

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
JANUARY 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, January 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, William Hamilton, Hal Murphy, John Throckmorton, Hubert Boyd 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 October 18, 2007 meeting minutes

Mr. William Hamilton moved to approve the October 18, 2007 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Mrs. Sabrina Mason reports the total unobligated funds as of December 31, 2007 were \$1,459,962.32 which included user fees and interest through November, 2007. There are seven more months in the fiscal year to receive user fees.

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

During the last three months, one project has been completed which is SC 296 at S 62 in Reidville.

Monks Grove Church Road is about 95% complete. A couple of changes were necessary to satisfy right-of-way for the project.

Windmill at Compton Bridge bids were received. The approved funds for the project amount to \$434,000. Bids came in at \$387,000.

Five parcels of right-of-way property are required to be purchased for the Peachtree Road at Bible Church project.

One property owner is negotiating property right-of-way for the Woodburn Road at Fernwood Drive project. The right-of-way negotiations may have to go into condemnation.

Final design for the Fairforest Road widening project should be in the office by the 28th. The project shows sixty-two (62) parcels of property of which only eleven (11) will be required to be purchased for right-of-way. There are twenty-nine power poles that will be required to be moved at roughly \$10,000 each. Duke Power is currently reevaluating the cost estimates to trim the cost.

Final design for the SC 358 at Hampton Road project should also be in the office by the 28th. The right-of-way should be completed on February 4th.

Mr. Speed is designing the Shenandoah right turn lane project in-house. The project cost estimate should be less than \$30,000.

Mr. Speed distributed an update on the active C Fund projects. Projects should be under budgets once the matching state dollars are received.

For the year 2002:

- a. The Howard at Pearl Street project has a remaining balance of \$288,650.20. The last invoice from the state has not been received.
- b. The Highway 14 widening project is still in progress.

For the year 2003:

- a. The SIMP (Safety Improvement Match Program) has a balance of \$82,047.76. This balance has been requested to be transferred into the 2008 program due to an expected overrun.

For the year 2005:

- a. The City of Spartanburg is working on the Howard & Franklin Street Intersection and the St. Andrews Relocation projects.
- b. The state match program for 2005 projects has been completed. The state's portion of the match is \$733,338.00, which will deplete the (\$653,688.53) balance which is usually requested at the end of the project.
- c. The funding for the crossover on Highway 221 is in the process of a request to be transferred to a different feasible project.
- d. Additional invoices should be forthcoming as the sidewalk repairs on Main Street, Reidville in under construction.
- e. Mr. Speed has not spoken recently to Scott Slatton in the City of Woodruff for an update on the 'Welcome' signs for the City of Woodruff.

For the year 2006:

- a. The majority of the active 2006 projects are delegation set-aside projects except for the Windmill Hill Road at Compton Bridge Road and the Peachtree Road at Bible Church Road projects which have been previously addressed.

For the year 2007:

- a. Mr. Baer has presented invoices in the amount of \$43,758.00 for the Spartan Exchange project leaving a balance of \$20,200. The balance has the potential of being reverted back into the general funds.

- b. The John Martin Road at North Blackstock Road project is complete with a \$48,160.58 balance remaining of approved funding.
- c. The Garner Road Bridge replacement is currently under construction, but the City of Spartanburg has depleted the approved C Fund monies.
- d. The annual administrative funds have exceeded funding by \$33.33.
- e. The County and Municipal resurfacing is complete with a balance of \$38,675.77.
- f. Tommy Blackwood is working on the state resurfacing and the '08 match program.
- g. The City of Spartanburg is working on their resurfacing request. They are currently carrying a balance of \$42,446.21.
- h. Mr. Garrett is working on the Southport Access Road.
- i. The Dairy Ridge Road Bridge replacement is an ongoing project.
- j. The Fernwood Drive at Woodburn Road project was previously addressed.
- k. Reidville is currently working on their streetscape to make repairs on sidewalks. The Town of Woodruff has depleted their funding for repairs on sidewalks.
- l. Mr. Garrett is working on the design for the drainage improvements at Old Howard Road.
- m. Awaiting on invoice for the sign at Manning Street to Thompson Street.
- n. The design for the sidewalk installation in Pacolet has not been completed.

