

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2009
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, October 15, 2009, 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, Steve McAbee, Ed Memmott, Chet Morris, Hal Murphy, John Throckmorton, and Hubert 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 July 16, 2009 meeting minutes

Mr. William Hamilton moved to approve the July 16, 2009 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 reported the total unobligated funds as of September 30 were \$3,388,401.93 which includes user fees and interest through August. All projects have been set up.

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

Bids are in on the Shoally Creek Road widening project with construction to begin November 1.

Highways 176 @ Windmill Hill project bids are due in on October 29.

Seay Road relocation bids will be due in on November 17.

A decision on the engineering firm to use on the Overhead Bridge project will be decided tomorrow.

The footings are in on the Dairy Ridge Road bridge, therefore progress should be noticeable.

Since the last meeting the Cherry Hill Road @ Highway 29, Zion Hill Road @ Highway 29, Municipal and C Fund paving, the walking trail in Pacolet, and the sidewalk and trees in Lyman projects have been completed.

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

a. Cecelia Drive at SC 9 Intersection Improvement - \$200,000

This project is located in Boiling Springs near Brewsters. It is proposed to widen Cecelia Drive to 36 feet with three lanes. A right turn lane, left turn lane and a through lane will improve congestion at the intersection. The project is estimated to cost \$200,000.

Another part of the project will be funded by the County. The County will fund speed humps on Cecelia Drive and close-off Mountainbrook Drive with an island at the back of Brewsters and the bank to improve congestion at the intersection.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve \$200,000 to widen Cecelia Drive to 36 feet wide. Mr. Hugh Waldrop seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved.

b. Rep. Forrester set-aside – Right turn lane on US 29 @ Hawk Creek II and right turn lane on SC 296 Reidville Road @ Cumberland Drive estimated to cost \$90,000 for both. Rep. Forrester set-aside of \$49,011 to be used with the balance from C Funds.

Representative Mike Forrester has requested two projects. One is to construct a right turn lane on US 29 into Hawk Creek II subdivision. The second project is to construct a right turn lane off SC 296 Reidville Road into Shenandoah II subdivision. Both intersections have the same problem as traffic has to slow down significantly to turn right into the subdivisions. Together, both projects are estimated to cost \$90,000. Representative Forrester's set-aside is \$49,011 and the balance would be made up with additional C Funds. The Advisory Committee has reviewed both projects and is recommending both projects be funded.

Representative Forrester originally had three requests, and all three were prioritized by the county and the state. These two projects were the top priorities. Both projects are considered a safety issue and are needed.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve both projects be funded using \$49,011 of Representative Forrester's set-aside funding and \$41,000 C Fund monies. Mr. Ed Memmott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

c. Clark Road culvert replacement - \$127,000 for materials only

Clark Road is a heavily traveled county road, running between Highway 9 and 176. The old style box culvert is very narrow and in poor condition. The project is on the C Fund priority list to do. The proposal is to replace the culvert using county forces at \$127,000 of C Funds for materials only. The culvert will be widened in order to carry more water. Currently the wing walls are located at the edge of the pavement. Some right-of-way may have to be purchased.

Mr. William Hamilton moved to approve \$127,000 for materials only to replace and widen the Clark Road Culvert. Mr. Tom Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d. Widen Irby Road to 24 feet - \$330,000

Irby Road is a narrow county dead end road. The neighborhood association has requested the project. The county asked the neighborhood association to secure the necessary right-of-way. The neighborhood association has obtained about 90% of the right-of-way. The estimated cost of the project is \$330,000.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to accept the project provided all right-of-way is acquired without cost.

If there is additional right-of-way needed to proceed with the project, the property would go through the condemnation process and the property owner would be paid the appraised value of the property.

Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion providing the project cost did not exceed \$330,000.

The motion carried with a majority vote. Mr. Steve McAbee voted in opposition.

e. Reimbursement to School District 3 regarding the Cherry Hill Road @ Old Converse Road project - \$17,692.64

There has been a request to reimburse School District 3 from the underrun on the Cherry Hill Road @ Old Converse Road project. School District 3 contributed \$100,000 toward the project with CTC contributing \$323,000.00. The final project amount was \$348,260.15. Therefore, the project's underrun was \$74,839.85.

With CTC approval, the request is to approve the reimbursement to School District 3 in the amount of \$17,692.64. The reason for the request is because when the CTC originally approved the project, the minutes did not reflect wording to reimburse the School District if the closeout amount resulted in an underrun.

Mr. Mike Garrett noted that when negotiating with a school district, verbal negotiations have been agreed upon if there was an underrun, their portion would be returned.

