

FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2024 at 1:30 PM

Water System
245 McDonough Road, Fayetteville, GA 30214

1. Call to Order -**Maurice Ungaro @1:30pm**
2. Ascertainment of Quorum – Maurice Ungaro, Cajen Rhodes (for Chris Hindman), David Borkowski, Jaimi Tapp, Caitlin Storc, Sgt Kris Purkey Martin Sas, J.T. Rabun, Phil Mallon, Paola Kimbell, and Vanessa Tigert.
3. Approval of Agenda – **Motion to accept agenda by Tigert/Storc was approved (11:0).**
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes -Motion to accept both sets of Meeting Minutes by Mallon/Sas was approved (11:0).
 - i. February 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - ii. March 2024 Meeting Minutes
5. Report of Committee Members
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 - a. Brooks – **Maurice Ungaro, Brooks Town Manager**
 - i. Added a solar LED stop sign at Brooks Rd and Hwy 85S Connector.
 - ii. Preliminary work has been completed for the roundabout on Brooks Rd and Hwy 85 Connector. Survey completed for Right of Way and ROW acquisition.
 - iii. Local Road Assistance (LRA) funding through the LMIG program has been received.
 - iv. With LRA funds two projects are slated.
 - i. Traffic island at the intersection of W. McIntosh Rd and Hwy 85 Connector, will include a pedestrian refuge island and will connect to the 2023 SPLOST project of extending sidewalks to downtown Brooks.
 - ii. Placement of perpendicular parking on Church Alley.
 - b. Fayette County -**Phil Mallon, Director of Public Works**
 - i. Introduced and welcomed new hire Lesley Peters. Mrs. Peters is the Administrative Assistant for Public Works and will help with Transportation Committee activities.

- ii.** The BOC's Annual Retreat will be next Thursday, May 16, 2024.
 - i. The BOC will review expenditures and remaining funds of the three SPLOST programs (2004, 2017, and 2023). Staff is recommending a reallocation to spend the oldest money first, where possible.
- iii.** Hwy 85 Connector traffic signal project
 - i. The traffic signal project is in the design stage, and the project's scope conflicts with the SR 85 bridge replacement project. The GDOT bridge team has agreed that, if possible, they will incorporate the scope of work for the signal project into the bridge project (PI 013734). Staff is working now to acquire the ROW for the project.
- iv.** Hampton Road
 - i. There have been four crashes at the Hampton Road/SR 92 intersection onto the 125 Hill Avenue property over the past two decades. Fayette County has increased the size of the stop signs and added strobe lights to better alert drivers approaching the stop. GDOT stated that they will place a larger bi-directional sign.
 - ii. Woolsey Roundabout project – Due to several delays and staff changes, the decisions and designs for the roundabout are being relooked at with GDOT and County Staff. We are awaiting revised drawings from the consultant for further discussion.
 - iii. The reconstruction of Hampton Road from 92 to Antioch Rd is happening this May. The Contract has been let and the contractor has some flexibility on when the work is complete.
- v.** Redwine Roundabout – The project is nearly complete. Paths are paved, sod is being installed, and staff is working with the Contactor on punch-list items.
- vi.** Redwine Path – The project is substantially complete except for the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon across Redwine near Quarters Road. The Contractor is waiting on equipment to come in and it may be a few weeks before it is operable.
- vii.** Tyrone & Flat Creek Trail – The signal installation project is complete and no further work (e.g., timing studies) are planned right now. Mr. Mallon asked the Committee to pass along observations on the intersection's effectiveness as they use it.

- viii.** For the municipalities participating in the Federal Aid Resurfacing (PI 001781) Project, it is prepared to let for construction this summer. Staff will inform the committee when it is let for bid. We anticipate the work will happen in the Fall of 2024 or Spring 2025.
- ix.** Redwine Tunnel Project – The tunnel will not be installed this summer prior to the start of school in August as originally hoped. Fayette County met with PTC and the BOE and made a recommendation to the BOC to let this project for construction as soon as possible.
- x.** A citizen requested consideration of No-Left Turns from Flat Creek onto SR 54. After some discussion, there was general Committee support to consider making this location an R-Cut. Mr. Borkowski informed the committee of an agreement in place between PTC and Fayetteville for a Corridor Study/Connectivity Study from Eastern Fayetteville through Western PTC along Hwy 54. The next step is to get GDOT’s input. The committee agreed that the no left turn onto Hwy 54 from Flat Creek should be a part of the study.
- xi.** Mr. Mallon provided information on a funding opportunity for a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) update. The work would focus on the central part of the county to comprehensively evaluate the impacts of recent and proposed development on the transportation network (including impacts of US Soccer, QTS, Trilith, Trilith Studios, etc.). This will ensure that intersections and capacity meet traffic demands.
- c. Fayetteville –Cajen Rhodes, Deputy Director of Public Works**

 - i.** The new multi-use path from Lester Road to the hospital is open, except for bridge over SR 54. The City is planning on a ribbon cutting ceremony in June.
 - ii.** The pavement SR 85 South near the Summit Point area is experiencing severe base failure. GDOT has repaired some of the potholes but has not completed all repairs. Fayetteville is working with GDOT towards a permanent fix which might include FDR. There was committee support to push GDOT for action.
- d. Peachtree City – David Borkowski, City Engineer**

 - i.** Crosstown/Peachtree Parkway roundabout –will update council on May 16th on the cost of the project.
 - ii.** Hwy 54/74 DLT project is moving ahead. Lots of progress already as they have started to widen out the intersection.
 - iii.** Pedestrian beacon going up on North Peachtree Parkway near Kedron Boat ramp. Hopefully will be operable in the next few weeks.
 - iv.** Lake Peachtree /SR 54 bridge project is underway. Lanes have been shifted to allow for the cranes to come through.