For the year 2008:

- a. The plans are forthcoming for the SC 358 at Hampton Road project.
- b. The final plans are forthcoming for the Fairforest Road widening.
- c. Mr. Speed is designing the right turn lane at Reidville Road at Shenandoah.
- d. The additional approved funding for repairing sidewalks in the Town of Reidville has not been applied for.
- e. The City of Spartanburg has not yet applied for the approved funding.
- f. The County and Municipal resurfacing bids will go out on January 24 with bids expected back on February 5th.
- g. The state resurfacing funding has not been applied for, but they are working on the projects when weather permits.
- h. The Highway 14 project has a balance of \$92,202.15. Bids were received for \$584,000 because of the unknown. Steve Gwinn and Stephanie Amell are discussing re-submitting bids for a contractor to complete the milling. Once the milling is completed, Fred Fleming's forces

would repair the bridge, before the resurfacing would be completed. However, a decision on this plan has not been set in stone.

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

a. Cherry Hill Road and Old Converse Road – held over from last meeting @ \$323,100.

At the last meeting, the committee recommended a public meeting be held on the project due to the opposition expressed regarding the closing of the railroad bridge. After the input from the community, the Advisory Committee decided to delete the bridge closure from the project, and go forward with the intersection improvement project which is aligning Cherry Hill Road with US 29. School District had partnered with the CTC to provide \$100,000 toward the project, making the total estimated cost \$426,100. The Advisory Committee is recommending the CTC approve \$323,100 to complete the project.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve the \$323,100 to improve the intersection at Cherry Hill Road at US 29. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b. Zion Hill Road at US 29 Intersection Improvement @ \$250,000.

Just opposite the intersection, is Plainview Drive. Both Zion Hill and Plainview Drive are County roadways. The project is located on the east side of Spartanburg at the city limits. The area will generate more traffic than current congested conditions due to development of the old Lanier Country Club. The project has been on the priority list for some time. Left turn lanes will be included in the project. The project is expected to cost about \$500,000. The County has included the project into next year's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at \$250,000, and the Advisory Committee is requesting \$250,000 of C Funds to totally fund the project. This project request was included in a traffic impact study which was completed by the developer of the area. The developer is constructing a left turn lane on Plainview Drive to the rear exit of the Home Depot.

Mr. William Hamilton moved to approve \$250,000 of C Funds for the project, subject to the County match of \$250,000. John Throckmorton seconded the project. The motion carried.

c. Representative Littlejohn set-aside – Town of Cowpens request. See Project request 07-935 @ \$19,500.

This project is for street signs and poles, hardware, repair sidewalks on Battleground Road, Foster Road and Palmetto Street in the Town of Cowpens.

John Throckmorton moved to approve \$19,500 for the project. Hal Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d. Request to transfer \$33,440 from traffic signal to sidewalk repairs on Mills Avenue in the City of Inman

This request is to transfer the previously approved set-aside funds in the amount of \$33,440 from installation of a traffic signal to sidewalk repairs on Mills Avenue in the City of Inman.

e. Representative Davenport set-aside – Repair sidewalks on Mills Avenue, City of Inman @ \$50,840.00

And, Representative Davenport is requesting his 2008 set aside funds also be used to repair sidewalks on Mills Ave in the City of Inman in the amount of \$50,840.

John Throckmorton moved to approve the \$33,440 and the \$50,840 for the sidewalk repairs on Mills Avenue in the City of Inman. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

f. Representative Mitchell set-aside – Repair sidewalks on Bomar Avenue from S. Church Street to Liberty Street @ \$50,520

Representative Mitchell is requesting his set-aside funding for 2008 be used to repair sidewalks on Bomar Avenue in the City of Spartanburg from S. Church Street to Liberty Street in the amount of \$50,520.

