

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
April 20, 2006
County Council Chambers
Spartanburg County Administration Office Building

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, April 20, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers, Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building. In the absence of Chairman Billy Painter, Vice Chairman Sam Evatt presided. The following members were present: Tom Arthur, Leland Harvey, Hal Murphy, John Throckmorton, Hugh Waldrop and Bud Workman.

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 19, 2006 meeting minutes

Bud Workman made a motion to approve the January 19, 2006, meeting minutes as printed. Tom Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 2 – Financial Report – Mrs. Sabrina Mason

The total unobligated funds as of March 31, 2006 are \$527,046.89, which includes user fees and interest through February. The estimated unobligated funds at the end of fiscal year 2006 are \$1,350,264.99.

Item # 3 – Update of projects – Mr. Eddie Speed

Engineering is continuing the Overall Condition Index (OCI) inspections.

Willis Road – Sloan Construction was the low bidder. A “Kick-Off Meeting” was held on April 10th regarding all utilities. Road signs were installed yesterday, and the culvert

construction began today.

The C Fund paving began. Half of the Municipal resurfacing has been completed.

Caldwell Drive is about 90% complete.

Surveys for the State Match Program have been received from the Highway Department and given to the consultant.

Hopefully, preliminary drawings should be received within the next week on Gap Creek and Highway 357, and the week after that on Highway 292 and 62. Hopefully, in about three or four months, these projects can go out for bids.

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

The following projects were presented to the committee:

a) Intersection Improvements Spartanburg Exchange Village at US 29 - \$63,958

This is a new development, located across from Gibbs International. Right and left turn lanes are to be constructed, along with a deceleration lane. This project was requested by the Highway Department. The Advisory Committee decided this project would be a safety and economic development project because of the multi-use complex (commercial and residential) being constructed.

John Throckmorton questioned that sometimes there is a development and the developer pays for all the road improvements; and, other times there are developments that the highway department gets involved with and request help with public funds.

This issue was discussed in the Advisory meetings, however, the complex would create a number of jobs, and a tremendous amount of homes would be constructed bringing revenue into the county. This scenario led the Advisory committee to decide the project would be an economic development project. The cost of the project far exceeds the requested funds.

b) Transfer of Representative Talley’s set-aside funds from Reidville road beautification to Willis Road bike/walking path - \$51,120

A letter was received regarding this request. The Advisory Committee recommended this project to the full committee for approval.

c) Designation of I-26 at Reidville Road bridge as the “PFC Michael Scott Adam Memorial Bridge” sign - \$500

All accompanying resolutions have been received from the General Assembly and the highway department. The Advisory Committee recommended approval as stated in the SC Code of Laws.

d) Transfer of \$33,440 in Representative Ralph Davenport's set-aside funds from traffic signal work to sidewalk repairs on Mills Avenue in the City of Inman

This request was made by the City of Inman and approved by Representative Davenport. The Advisory Committee recommended approval from the full committee.

e) Spartanburg Regional Medical Center – Relocation of Abner Creek Road intersection – Not to exceed \$100,000 and subject to construction beginning in 2006

Drawing plans show construction of three intersections relocating Westmoreland Drive from Highway 14 to Abner Creek Road and reconnecting to Westmoreland Drive. Matthew Van Patten, presented during the Advisory Committee meeting requesting the CTC allocate \$100,000 this year, \$75,000 in 2007, and \$75,000 in 2008. However, the committee would not commit future monies and recommend the full committee approve \$100,000 for the intersection improvement near Highway 14 subject to construction beginning in 2006.

The campus will include retail shops, and doctors will rent spaces generating revenue – a new concept with the hospital facilities.

Questions and concerns arose regarding the CTC partially funding a private for-profit firm using taxpayers money for an economic development project.

f) Intersection improvements Windmill Hill Road and Compton Bridge Road – Match of \$250,000

Spartanburg County is requesting the CTC match \$250,000 to improve the intersection of Windmill Hill Road at Compton Bridge Road. This will be a 50/50 match with the County road fee money.