Mr. Sam Evatt made a motion to approve the reimbursement to School District 3, but in further conversations the CTC needed to make sure that the county and the CTC would be covered as well. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Sam Evatt made a second motion that in future discussions and negotiations with schools or any other partners with the CTC the idea of returning any underrun funds would have to be stated so only in an agreement that the party is willing to say they will participate in overrun funds. Mr. Tom Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Mike Garrett recommended the motion be taken one step further to say the CTC will require all parties to sign a contract or memorandum of understanding between the partnering relationships on any approved CTC projects. The motion was seconded and approved.

f. Rep. Allison set-aside – Signage and sidewalk repairs in Town of Duncan - \$48,628

Representative Allison has requested her set-aside funding be approved to install new signage and a small amount of sidewalk repair in the Town of Duncan. Cost cannot exceed \$48,628.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve \$48,628 to install new signage and repair a small amount of sidewalks in the Town of Duncan. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

g. City of Spartanburg, Fairforest Road Bridge replacement – total cost estimated at \$720,000 – not to exceed \$360,000

This is a request from the City of Spartanburg to replace a bridge on Fairforest Road. The fifty year old bridge has timber pilings. About fifteen years ago, one of the piles rotted at the water line. That particular piling has been replaced. The bridge is beyond its lifetime and needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$720,000. The proposal is that the City of Spartanburg would pay for half with their road fee money and the CTC would fund the other half in the amount of \$360,000.

The road will be closed during construction for about four to six months. There is good access to both sides of the bridge. One side leads over to W.O. Ezell Boulevard and the other leads out to Reidville Road.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to accept the recommendation of splitting the estimated cost with the City of Spartanburg, not to exceed \$360,000 of C Funds. Mr. Steve McAbee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

h. Respond to SCDOT regarding bid award on 2009 State resurfacing project number 09020 - \$138,037.47

This request for additional funding from the SCDOT is for a resurfacing program. In January 2009, the committee approved \$709,906. The prior year (2008) SCDOT had an overrun on a matching program of \$192,557.05. The committee deducted that from their approved amount which gave them \$517,348.56 for 2009 to resurface Archibald Road at an estimated cost of \$445,000.

On April 16, 2009 SCDOT requested two additional roadways be added to their list as their estimated cost to resurface Archibald Road was \$325,000. Sanders Road, at an estimated cost of \$74,000, and Folk Road, at an estimated cost of \$115,000 were approved to be added to their list, making their new total estimated cost to resurface all three roads at \$514,800. SCDOT has recently

taken bids and the total estimated cost is \$655,386. Therefore, they are requesting an additional \$138,037.00 to allow them to go ahead and resurface these three roads.

The CTC Advisory committee reviewed the request and is making the following recommendation: Each year the CTC approves about \$709,906 for SCDOT to resurface state roadways in Spartanburg County. It is anticipated the committee will again approve the same amount of funding to resurface roads this year in the January meeting. The CTC Advisory is recommending the CTC committee approve the additional funding taking that same dollar amount (\$138,037.47) out of the new annual resurfacing funds to be approved in January which would reduce their annual resurfacing funds in 2010 to \$571,869.

All three roads are in poor condition and are located in the Chesnee area. Mr. Sam Evatt recommended that other areas of the county be considered next time since all of these roads are located in one area.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve the \$138,037.00 to award the contract as stated in the letter dated September 16, 2009 to Mr. Billy Painter. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

i. Engineering traffic impact study on outlying surrounding intersections for Parks and Recreation: Total study cost \$15,000. Parks and Recreation @ \$7,500 and C Funds @ \$7,500

This is a request for the CTC to approve participation in a traffic study to determine what improvements need to be made in the Reidville where the County is planning on building a new Park. The park will be located off Reidville Road between Gano Drive and Dillard Road.

The County Parks and Recreation Commission came before the CTC Advisory Committee to ask for funding to construct left turn lanes into the park entrances on Gano Drive and Dillard Road. The committee looked at the sight and decided further investigation was needed to determine what impact the traffic generated not only on Gano Drive and Dillard Road, but also on adjacent roadways and intersections. The committee asked Jim D'Amato to do a traffic study; however, Jim completed his study the last week before going on medical leave. He did not have enough time to complete an in-depth study as needed.

In order to move this project forward, the committee decided the CTC would only participate if a thorough traffic analysis study was completed and would only participate up to \$300,000 as with school projects. The CTC Advisory committee agreed to fund one half of the traffic impact study at \$7,500 and the Parks and Recreation Commission would fund the additional \$7,500 to satisfy the SCDOT. There was no discussion in the Advisory Committee for the CTC to be obligated toward future funding toward the project.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve \$7,500 toward an in-depth traffic impact study to be conducted at all intersections and roadways in the area of the sight of the Westside Regional Park. Mr. Ed Memmott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 6 - Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Item # 7 - New Business

There was no new business do discuss.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, Attested