

***Spartanburg County Transportation Committee***  
**MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 16, 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, October 16, 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 A. Hamilton, Steve McAbee, Hal Murphy, Les Mitchell, and John Throckmorton.

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 17, 2008 meeting minutes**

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve the minutes as printed. Mr. William Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Item # 2. Financial Report and CTC compliance review – Mrs. Sabrina Dickens Mason**

Mrs. Sabrina Mason reports the total unobligated funds as of September 30 were \$2,853,570.62 which includes two months of user fees. Interest will be calculated and noted on the next report.

The Spartanburg County CTC Review report is for the most recent review by the SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT). Deficiencies noted in the report have been corrected. SCDOT skipped a review year; therefore, another review has been scheduled for November 13.

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

Mr. Eddie Speed reported the CTC has completed over 385 Overall Condition Index (OCI) inspections over the last four months. Projects completed in the same timeframe include the Woodburn/Fernwood right turn lane, Shenandoah right turn lane, Peachtree at Bible Church roundabout, Willis Road Walking Path, and the County and Municipal Paving.

As for an update on new projects, Mr. Speed reported that Zion Hill Road at US 29 preliminary design was reviewed yesterday. There were no changes to be made. The final plan should be in by November 1, then go out for bids.

The Cherry Hill Road project is designed and commendation is being sought for purchasing the necessary right-of-way.

The Fairforest Road pre-bid was today. There were a number of contractors expressing an interest. The railroad will be holding up the project due to their special insurance requirement. It will take 45 to 60 days for the railroad approval before contractors will be permitted to work in the railroad right-of-way. After the railroad approves the special insurance, information is presented to their track manager for a work order on the rubberized crossings. Spurs will be required to remain. When Duke Power gets their crew back from Texas, seven poles will be relocated. Both the Railroad and Duke Power will probably hold-up the anticipated progress of the project.

Construction has begun on the Highway 358 at Hampton Road project. Stone is already being placed on the new portion of Hampton Road. This project could be completed approximately a month ahead of time and be under budget.

Gibbs Road bids were received. The budget was \$484,000, and the bids were received for \$481,000. F & R Asphalt was awarded the contract.

Transystems was doing a great design on the Highway 9 at Lake Bowen Dam Road project, but SCDOT has stated they were constructing the SC 292 at Highway 9 intersection and wanted the two projects tied together as they are concerned with the traveling public's safety given the close proximity of the two intersections. The Highway Department is looking at constructing a five-lane highway at SC 292 and Highway 9 as opposed to a three lane highway at SC 9 and Lake Bowen Dam Road. Now, Transystems is working with the Highway Department to consider a transition that would tie the two projects together.

#### **Item # 4. Streetscape Policy – Mr. Mike Garrett**

The CTC Advisory has had three requests over the last three months to fund Streetscape projects. Streetscape projects consist of primarily improving sidewalks in the downtown areas, such as Morgan Square. Requests have been submitted from the Towns of Cowpens, Reidville, and Landrum for significant amounts of money. The Advisory committee felt that the CTC needed to develop a policy regarding streetscape project requests. Transportation Enhancement funds from SPATS are primarily for beautification projects which is more appropriate for streetscape projects although a lot of the work is repairing sidewalks, lighting, and drainage. Therefore, the Advisory committee has drafted a proposed policy for guidance on how to proceed with these types of requests. The first paragraph

describes a streetscape. The CTC recognizes the benefits. Some of this work is normally completed by the CTC.

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### **Streetscape Policy**

The CTC will consider streetscape projects from municipalities. Streetscape projects include sidewalk improvements in compliance with American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, decorative street lights, curb and gutter replacement and drainage improvements. The CTC will not participate in the installation of street trees, landscaping or irrigation work. Recognizing that these projects are primarily enhancements to the transportation system the CTC may partially fund these projects but considers it the responsibility of the applicant to provide the major part of funding from local funds or other funding sources.

The CTC will consider funding if the following conditions are met:

1. Transportation Enhancement funds are obtained for part of the project.
2. Delegation set-aside C Funds ~~may~~ should be used first to supplement Enhancement Funds limited to 20% of the total estimate cost not to exceed \$50,000.
3. The applicant provides for a minimum of 20% of the total estimated project costs using their own funds or road fee funds.
4. The CTC, by adopting this policy, does not represent that it will fund a streetscape project.
5. Based on available funding.
6. Subject to CTC Advisory and CTC approval.

After careful consideration and discussion, the CTC adopted the Streetscape policy with corrections and additions added to the policy as indicated.

#### **Item # 5. Recommended projects from Advisory Committee – Mr. Mike Garrett**

##### **a. Mount Zion Road widening – Not to exceed \$300,000**

The widening of Mount Zion Road to New Cut Road is a project to serve the new Fairforest Elementary School. The estimated project cost is \$918,000. The CTC Advisory voted for the CTC to participate up to \$300,000 if the School would agree to pay the balance of the project cost. Dr. Darryl Owings, Superintendent of the School District, submitted the information to his committee, and they

have decided not to participate. Therefore, the CTC Advisory did not request the CTC to consider funding the project.