- v. Mr. Mallon informed the committee that GRTA had a meeting for Benister development (DRI # 4164). The Committee agreed that the DRI should be a topic in a future meeting.

e. Tyrone – Jaimi Tapp, Citizen

- i. Tyrone is moving forward on the downtown streetscaping and crosswalk project. It is under construction and should be completed in 90 days.
- ii. DRI Jenkins and 54 - the Greenway project will be under construction in July.
- iii. Tyrone's Data center - the land was purchased by the Fayette County Development Authority, but Mrs. Tapp had no further information.
- iv. Several resurfacing projects are underway that will start in the next few weeks.
- v. Tyrone completed the design and land acquisition for the multiuse path for Spencer to Senoia Road.
- vi. Tyrone and Fayette County met with the BOE to review the path projects along and near Jenkins Road and the school complex.

f. Woolsey- Cailin Storc, Citizen

- i. Mr. Ungaro announced this will be Mrs. Storc's last meeting.
- ii. Mrs. Storc requested the committee consider noise levels coming from SR 92 with the construction of the roundabout. Noise from SR 92 has been measured at over 80 decibels. There was discussion on if the roundabout and slower travel speeds would reduce noise. Suggestions for landscaping (possible grant money) or other barriers were made that could deflect sounds. Mayor Laggis said that would be something that could be discussed with the residents on Hill Avenue.
- iii. Mayor Gary Laggis said he met with Patti Pittman the previous day to discuss pathways to schools.

g. Sheriff's Office – SGT Kris Purkey

- i. No update.

h. Water System- Vanessa Tigert, Director of Water System

- i. No update.

7. Public Comment

a. Keith Larson

- i. Complimented the County staff on the Bernhard Road paving project.

- ii. Mr. Larson suggested advisory signs on Goza road to take a left onto Bernard for PTC and Senoia. Mr. Mallon stated that the sign suggestion is part of the proposal to GDOT.
- b. Randy Ognio –
 - i. Mr. Ognio encourages Mr. Ungaro to contact GDOT about fixing the State Roads due to their poor conditions, which includes SR 85S, SR 314, and SR 279.
 - ii. Mr. Ognio asked if there will be a temporary bridge at Rising Starr or will the traffic be rerouted. Mr. Mallon said they will provide a temporary bridge for an on-site detour.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Mrs. Kimbell updated the committee on the selection of Pond as the consultant for the Safety Action Plan. The study should be completed by June 2025. The first step is to create the Project Management Team (PMT) and then the stakeholder group. A third “Law Enforcement and Emergency Responder” group will meet as well with focused safety discussion from their perspectives. Mr. Mallon encouraged the municipalities to have their emergency representatives participate.

9. New Business

- a. Bike – Ped Update Presentation: Bike – **Walk Fayette, Mr. Keith Larson**
 - i. Local National Bike Month Events – Keith is president of the Southside Cycling Club. They have over 190 members in Fayette. List of events in May. Ride of Silence on May 15. A Brooks Century ride is planned on May 18 from 8:00 to 3:30. Over 150 riders have registered with options for a 12, 25, 37, 65 and 100-mile rides.
 - ii. ARC Active Transportation Planning – Six meetings planned in 2024. May 14 is focused on ADA and PROWAG and is a virtual meeting.
 - iii. Fayette County Proposed Bicycle Routes – GA state designated bike routes in 1997 and 2010; are all on state routes(e.g. 85, 314, etc.). This requires the road to have bike lane and designated bike route signs. Only 85 and 74 comply.

Consider signs on designated bike routes. Custom signs are OK.
Route numbers are set by us.

Proposed Action – Identify destinations, show on map with signs. Get County review and approval. Submit to ARC and include with future grant requests.
 - iv. Rail To Trails Overview

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Big growth in trail projects across the country. See the Man O'War project and several others in different States. Examples:

The Westside beltline initiative is to connect with Silver Comet (by 2026 World Cup).

Silver Comet – positive quality of life and economic impact.

Kenwood Trail is an existing Rail to Trail project (in Kenwood Park).

Rail to Trail along SR 92 from Inman to Woolsey.

The Norfolk Southern RR line through Brooks has a typical 100' right of way. The project goal is 30-mile path. Approximately 90% of rail to trail projects are not paved. Getting easements from Norfolk Southern is the big challenge.

v. Trilith Initiative

US Soccer. Bentonville, Arkansas is a benchmark to reach. Trilith has goal to connect to US Soccer along Veterans Parkway and along Hood Road, over the creek, to downtown Fayetteville and south to the Hospital.

Keith proposes bike lanes (not paths) along Veterans and over the existing bridge.

- b. 2024 ARC TIP Solicitation – Mr. Mallon gave an overview of the presentation given to BOC on April 23, 2024.**

10. Adjournment - @ 3:30pm Tigert (11:0)

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