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## FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**Meeting Minutes** 

October 01, 2024 at 1:30 PM

Peachtree City Hall

151 Willowbend Road

Peachtree City, GA 30269

- 1. Call to Order Maurice Ungaro @ 1:33 pm
- **2.** Ascertainment of Quorum Maurice Ungaro, Cajen Rhodes, David Borkowski, Phillip Trocquet, J.T. Rabun, Phil Mallon, Paola Kimbell, Gary Liggins
- **3.** Approval of Agenda- Motion to accept agenda by Rabun/Trocquet was approved (8:0).
- **4.** Approval of Meeting Minutes Motion to accept September minutes by Rabun/Trocquet was approved (8:0).
- **5.** Report of Committee Members
  - a. Brooks Maurice Ungaro, Brooks Town Manager
    - No update.
  - b. Fayette County Phil Mallon, Public Works
    - The staff recommendations for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) have been delayed until later this month.
    - Award of the construction contract for the Starrs Mill Tunnel project was approved by the BOC on September 26, 2024.
    - The Federal Aid Resurfacing Project bid opening has been delayed until October 1, 2024.
    - Fayette County activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in response to storm Helene. Public Works responded to 39 service requests, which included 33 downed trees and 6 drainage issues; and continuing post – event inspections of bridges and culverts.

- GDOT has provided comments regarding the design update for Hwy 92 and Hampton Road. Fayette County will continue to work with Croy to modify the designs to reflect a true bypass lane for the roundabout.
- The SR 85 and Hwy 85 Connector signal project is ongoing. Fayette County is working on the required hydrology report to obtain the encroachment permit. The equipment donation from GDOT has been approved but the fiscal year for the project has not been identified.
- c. Fayetteville Cajen Rhodes, Assistant Director, Public Services
  - Fayetteville storm response was minimal with 5 downed trees, 3 clogged drains and some debris removal.
  - A large, downed tree caused the closure of Beauregard Rd on Friday.
    Due to the size of the tree, the removal was outsourced.
  - The Soccer sewer project bid opening is October 1, 2024.
  - The Mainstreet Alleyway project is ongoing.
- d. Peachtree City David Borkowski, City Engineer
  - Peachtree City received 60 calls for service request for fallen trees and flooding. As a result of storm Helene several pedestrian bridges and tunnels in low laying areas were closed. The City was able to reopen all pathways by September 30, 2024.
- e. Tyrone Phillip Trocquet, Assistant Town Manager
  - Public Works received up to a dozen calls for service request related to the storm.
  - The land acquisition for the roundabout for Meadow Road, Spencer Lane, and Arrowood Road is complete, the notice to bid will go out by mid-October.
  - Land acquisition on the multi-use path that will run adjacent to SR 74 ramp to connect Senoia Road to the Publix, has been suspended due to possible rezoning.
  - The Dogwood Trail repaying project has been awarded.
  - The Tyrone city limit sign landscaping project located on SR 74 will go out to bid soon.
- f. Woolsey Gary Liggins, Mayor

- Minimal damage due to the storm, with no service request.
- Introduced the new citizen representative Karen Graiser who will be joining the Transportation Committee in December.
- g. Fayette County Water System
  - No update
- h. Fayette County Sheriff's Office
  - No update
- i. Citizen Representative
  - No update
- 6. Public Comment

Randy Ogino - Citizen

- Expressed gratitude to the personnel and crews who worked during and after the storm to ensure that the roadways were clear.
- Requested feedback on why GDOT had not completed the patchwork along parts of SR 85.
- Requested information on GDOTs plan to improve traffic on state routes in Fayette County.

## Clint Holland -Peachtree City Council

- Met with Tyrone's Mayor and discussed transit issues along Crabapple Lane and Dogwood Trail with a desire to connect paths from Tyrone to Peachtree City.
- 7. Unfinished Business None
- 8. New Business
  - a. GDOT Presentation and Q&A
    - i. Crystal Ives-Powell, District Traffic Engineer
    - ii. Rubin McCullors, Area Engineer

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- 1. Discussed GDOTs collaborative efforts with the City of Fayetteville to repair holes near the intersection of SR 85 and SR 92. There are concerns due to a sewer that runs underneath portions of that road and GDOT has requested that the City of Fayetteville conduct an inspection of that area before moving forward with any repairs.
- 2. The displaced left turn project at SR 74 and SR 54 is ongoing. The current focus is utility relocations, installing storm drains and concrete work. The project is approximately 15 percent complete. A temporary signal will be installed soon.
- 3. The Starr's Mill Bridge replacement has been delayed due to revisions of the temporary bridge. The temporary bridge should be installed by the end of November 2024. The completion of the new bridge install will be in 2025.
- 4. Construction of the SR 74 at I-85: Interchange Improvements is slated for completion winter of 2027.
- 5. The widening of SR 85 project in Clayton County, includes the bridge located in Fayette County and is approximately 20 percent complete. The desired completion date is 2026.
- 6. Several Quick Response projects within the County: In Peachtree City at SR 54 and Marketplace with a signal upgrade. In Fayetteville, SR 54 and Ginger Cake also a signal upgrade, which should be turned on by next week. SR 279 Corridor with right hand bypass lane and left turn lane to improve traffic flow.
- 7. The construction of QTS, has caused a significant increase of traffic along SR 54 and Tyrone Road. GDOT has placed a temporary protected turn on the westbound approach so that the south entrance to the data center can allow for a U-turn upon exiting. The additional traffic queueing is now due to the second entrance being open and traffic westbound on SR 54 is attempting to make a right turn onto Tyrone Road. GDOT and Fayetteville are working with QTS to find solutions to the traffic issues.
- 8. The catch basin at the corner of SR 54 and Tyrone Road has been damaged and the City of Fayetteville has requested that GDOT inspect the basin. GDOT stated that the catch basin is being evaluated for an upgrade.
- 9. Discussed the signalization of the intersection of Palmetto/Tyrone Road and Senoia Road. Due to the impact on traffic, Tyrone requested assistance with the timing of SR 74 signals. GDOT has agreed to assist. The project should commence in approximately six months.
- 10. The City of Fayetteville requested an update from GDOT on the status of repaving/repairing portions of SR 85 in the vicinity of Summit Point. GDOT stated that there has been a budget request to pave large portions of SR 85. Mr. Rabun recommended that GDOT conduct a Full -Depth Reclamation (FDR).
- 11. GDOT will follow up with the committee on the status of PI321960, SR 85 widening project.
- 12. Discussed the McDonough Road bridge replacement and GDOT stated that there has been a plan review as well as an onsite review. Mr. Mallon stated that a Bridge Foundation Investigation (BFI) is currently being conducted. Mr. Mallon also informed the committee that Clayton County has also requested funding to conduct a road widening project on McDonough Road.
- **9.** Adjournment at 2:21 pm Trocquet/Rabun (8:0)