

## FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023 at 1:30 PM

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1. Call to Order – Maurice Ungaro @ 1:31 pm
2. Ascertainment of Quorum – 8 of 11 members present, including **Maurice Ungaro, Chris Hindman, Caitlin Storc, Sgt. Kris Purkey, J.T. Rabun, Phil Mallon, Paola Kimbell, and Vanessa Tigert.**
3. Approval of Agenda – **Mallon/Storc** Approved
4. Approval of June 2023 Meeting Minutes – Several of the Committee members present at the July meeting were not at the June meeting and planned to abstain on the meeting minutes vote. It was agreed to table the item until August.
5. Roll call of committee members - completed
6. Report of Committee Members
  - a. Brooks - **Maurice Ungaro**, Brooks Town Manager
    - No updates.
  - b. Fayette County – **Phil Mallon**, Director of Public Works
    - Mr. Mallon noted that Marty Sas’ position is still open and applications are being accepted. Per the Committee’s by-laws, Mr. Sas is eligible to continue serving until a replacement is approved.
    - The Inman Road culvert replacement is on schedule and set to be completed by the start of the school year.
    - Fayette County received the concept plan for Tyrone Road and SR 54.
    - Fayette County also received the concept plan for Tyrone Road and Flat Creek Trail. Mr. Mallon mentioned that the County plans to proceed with installing a traffic signal soon without adding turn lanes and is talking with GDOT in hopes of getting signal equipment donated. He will share both concepts at the next committee meeting.
    - Fayette County received preliminary plans for the roundabout at Veterans Parkway and Eastin Road. Mr. Mallon noted the construction schedule may be dictated by the 2023 SPLOST allocation. Mr. Mallon also noted that the conversion of the intersection to an all-way stop has reduced the numbers of crashes.
    - Fayette County is working with representatives of Millpond Manor and The Chimneys to pave the section of path connecting the two neighborhoods.

- Plans for the Hampton Road and Hwy 92 project are expected from the project engineer in August.
- c. Fayetteville – Chris Hindman, Director of Public Services**
  - Mr. Hindman noted that Fayetteville finished patching portions of Veterans Parkway. The work was patching only because the City is waiting on the widening of the parkway by Trilith.
  - City is repairing storm damage along Redwine Road - traffic delays are expected.
  - Mr. Hindman noted that the City's ADA compliance sidewalk survey is done.
  - City is also compiling a list of SPLOST projects.
- a. Peachtree City – No update.**
- b. Tyrone – No updates.**
- c. Woolsey – Caitlin Storc, Citizen, Town of Woolsey**
  - Mrs. Storc requested traffic data be collected on Hampton Road east, and then compared to the existing Hampton Road west data. Mrs. Kimbell said it'd be added to the list of locations.
  - Mrs. Storc mentioned that the west side portion of Hampton Road is due for resurfacing. Mr. Mallon noted he would check with Road Department; he thinks it is on the list for this fiscal year.
- d. Sheriff's Office – Sgt. Kris Purkey, Fayette County Sheriff's Office**
  - No updates.
- e. Water System – Vanessa Tigert, Director, Water System**
  - Mrs. Tigert noted that the Coweta connection in Peachtree City was delayed due to procurement. The Water System expects to receive notice by Friday, 07/14/2023 to proceed.
- f. Citizen Representatives – No update.**
- g. County Staff Representative – Mo update.**

## 7. Public Comment

- a. Mrs. Tigert – The Ebenezer Church Road construction signs and silt fence have not been removed. Mr. Mallon said GDOT has not released the Contractor and that he'd check on the status.**
- b. Keith Larson -**

- In June, People for Bikes 2023 released City ratings. Mr. Larson plans to discuss the Peachtree City, Fayetteville, and Tyrone ratings in the August meeting.
  - Mr. Larson mentioned that Peachtree City safety notices have been posted on social media. Example topics include: age of drivers, don't carry on your lap, don't drive with cell phones.
  - Campaign to provide "Name the Path" survey for the Peachtree City path connection system.
  - Workshop meeting in June – City Manager is bringing back the safety advisory group with a permanent standing committee of residents. Approval expected in August.
  - The path segment from Booth Middle School to Robinson Rd is now paved, a local connection from the school to Carriage Lane is missing.
  - Peachtree City 2023 SPLOST includes funding for a bridge or a tunnel on the SR54 east side of the city for golf carts. The project has been approved.
  - Mr. Larson spoke with a local nurse who works emergencies, over half of intakes on weekends are from young adults injured in cart accidents.
  - Regional news– City of Griffin did not get their RAISE \$25 million award for bikes/sidewalks. They will apply for other grants and awards.
  - A group of riders will review propose bike routes and safety recommendations in the next 2 months, including safety signs.
- c. Randy Ognio -
- SR 85 road condition in front of Kroger remains bad. Mr. Hindman said the City and GDOT are aware and speculated if a proper fix is being delayed because of the widening project. J.T. Rabun said paving will not solve the issue. It needs to be reconstructed. All agreed to raise the issue during the September meeting with GDOT.
  - SR 279 needs repaving from Old National to Hwy 314. Resurfacing work is maintenance projects, and we can reach out to the Maintenance team.
  - Suggested the Committee prepare a list of items to send to GDOT by August meeting.
  - There is still a need for a SR 85 southbound turn lane extension at the Ellis Road traffic signal. This could be a quick response project.
  - Mr. Hindman reported Ellis Road and SR 85 for the pothole.
  - There was heavy traffic during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the Night Market, McIntosh HS, and Starr's Mill HS. PTC handled it well on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
  - Mr. Ognio said the SR 54 and SR 74 remains another issue to resolve. Mr. Ungaro drove a displaced left turn lane that worked well in Norfolk, Virginia. Traffic moved well and mentioned it could move well at this intersection.

## 8. Unfinished Business

- a. Safe Streets for All – Draft scope of work presented by Mrs. Kimbell.
  - County plans for draft RFP to be out soon. The County will send out to the committee first before finalizing.
  - Mr. Mallon presented intersections that could be studied, and Mr. Hindman mentioned that Gingercake Rd and SR 54 should be added to the list.
  - Mr. Rabun mentioned that a quick safety measure could be adding 2 ft shoulders to help prevent injuries and fatalities. Mr. Rabun also mentioned starting an inventory of lane widths throughout the County. He also mentioned that the striping industry has developed noise generating striping, which could be another quick project to help with Safety.
  - Mr. Larson suggest adding corridor studies.
  - Committee talked about dropping the two intersections – SR 54 and SR 74 along with SR 54 and SR 85. The reasoning that these locations have already received attention in the past and have larger capacity issues rather than safety. They would still be considered along with all other intersections in the County, but not highlighted.
  - Mr. Larson mentioned adding golf cart paths and mentioning rural areas and speeding in the RFP.
  - Mr. Mallon noted that the County would send a draft RFP to the group.
  - Mr. Mallon also mentioned that this Safety Action Plan deals with policy changes, not just project recommendations.

## 9. New Business

- a. Inman Road Planning Study – Mrs. Kimbell presented the draft existing condition section of the study. See attached slides for project information.
- b. Traffic Data Report – Mrs. Kimbell provided a draft Traffic Data report to the committee for comment. Data from Hampton Road west was used for the example. Suggestions were made for the wording and presentation of data. It was agreed that this is not an engineering report but rather a document for the public. County staff will revise and share version 2 at the next meeting.

## 10. Adjournment – @ 3:07 pm by Tigert/Hindman.