contractor for the Redwine roundabout project.
    - City and County comments have been finalized for the Redwine Road tunnel and path project.
  - c. **Fayetteville** – report by Chris Hindman.
    - Fayetteville is continuing working on path from south of Redwine Rd area to The Ridge. The project is in the conceptual phase.
    - Fayetteville is working on new traffic counts in the downtown area, including the median project.
    - Fayetteville is in the process of creating a study on how to connect the outskirts of the city. The future goal would be to connect Lester Rd to Trilith. Possible connection could be from Old Norton Rd to the Whitewater school area.
  - d. **Peachtree City** - no update.
  - e. **Tyrone** report by Phillip Trocquet.

- Tyrone is continuing conceptual efforts on street scaping and path separation.
- Tyrone is also continuing efforts to obtaining easements connecting Pharr Rd to Tyrone Rd. Pending easement from the last property owner.

**f. Woolsey** report by Caitlin Storck.

- New pothole has been noted on Hampton Road.

**g. Other Members**

- Report by Lt. Gary Farr.
  1. No change to the Antioch Rd roundabout; trucks have started to use both lanes.

**6. Public Comment**

a. Keith Larson (Bike-Walk Fayette)

- Keith acknowledged the Fayette County SS4A grant award.
- Working on sharing SPLOST information on bike and pedestrian projects and mentioned he will continue to do so.
- Keith mentioned the submission for bikes 2023 city ratings. Report expected to come out in June 2023. He will forward to committee members for accessible trails.
- AARP livable community to consider multi-use paths and trails, which is a useful tool for staff and citizens.
- AARP grant is open with a deadline until March 15. Keith also informed the committee that there is a webinar on February 8 from 2 pm - 3 pm. The programs typical grants is about \$11,000. They also added a new category for demonstration projects. Keith mentioned he would send out an email and Phillip T. mentioned the application is different this year.
- Keith also mentioned the US DOT published a new study in motor vehicle crashes and the economic loss per crash and fatality. The study quantifies the taxpayer cost for crashes and fatalities. He emphasized the importance of the safety for future grant projects. Recommendations from the pending SS4A can help with this.

b. J.T. Rabun

- J.T. mentioned the SR 54 and SR 74 construction let date had been postponed. After some research, it was announced that the new let day is October 20, 2023, due to utilities not being approved. ROW has been authorized.

c. Mayor Eric Dial

- Mayor Dial mentioned he met the Mayor and City Manager of Fairburn to discuss the SR 74 / I-85 Interchange project. He believes they are supportive of project and that it is moving forward, including a renewed commitment from GDOT. Mayor Dial may reconvene the SR 74 Coalition.

## 7. Unfinished Business

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

- Phil mentioned the outcome of the BOC meeting on 01/26/23. He explained that because of other items on agenda and only 3 commissioners present, the agenda item was tabled. The rezoning for the property along project area was also tabled. Both items to be presented on 02/23/23. County staff offered to meet with the Commissioners individually to discuss the two project alternatives.
- Phil further explained the failing LOS scores for the minor streets, including driveways to businesses. JT confirmed driveways usually aren't included in the corridor's LOS assessment since the impact isn't to traffic on the road.
- Keith mentioned that he spoke with residents of Butler Rd who are concerned with the rezoning and realignment. He mentioned the noise issues and neighborhood quality of life complaints from the residents. Keith also re-iterated that he is pro alternative 1. He noted that there are 17 affected properties, with 10 being potentially tore down.
- JT mentioned he read Keith's email regarding the property takes and suggested adding dots to the properties to clearly show which parcels are vacant and which parcels have houses.

### b. ARC TIP & IJA Update (Phil Mallon)

- On January 31 Fayette County received notice from the U.S. DOT that our Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan application was awarded \$312,000 in Federal funding (total project budget \$390,000). Paola to serve as the county PM. Awaiting direction from the FHWA Division Office in Georgia.
- ARC is looking to increase the admin modification cost increase threshold (currently at \$2,000,000). There has been no change since 2011 and the cumulative inflation since then is 35%.
- ARC is planning to have a TIP solicitation this summer. They will update the "cookbook" to reflect FHWA focus on equity, sustainability, climate change. TIP 101 training is also planned. Start vetting projects now.
- ARC is creating a new position to be 100% dedicated to helping the region secure IJA grant money.
- ARC provides a IJA newsletter. <https://atlantaregional.org/iija>

c. 2019 CTP Project List (Maurice Ungaro)

- Maurice mentioned there were a few updates to the table, but more were needed. He asked the committee to send updates to Phil. Phil mentioned that the 2023 SPLOST should be added along with any project that is not in CTP but want to add to the TIP.

**8. New Business**

a. Town of Tyrone Planning Update (Phillip Trocquet)

- Phil noted that Tyrone made progress on downtown LCI plan.
- Also, the downtown authority was formulated with the first series of events happening last year.
- First Fridays of the summer months, summer concerts will be hosted at Shamrock Park to generate activity downtown.
- He mentioned the fire station is a big project along with maybe another addition of a restaurant or venue on main street.
- Tyrone is also applying to further move LCI forward.
- The Senoia Rd to Main Street street scaping application deadline is February 28. Preliminary engineering and preliminary design starting. Also, preliminary survey and pre-engineering work has been done to show ROW. This includes on-street parking, wider sidewalks, and wider infrastructure.
- SR 74 corridor is a main area of economic development. Tyrone met with Fayette County development authority and worked with economic development. Their site assessment and economic assessment reported a high scored for having the right infrastructure making it an area of focus.
- Tyrone webpages have also been updated for the SPLOST and the city to include studies.
- Tyrone also updated and specified their landscaping standards.

b. 2023 SPLOST Referendum Outreach (Bryan Keller)

- Bryan presented the 2023 SPLOST presentation. He mentioned the multiple events coming up for SPLOST presentations. Early voting starts on February 27<sup>th</sup> and election day is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

c. Proposed GDOT R-CUT on SR 85 at New Hope Road (Chris Hindman)

- Chris presented the Quick Response project from GDOT. The engineering study that was done in March 2022 included Gingercake and SR 54, SR 85 and New Hope Rd, and SR 85 and SR 314. He noted that GDOT decided to move forward with the Quick Response project for the intersection of New Hope Rd and SR 85 and will be adding an R-Cut. Fayetteville City Council also supports. Committee noted multiple ways for R-Cuts designs. Chris mentioned that the design for this project would be in this budget year, but construction would be in next budget year.

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- d.** JT asked for clarification on bylaws. Maurice mentioned that the majority of votes for the committee would be 6 votes.
- 9.** Adjournment – Maurice made a motion to adjourn at 3:07 pm. The motion was seconded by Vanessa Tigert and was unanimously approved.