

FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order – Maurice Ungaro @ **1:50pm**
2. Ascertainment of Quorum - **10 of 11** members present, including Maurice Ungaro, Cajen Rhodes (for Chris Hindman), Robin Cailloux (for David Borkowski), Jaimi Tapp, Caitlin Storck, Sgt. Kris Purkey, Martin Sas, Phil Mallon, Paola Kimbell, and Vanessa Tigert.
3. Approval of Agenda – **Tigert/Sas** Approved
4. Approval of April 2023 Meeting Minutes – **Tigert/Mallon** Approved
5. Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes – **Mallon/Tigert** Approved
6. Report of Committee Members
 - a. Brooks – **Maurice Ungaro**, Brooks Town Manager
 - Brooks hopes to repair and reinstall the LED stop signs in June.
 - The speed radar signs had been working well with no issues or incidents.
 - b. Fayette County – **Phil Mallon**, Director of Public Works
 - Mr. Mallon introduced Courtney Hassenzahl as Fayette County’s primary Point of Contact for the 2023 SPLOST.
 - The Board of Commissioners did not fill the now-expired citizen representative position on the Committee, currently held by Martin Sas. The position is still open, and Fayette is accepting applications. Per the Committee’s Bylaws, a person shall continue to serve beyond the expired term until the position is filled.
 - c. Fayetteville – **Cajen Rhodes**, Assistant Director of Public Services
 - The pedestrian bridge over SR 54 was successfully installed on June 3rd. The path work for the project continues. On the hospital side, the path terminates in a gravel parking lot, but work is underway for that to become a paved lot.
 - Mr. Rhodes asked the Committee’s thoughts of getting pedestrian crosswalks and ped signals at the intersection of SR 314 and New Hope. The group felt an email request to GDOT is a good first step. It is possible the work could be done as a Quick-Response Safety Initiative. Cajen

noted there are crossings at the Pavilion intersection but not at New Hope Road.

- d. Peachtree City – **Robin Cailloux**, Director of Planning & Developing
 - Mrs. Cailloux had no report. A question was asked on the status of the SR 54/74 intersection and Robin said that Dave Borkowski, City Engineer, can provide an update on GDOT’s displaced left turn lane project at a future meeting.
- e. Tyrone – **Jaimi Tapp**, Citizen Representative
 - Construction is starting soon for the 4 way stop project at intersection of Senoia Road, Rockwood Road, and Crabapple Lane.
 - The Tyrone Road path project is being let to bid soon (between Julie Road and Riverdance Way).
 - Plans for the roundabout project are about 90% complete.
 - Greenway Commerce Park – The Developer is revising the site plan. One change is the removal of the acceleration lane for the Jenkins Road entrance.
- f. Woolsey – **Caitlin Storc**, Citizen Representative
 - Mrs. Storc asked about the status of the Hampton Rd radar sign data. Mr. Mallon and Mrs. Kimbell responded they are creating a standard format for presenting the data and will have a draft for the next meeting.
 - Caitlin asked if similar data can be collected for the other (east) side of Hampton Road. The intent is to compare and assess if Hampton is being used as a cut-thru.
- g. Sheriff’s Office – **Sgt. Kris Purkey**, Sheriff’s Office
 - No update.
- h. Water System – **Vanessa Tigert**, Water System Director
 - The temporary easement for the Coweta Country connection was approved by Peachtree City last week. It is along the north side of 54 and construction is set to start in June.
- i. Citizen Representatives
 - No updates.
- j. County Staff Representative - **Paola Kimbell**, Fayette County Transportation Engineer
 - Mrs. Kimbell provided a summary on the recent Aging and Driving Webinars Summary.
 - An older population is staying behind the wheel longer.
 - Many fatal crashes are due to losing control of vehicle and slower reactions.

- Crash trends – driving adults of 65+ are projected to increase from 15.2% to 23.4% by 2040.
- Angle, left angle and wrong way driving are the main collision types for aging and adults.
- https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/interactive_map.html
- <https://gdot.aashtowaresafety.net/crash-data#/>

7. Public Comment

a. Keith Larson

- Press release for GA Bikes – \$3M Active Transportation Planning Grant approved, working to improve bicycling and walking.
- Rail to trail – implementation awards webinar applications.
- PTC is installing LED stop signs at multiple locations in the city (one example is at intersection of Dividend Drive and Kelly Drive). Mrs. Cailloux will check with David Borkowski, City Engineer, on if they have studies on the effectiveness of LED stop signs.

b. Randy Ognio

- A sign on SR 54 approaching Flat Creek may be incorrect. He asked that staff check and report to GDOT, as appropriate.
- SR 85 South section in front of Kroger needs to be paved and notice to GDOT is needed. Cajen offered to talk with GDOT since the location is inside the City Limits.
- SR 92 Roundabouts – the truck signs are in place, but issues remain.
- Crabapple Lane Closure – Mr. Ognio asked if the decision to close was based on traffic data, crash data, etc. and how it was justified. Someone said Justin Strickland, Assistant City Manager, may have data on this road. In addition, Mr. Mallon said Fayette County did a traffic count and evaluation as part of the Board's consideration of making Crabapple a golf cart approved road.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Update on SS4A / Safety Action Plan (Paola Kimbell) –

- Mrs. Kimbell told the group that the Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration is being executed and that she is working on the draft Request for Proposals.
- Mrs. Kimbell notified the group that the Agreement was on the Agenda for the June 8th BOC meeting.

