

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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**Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2023 at 1:30 PM**

*Special Meeting Location*

Peachtree City – City Hall

151 Willowbend Road

Peachtree City, GA 30269

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1. Welcome and Introductions – Mayor Learnard
  2. Call to Order – **Maurice Ungaro @ 1:31pm**
  3. Ascertainment of Quorum 11 of 11 members present, including **Maurice Ungaro, Chris Hindman, John Schnick (for David Borkowski), Caitlin Storc, Jaimi Tapp, Sgt. Kris Purkey, Martin Sas, J.T. Rabun, Phil Mallon, Paola Kimbell, and Vanessa Tigert.**
  4. Approval of Agenda – **Rabun/Tigert (11:0)**
  5. Approval of August 2023 Meeting Minutes – **Rabun/Sas (10:0:1) Jaimi Tapp abstain.**
  6. Report of Committee Members
    - a. Brooks – **Maurice Ungaro**, Brooks Town Manager
      - o No updates
    - b. Fayette County - **Phil Mallon**, Director of Public Works
      - i. David Haynes at the ARC has been promoted to a new position dedicated to helping local governments secure discretionary funding opportunities. This position is one of the efforts ARC is doing to help the Atlanta region compete for Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) money.
      - ii. GDOT is accepting applications for their Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council Grant Program. Due 12/1/23.
      - iii. ARC is conducting Metropolitan Transportation Plan Community Engagement Activities this Fall. An event is scheduled in on October 4<sup>th</sup>.
      - iv. East Fayetteville Bypass – GDOT met with the USACOE to discuss responsibilities for a covenant amendment. GDOT is meeting internally this month to discuss the next steps. No action needed by County.
      - v. Redwine Road Roundabout – partial intersection closure is anticipated in the next few months to allow for grading and storm pipe installation. Fayette County is working with the Contractor to

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set dates and get word out to the BOE and homeowners. Mr. Hindman request Fayette County Public Works coordinate closing dates with him due to Grady Avenue Roundabout resurfacing closure in the future.

- c. Fayetteville - **Chris Hindman**, Director of Public Services
    - No updates
  - d. Peachtree City - **John Schnick** , Assistant City Engineer
    - No updates
  - e. Tyrone – **Jaimi Tapp**, Citizen, Town of Tyrone
    - No updates
  - f. Woolsey - **Caitlin Storc**, Citizen, Town of Woolsey
    - No updates
  - g. Sheriff's Office – **Sgt. Kris Purkey**, Fayette County Sheriff's Office
    - No updates
  - h. Water System - **Vanessa Tigert**, Director of Water System
    - No updates
  - i. Citizen Representative
    - No updates
7. Public Comment
- **Keith Larson** –
  - Peachtree City has installed four LED flashing stops signs.
  - Mr. Larson informed committee Peachtree City is being recognized for the 4<sup>th</sup> time for League of Bicyclist Community.
8. Unfinished Business - None
9. New Business
- a. GDOT Project Updates – **Tyler Peek, P.E.**, GDOT District 3
    - **Fayetteville – SR 85 south widening (PI 321960)**
    - The concept has been approved from Price Road to Grady Avenue for SR 85 widening but funding is not available until 2031-2034. They also noted that the Environmental studies would probably have to be repeated since these were done years ago.
    - Project is currently funded with State funds for \$10 million but Mr. Peek recommends identifying other funding sources, mainly federal funds. Mr. Mallon asked if TIP solicitation would be an option to pursue and GDOT agreed that it could be a possible option.
    - Mr. Hindman expressed maintenance concerns and GDOT noted these maintenance improvement concerns can be identified in the interim by resurfacing or treating other spots.
    - Mr. Hindman suggested it would be ideal to get vehicles to Hwy 92.
    - Mr. Mallon asked if the design work-to-date supported a federal-aid project based on the projected cost versus benefits. Mr. Peek replied it

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does have a favorable cost/benefit ratio but there are other projects with higher need and/or C/B ratio.

- ***PTC – SR 54 and SR 74 Displace Turn Lane (PI 0013726)***
  - The Displace Turn Lane final plans are final, and the project should be let for construction in October.
  - This is expected to be a 30-month construction timeframe starting in early FY 2024.
  
- ***County – SR 74 and SR 85 Interchange (PI 07841)***
  - This project is scheduled to be let next summer (July 2024) with construction starting in FY 2025.
  - Final plans have been submitted and the team is acquiring Right of Way.
  - GDOT noted that this project is in District 7 and that they are aware that there are some financial commitments and funding deadlines.
  
- ***County – Coastline Road Bridge (PI 015647)***
  - This project was let in July 2023 and Coastline Bridge is presently closed with demolition work expected to start soon.
  - GDOT is expecting for this bridge to be open for traffic late summer next year.
  - The Contractor is Southeastern Site Development, and the project cost is approximately \$4 million.
  
- ***County – McDonough Road at Flint River (PI 0016579)***
  - This project is currently in the preliminary plan phase with Right of Way scheduled for FY 2025 and construction in FY 2026.
  - The weight limit posting of the bridge was recently increased based on a re-evaluation by GDOT, at Fayette County request.
  
- ***County – Resurfacing (PI 0017812)***
  - Local let project for May 2024 with 9 locations identified.
  