Left turn lanes will be constructed on Compton Bridge and Howard Gap Road. A study is being completed to determine if a signal will be warranted. Overrun responsibility was not discussed at the Advisory Committee meeting.

g) Intersection improvements at Peachtree Road and Bible Church Road – Match of \$250,000.

Spartanburg County is requesting the CTC match \$250,000 to improve the intersection of Peachtree Road at Bible Church Road. Five different roads come to a point.

h) Adding Simuel Road to SMP 06 paving

Monies were left over in the resurfacing program this year, and the state is requesting to add Simuel Road. Simuel has an overall condition index (OCI) of approximately 20.

i) Representative Joe Mahaffey set-aside for 2006 – repair sidewalks in Duncan from West Main Street at the First Baptist Church to Gap Creek Road - \$50,720

Mr. Eddie Speed came to the committee to apologize to Representative Joe Mahaffey. This

information was printed last week in the Middle Tyger News, however, the project had not been approved by the full committee. Mr. Speed made a mistake of talking to Ms. Bowen at the Duncan First Baptist Church which led the information to be printed in the newspaper. Mr. Speed has telephoned and apologized to Representative Mahaffey. Mr. Speed also has a draft letter of an official apology to Representative Mahaffey with a copy being sent to Mr. Billy Painter and Mr. Mike Garrett.

Representative Mahaffey has requested to repair sidewalks from I-85 to the 1st Baptist Church and from the 1st Baptist Church to Gap Creek Road. The sidewalks are in good shape from I-85 to the Church, but from the Church to Gap Creek Road, they definitely need to be repaired.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve items 4 B, Transfer of Representative Talley's set-aside funds from Reidville Road beautification to Willis Road bike/walking path - \$51,120; C, Designation of I-26 at Reidville Road bridge as the "PFC Michael Scott Adam Memorial Bridge" sign - \$500; D, Transfer of \$33,440 in Representative Ralph Davenport's set-aside funds from traffic signal work to sidewalk repairs on Mills Avenue in the City of Inman; H, Adding Simuel Road to SMP 06 paving; and I, Representative Joe Mahaffey set-aside for 2006 – repair sidewalks in Duncan from West Main Street at the First Baptist Church to Gap Creek Road - \$50,720; and placed a cap not to exceed \$250,000 on items 4 F, Intersection improvements Windmill Hill Road and Compton Bridge Road; and G, Intersection improvements at Peachtree Road and Bible Church Road. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to table items 4 A, Intersection Improvements Spartanburg Exchange Village at US 29 - \$63,958; and E, Spartanburg Regional Medical Center – Relocation of Abner Creek Road intersection – Not to exceed \$100,000 and subject to construction beginning in 2006 until the next meeting in order the for the committee to get clarification from the county delegation with regard to economic development, as well as to review the past resolution the committee voted on opposing the funding of developers interest for clarity and consistency. Mr. Hugh Waldrop seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 5 – CTC – County Agreement

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to accept the CTC – County Agreement as printed,

pending Mr. Painters approval. Mr. Hal Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 6 - Projects NOT recommended from the Advisory Committee – Mike Garrett

None this quarter.

Item # 7 - Old Business

Mr. Bud Workman requested information on the SC 292 at Little Mountain Road intersection regarding the huge overrun. HDR did acknowledge their responsibility for \$10,750 due to highway department changes. Changes were made before notifying the CTC of the overruns.

a) Skylyn Drive

The CTC has not changed their position on the approved allocation of not exceeding \$275,000 on the Skylyn Drive project.

Therefore, Mr. Tom Arthur made a motion to write a letter based on the letter to Chairman, Billy Painter of March 30, 2006 from Christy A. Hall, Program Manager stating the CTC is withdrawing previous funding of \$275,000 on the Skylyn Drive project in Spartanburg. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 8 - New Business

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, Attested