9. New Business

a. 2023 BOC Retreat Summary

Mr. Mallon provided the following “take-aways” from the Board of Commissioners 2023 Retreat in May. He noted the following is his interpretation of the Board’s comments, but no formal action was taken by the BOC during the SPLOST presentation.

2004 SPLOST

1. There is general BOC support for Sandy Creek, Sams Drive, and Eastin Road roundabout (I-2) and an understanding of growing traffic volumes on Sandy Creek Road.
2. Veterans Parkway& Eastin Road Roundabout (R-5i) – the BOC is ok with plan to grade the roundabout for future paths but delay installation until future build-out in the area and a need for paths is present.
3. East Fayetteville Bypass (R-8) – There is BOC concern about project feasibility with respect to Environmental Permitting. They asked what improvements could be made to existing roads (County Line, McElroy, McDonough, Corinth) and intersections in lieu of the new road construction, as well as what other projects are eligible for funding if the East Fayetteville Bypass is modified. Last, they asked how much longer we wait on this.
4. SR 92 & Hampton Road – Chief Hill expressed concerns about no left turns from Hampton Road.
5. Goza & Bernhard Realignment – The BOC is concerned about the overall cost benefit of the project and particularly the impact to existing homes. A suggestion was made to consider intersection modifications to Bernhard & Goza and the sharp curve on Bernhard instead of a new alignment. Staff was directed to advance one form of the project or have the money reprogrammed. An action item for Public Works is to collect traffic data in August or September. Mr. Larson suggested looking at an alternative from the BOE’s bus barn on Goza Road to Bernard Road. Doing so would have less environmental impact and less impact to homes.
6. Starr’s Mill Tunnel (17TAI) – The Board is ok with delay of construction to May 2024. They share the BOE’s concern with traffic impacts to Redwine Road during school year. For the three Redwine Road projects, they asked if we could have one location (webpage/social media) with status information on each project.
7. Tyrone Road & Flat Creek Trail (21TAB) – The BOC did not indicate a preference for a signal versus roundabout. They understand either option may require acquisition of one or more homes. They also understand the growing traffic issues on Tyrone Road but believe a full widening would be very difficult, expensive, and unpopular. They supported a quick install of a signal with no turn lanes as an interim measure.
8. Tyrone Road & SR 54 (21TAA) – The BOC supported placing this project on hold until the future of Adams Farm is known, or at least be sure we account for the potential development. They asked if additional R/W acquisition from Parcel 0704 001 can be obtained, like was done at the extension of Corinth Road at SR 85.

9. Realignment of SR 279 (17TAD) – Staff presented the proposed curb & gutter typical sections on SR 279, SR 85, and Corinth Road, including the 45 mph posted speeds on the State Routes. The Board was generally supportive of the 10-ft paths, although questions were asked about what they will connect to – particularly how and when the path system will extend to Kenwood Park.
10. Inman Road Study – Staff explained the in-house study underway. The Chairman supports increasing the posted speed on Inman to 45 mph if appropriate geometry improvements are made.

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11. Recreation is top priority per Commissioner Maxwell and the Chairman. They have concern about cash flow and asked if we need to borrow money (revenue bonds) to advance projects in timely manner. Commissioner Maxwell likes the SPLOST website but doesn't know how many citizens use it. Commissioner Oddo also supported recreation as top need with respect to delivery.
12. McDonough Road – The Chairman supports advancing the portion of McDonough Road in Fayette with local funding. Improvements to McDonough Road could possibly be funded with the 2004 SPLOST as well if the East Fayetteville Bypass project were reduced in scope (due to permitting issues). There was support that any significant work on McDonough Road should include multiuse paths.

- b. 2024 Atlanta Regional Freight Mobility Plan – Notice of meeting provided by Mr. Mallon.

ARC recently kick-off the 2024 Atlanta Regional Freight Mobility Plan. They are starting the effort with listening sessions across the region. Fayette is scheduled for **Thursday, June 22 at 9:00**. The session is open to County and City transportation staff. The meeting will be virtual and have a one-hour limit.

Topics:

- Freight needs and impacts related to trucking, railroads, and air cargo (where present)
- Planned freight related transportation projects
- Truck parking
- Industrial development patterns and impacts
- Urban delivery and curbside management
- The economic/jobs impact of the freight and goods movement industry
- Other topics you'd like to share

Mrs. Kimbell will be Fayette County's point of contact.

ARC's main themes: safety, operations, innovation, workforce access, economy, quality of life, integrated planning, community education, equity, sustainability/resiliency.

Concerns expressed by Henry, Douglas, and Dekalb Counties – illegal truck parking (how many spots should local govts plan for?), truck conflicts with RR crossings, illegal cut-thru trucks.

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10. Adjournment – @ 3:20pm by Tapp/Tigert.