Tom Arthur moved to approve \$50,520 for sidewalk repairs on Bomar Avenue from S. Church Street to Liberty Street in the City of Spartanburg. William Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

g. Representative Kelly set-aside - \$33,460 for City of Woodruff repairs (see attached list)

Representative Kelly is requesting his set-aside funding in the amount of \$33,460 be used toward repairing sidewalks at 602 West Georgia from the corner to mid-yard; various locations around Spartanburg District Four Schools; Culvert and sidewalk in front of 526 Perrin Avenue; Resurface Campbell Street; Erect guard rail along northwest side of Woodward Street; Repair potholes on Timberwood Drive and Old Timber Drive; and, Repair potholes/depressions on East Griffith Street in the City of Woodruff. The Advisory Committee recommended the project be approved. However, funding is limited to \$33,460.

John Throckmorton moved to approve funding for the City of Woodruff to make the listed repairs for as far as \$33,460 will permit. Bud Workman seconded the project. The motion carried.

h. Representative Mahaffey set-aside – Sidewalk repairs on N. and S. Main Street, Duncan @ \$50,720.

Representative Mahaffey is requesting his set-aside in the amount of \$50,720 be used toward sidewalk repairs on North and South Main Street in the Town of Duncan.

Sam Evatt moved to approve \$50,720 for the Town of Duncan to repair sidewalks on North and South Main Street. Hugh Waldrop seconded the motion. The motion carried.

i. Intersection improvements Skyline Road @ Campobello-Gramling School Road @ \$30,000.

This request is to improve an intersection at Skyline Road and Campobello-Gramling School Road. This is at the intersection of a county road and a state highway. School buses use the intersection to go to and from the elementary school. The turning radius on the intersection is very small and school buses are getting off the pavement and neighbors are complaining. The project would increase the turning radiuses at the intersection at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Sam Evatt moved to approve \$30,000 to improve the turning radius at the intersection. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 5 - Projects NOT recommended from Advisory Committee – Mike Garrett

a. Request for flashing signal on East Frontage Road near I-26 and Highway 11. Recommended remove tree and grade to improve sight distance.

A business owner on East Frontage Road just north of the I-26 and Highway 11 requested a flashing signal be installed at his driveway entrance. It is in a location that has poor visibility. The Advisory Committee did not recommend approving the project. The County did send representatives from the traffic department to the area and recommended trees be removed and the bank be graded down to improve visibility at the sight.

Item # 6 - New Business

CTC Ranking System

Mike Garrett presented a *Powerpoint* presentation of the CTC Ranking System identifying and prioritizing a list of submitted projects for consideration of C funding. This developed system has been an effective tool for about seven years.

A letter has been received from Mr. Herbert Cooper, C Program Administrator, recommended changes to the CTC Plan. His letter states that it appears as if the legislative members may have authority to select projects to be accomplished without approval of the CT. After Mr. Cooper reviewed previous plans submitted to the SCDOT, it was noted that this section has been in existence since the inception of the CTC Plan, which was submitted to the Department in July of 1997. The SCDOT has no objections to the Plan stating that C Funds would be divided among house member district boundaries. However, Section 12-28-2740 (B) of the South Carolina code also does not prohibit the county legislative delegation from making project recommendations to the CTC. The code section does state that the responsibilities of the CTC include the formation of a county transportation plan as well as the approval and use of C Funds. Therefore, SCDOT recommends the wording in section D of the plan be revised to be in compliance with Section 12-28-2740 (B) and state that the final approval of projects must be made by the CTC.

To comply, Page 3, Section (D) of the Spartanburg Plan has been changed to read: 10% set aside for projects as ~~determined necessary~~ *recommended* by the Spartanburg County House of Representative Members *and approved by the full CTC* with each receiving their portion of the 10% . . .

Sam Evatt moved to approve the recommended changes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Item # 7 - Old Business

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, attested