

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2008
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SPARTANBURG COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers, Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building. Chairman Billy Painter presided. The following members were present: Tom Arthur, Sam Evatt, Mike Garrett, Steve McAbee, Les Mitchell, Hal Murphy, John Throckmorton, and Hubert Boyd Waldrop.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notices of this meeting were mailed in advance to county officials, local news media, citizens, and other interested persons.

Item # 1 - Approval of January 17, 2008 meeting minutes

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve the January 17, 2008 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 2 - Financial Report – Mrs. Sabrina Dickens Mason

Mrs. Sabrina Mason reports the total unobligated funds as of March 31, 2008 were \$1,458,889.33. This includes user fees through February. There will be another four months of user fees collected for fiscal year 2008. The estimated unobligated funds at the end of fiscal year 2008 are \$3,584,257.50 which includes donor funds.

Item # 3 - Update on active projects – Mr. Eddie Speed

The Windmill at Compton Bridge Road construction is approximately 95% complete. Paving is completed. The shoulder work and grassing remains to be completed.

The Peachtree Road @ Bible Church Road project is going out for bids with the pre-bid scheduled for April 24.

Right-of-way agents have informed Mr. Speed that the owner has signed an agreement for purchase of the right-of-way for the Woodburn Road @ Fernwood Drive project.

The SC 296 @ Shenandoah project right turn lane was to begin on April 7, but will begin on Monday. The contractor was hung up on two or three other projects.

The right-of-way person has almost all the title research completed on ten parcels for the SC 358 @ Hampton Road project.

The title search has been completed on two parcels of right-of-way for the Cherry Hill Road @ Old Converse Road project. A meeting has been scheduled with the two property owners.

The “C” Fund paving is about 80 – 85% complete.

About half of the right-of-way has been secured for the Fairforest Road widening project.

The Willis Road shared path is about 70% complete. A new paver has been ordered that will do small areas, and the telephone company needs to move about three poles before the project can proceed.

Item # 4 - Recommended projects from Advisory Committee – Mike Garrett

a. Brockman-McClimon Road bridge replacement @ \$303,000

The Brockman-McClimon Road Bridge is located in the southwestern part of the County near Highway 417 @ 146 intersection. A creek flows underneath the road to the Enoree River. The road is going to be a very important road in the transportation system running from Highway 417 to I-85. The narrow bridge is an old concrete arch bridge located in a curve. The Enoree River, at flood stage, floods over the roadway. The curve will be straightened out and the bridge will be raised above the 100 year flood level to correct the problem.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$760,000. Spartanburg County Road fee has approved \$457,000 towards the project in this year’s budget. Spartanburg County is asking CTC to contribute \$303,000 to permit the project to go ahead. Actually, the project is now being

designed using the Road Fee funding. The Advisory Committee voted to recommend the project to the CTC for consideration of approval.

Tom Arthur moved to accept the recommendation to fund the Brockman McClimon Road bridge replacement at \$303,000. Steve McAbee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b. Installation of Sidewalks in the Town of Reidville Streetscape @ \$20,000

Previously a state representative requested a portion of his set-aside funds to construct a crossover on Highway 221. The project proved not feasible, therefore never materialized. The project has been closed out and funding put back into the general funds.

Funds have been requested by Representative Keith Kelly for the Town of Reidville main street streetscape.

John Throckmorton moved to approve \$20,000 for the Town of Reidville main street streetscape project. Hugh Waldrop seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c. State Match Program overrun. Project number 05013 @ \$41,000

This request is to cover an overrun on the 2005 state match program that included four projects. The SC 296 @ S 62 intersection improvement at went over budget by \$19,076.52. The SC 357 @ Gap Creek project went over budget by \$210,999.85 due to additional leveling. The SC 295 @ Hayne Street project was under budget by \$86,321.85. The SC 9 @ McMillan project was under budget by \$102,825.00 making a total overrun of \$40,929.52.

Sam Evatt moved to approve \$40,929.52 to cover the overrun on the projects. Steve McAbee seconded the budget. The motion carried.

d. Reconstruction of Orchard Park Boulevard – up to \$25,000

Funds have been previously approved for improvements to the intersection at Blackstock Road and John Martin Road. John Martin Road was extended over to Orchard Park Boulevard. Orchard Park Boulevard is presently a privately owned road in the Orchard Business Park. Traffic is flowing out to the industrial park using Orchard Park Boulevard. The County would like to rebuild the roadway and take into their system. The present owner of the roadway has offered to partner with the county by providing \$30,000 towards reconstructing the roadway at an estimated cost of \$65,000. A left turn lane could possibly be feasible if the right-of-way is available. A traffic signal has already been requested by the county.

John Throckmorton moved to approve up to \$25,000 to rebuild Orchard Park Boulevard and possibly construct a left turn lane. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Kevin Carper Memorial Bridge at I-85 and Highway 129 sign @ \$500

The SCDOT has requested \$500 for signs to dedicate the bridge at I-85 @ Highway 129 as the Kevin Carper Memorial Bridge. The CTC is required by statute to conform to this request. Funding was approved by acclamation.

Item # 5 - New Business

Tom Arthur made a motion to accept appropriate matching funds if they are made available through the SCDOT. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 6 - Old Business

The Advisory committee has been working on a prioritization list of projects for future consideration of the CTC. The information will be addressed at the July CTC meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, Attested