- ***County – SR 279 and Corinth Road (PI 0017813)***
  - This project currently anticipates for the Concept Report to approved in early 2024.
  - Right of Way is scheduled for FY 2026 and Construction for FY 2028.
  - This is a Local design and funded through the ARC.
  
- ***County – SR 85 and SR 279 to Clayton (PI 0721290)***
  - Ms. Tigert noted the Water System is moving multiple lines.



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- This project was let in May 2023 and awarded in June 2023 to C.W. Matthews with a cost of \$53 million for construction. This project is expected completion of Summer 2026.
  - This project is in District 7.
- b. GDOT Questions & Answers
- ***PTC – Huddleston Road dual left turn lanes***
- c. Daniel Trevorrow (GDOT D3 Traffic Engineer) confirmed the signal plan for this project has been approved.
- d. Peachtree City noted there is a possibility of continuing this project without funding. It was noted that the mechanism equipment cost would most likely need funding.
- e. The current plan for this project is to eliminate the through lane and install two dual left turn lanes.
- f. GDOT is currently waiting on Peachtree City to request a permit. The project will stop/prohibit through movements across SR 74.
- ***PTC – SR 54 multi-use path bridge at Lake Peachtree***
- g. GDOT is currently reviewing the latest submission with the last few comments need to be addresses. Approval is expected in the next week or two.
- ***PTC – SR 74 damaged sound wall replacement***
- h. GDOT said the replacement of the damaged sound wall will happen, but there is a delay with getting the material and finding a manufacture to supply the material needed.
- ***Fayetteville – SR 85 LTLs onto Ellis Road***
- i. It was noted that the turn lane from SR 85 onto Ellis Road does not have enough capacity and an inquiry for review was started.
- j. GDOT mentioned this could probably a quick response project, budget depending.
- k. Mr. Trevorrow noted that an existing drainage structure may limit what can be within the constraints of a quick response project.
- ***County – SR 279 capacity or operational improvements***
- l. Mr. Mallon said there are growing citizen requests for safety and operational improvements along SR 279 between 138 and 314. These would be improvements in addition to the existing SR 279 and Corinth Road project.
- m. Mr. Peek recommends scoping work before requesting funds for the PE phase.

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- Mr. Mallon asked how GDOT tracks and evaluates growth from annual regional increases (background) versus DRI growth.
- Ms. Storc noted that some locals have been successful in getting upgrades via Planning and Zoning. She also noted she would like to know how we study and comprehensively evaluate traffic impacts.
- GDOT confirmed that a left turn lane could not be a quick response, but other quick response projects can be reviewed in the interim.
  
- **County – DRIs, McDonough Road and the East Fayetteville Bypass**
- County is currently working on the East Fayetteville Bypass Project to potentially help alleviate traffic on McDonough Road.
- The McDonough Widening Project lost funding, but it was mentioned that there is still a need for this project.
- The DRI in Henry County (The Grove) and now smaller DRI both adding traffic on McDonough Road, with the projected traffic to double.
  
- **Brooks – Parallel Paths –**
- Currently, there has not been a submittal by any city/town for this Parallel Path project; however, Senoia has reached out to inquire for more information.
- GDOT recently added a new policy in July of 2019 (77-1 parallel path) that addresses paths and motorized cart use inside a state R/W.
- Mr. Ungaro noted that the path needs to be outside the clear zone.
  
- **County – Inman Road and Goza Road –**
- GDOT mentioned that a signal is not warranted, and this intersection has not been reviewed in the last year and a half.
- GDOT noted that a roundabout is preferred fix if funding were available.
  
- **County – SR 85 and New Hope Road (RCut) –**
- The contract for this quick response project is expected to start within the next week or so. GDOT will notify Mr. Hindman.

### Comments:

- **County Chairman Lee Hearn –**
- Fayette has a long-standing relationship with Mr. Peek and GDOT and worked together on many partnerships.
  
- **Dennis McEntire, State Transportation Board Member –**
- Appreciates this group that meets routinely.
  
- **Mr. Larson –**

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- Fayette County recently completed the CTP with goal to improve connectivity of paths. Mr. Larson noted he has found a new policy on multi-use paths from July 2019 with guidance on local-funded paths within state highways and right of ways. Mr. Larson also noted that the policy allows for golf carts on the paths. Mr. Trevorrow doesn't think GDOT District 3 has permitted motorized vehicles in the state route right of way since policy adoption. It was also noted that Local ordinances must govern the drivers, as PTC already has. Mr. Larson mentioned that there could be multiple potential applications from County and Cities. Paths must be outside the clear zone, per the Parallel Path Policy.

c. Peachtree City Accessible Trail Marking Report (**Keith Larson**)

Mr. Larson provided a presentation highlighting work recently completed on several Peachtree City trails. The work was funded through grant and utilized a lot of volunteer labor.

- The project was identified by Bike-Walk Fayette in the Active Community Action Plan for Peachtree City.
- There are six accessible trails marked: Somerby Woods, Flat Creek Nature, Luther Glass Pond, Line Creek Nature, Spyglass Island, and Huddleston Pond.
- New trail signs are updated to dynamic active accessibility, with post rebar anchored for longevity.
- "Paths to the Future in Peachtree City" published in January 2023.
- Audit was based on an AARP tool and worksheets but no natural surfaces and multi-use paths. Mr. Larson created new forms that have been accepted by AARP.

10. Adjournment - @ 2:42pm by Tiger/Hindman (11:0)