**b. Zimmerman Road Bridge – Not to exceed \$140,000**

Zimmerman Road is located near the Wellford landfill that is heavily used by garbage trucks. The County has limited weights on the bridge. The bridge is on the County replacement list. County Council has agreed to fund \$450,000 of the project cost from Road Fee money. The project is estimating to cost \$590,000. The CTC Advisory committee is recommending the CTC fund the project at \$140,000.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$140,000 of C Funds to help replace the Zimmerman Road Bridge. Steve McAbee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**c. Town of Reidville Streetscape - \$22,500 pending approval of policy**

The Town of Reidville has requested funding for the second phase of a streetscape project on Main Street. They have received a transportation enhancement grant in the amount of \$89,000. The total estimated cost of the project is \$150,000. By the new streetscape policy the Town of Reidville will be required to fund 20% of the project cost, and, Representative Kelly has not been asked to participate in the Streetscape project

Mr. Steve McAbee moved to table the request until Representative Kelly has been asked to participate in the amount of \$22,500 for the Streetscape. The motion was seconded and approved.

**d. City of Landrum, North Randolph Avenue sidewalks - \$50,000**

Mr. Steve Wolochovicz, the City Administrator for the City of Landrum came before the Advisory Committee several months ago requesting approximately \$475,000 to construct 4,200 linear feet of sidewalks on North Randolph Street. The Advisory Committee turned down the City of Landrum as it was too much money. Mr. Wolochovicz has gone back and acquired funding from a state transportation enhancement grant in the amount of \$200,000. The project has been trimmed back from constructing 4,200 linear feet to 2,100 linear feet of sidewalks. The City of Landrum has agreed to contribute \$50,000 and is now requesting \$50,000 from the CTC to construct sidewalks.

Mr. Steve McAbee moved to approve \$50,000 for the City of Landrum to construct 2,100 linear feet of sidewalks on North Randolph Street. Mr. Tom Arthur seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**e. Rep. Harold Mitchell, set-aside Bomar Avenue intersection - \$202,080 (includes 2009 set-aside funding in the amount of \$50,520)**

During the last couple of years, re-development has occurred along Bomar Avenue, Collins Avenue, and South Liberty Street in the City of Spartanburg. Collins Park is a residential area of over 100 units. There is a retirement facility under construction. All of Bomar Avenue to Church Street is being revitalized and housing being constructed. The City of Spartanburg has broken ground on the new CC Woodson Center. Heavy foot traffic will be created with all the influx of families, retirement center, and the new CC Woodson Center. The plan is to make Bomar Avenue at Collins and South Liberty Street a three-way stop.

For the last three years, Rep. Mitchell has allocated his set-aside funds to the area. In 2006 and 2007, his set-aside funds were approved for the Southport access. In 2008, his set-aside funds were approved for Bomar Sidewalk repairs. This year's set-aside funds have been requested to be allocated to the redesign of Bomar Avenue, South Liberty Street, and Collins Avenue. Rep. Mitchell is requesting all the previous set-aside funding as well as this year's set-aside be approved for this project because the scope of the project has changed due to the Arkwright connector funding not transpiring as anticipated.

Mr. William Hamilton moved to approve funding totaling \$202,080 for the Bomar Avenue, South Liberty Street, and Collins Avenue redesign subject to \$151,560 of previous set-aside funding be put back into the general funds and re-allocated. The motion was seconded and approved.

**f. Delegation set-aside, Rep. Scott Talley, right turn lane on US 29 into Kent Street - \$51,120 (Project Estimate is \$75,000)**

This project is to construct right turn lanes on US 29 into Kent Street. Mr. Sam Evatt made a motion to approve the funding not to exceed \$75,000. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**g. Delegation set-aside, Rep. Joe Mahaffey, repair sidewalks, tree removal Lawrence Street and Meadow Street, Lyman - \$50,720**

This project is to repair and improve the sidewalks and possibly remove trees on Lawrence Street and a portion of Meadow Street in the Town of Lyman.

Mr. Sam Evatt made a motion to approve \$50,720 to improve sidewalks and possibly remove trees on Lawrence and Meadow Street in the Town of Lyman. Mr. Steve McAbee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**h. Delegation set-aside, Ralph Davenport, mill and pave Mill Street from Main Street to Blackstock Road in the City of Inman - \$50,720**

This request is to mill out and re-asphalt Mill Street in the City of Inman at a cost of \$50,720. The Advisory committee is recommending approval.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve \$50,720 to mill out and re-asphalt Mill Street in Inman. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Item # 6. New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

**Item # 7. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

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Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

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Carol Crowe, Attested