

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
October 19, 2006
County Council Chambers
Spartanburg County Administration Office Building

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, October 19, 2006, 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 Grant, 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 July 20, 2006 meeting minutes

Tom Arthur made a motion to approve the July 20, 2006, meeting minutes as printed. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 2 – Financial Report – Mrs. Sabrina Mason

The total unobligated funds as of September 30, 2006 were \$2,354,602.76. This includes two months of user fees and interest for fiscal year 2007.

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

The engineering department is continuing the Overall Condition Index (OCI) rating inspections. There have been 869 inspections of County roads, 11 Municipal roads, and 6 State roads for a total of 886 inspections. There are 36 County roads with an OCI rating of less than 30 which represents 12.24 miles. Over half of the 36 County roadways will be resurfaced with the County road fee.

There are only 4 Municipal roads with an OCI rating under 30 for a total of 2.1 miles.

There are 21 State roads with an OCI rating under 30 for a total of 27 miles.

The engineering department does not have all the Municipal and State roadways rated, as

all roadways have yet to be requested to be rated.

The 357 @ Gap Creek Road intersection improvement design has been approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). Final plans are almost complete. Discussion plans for a construction detour have not been finalized.

Highway 296 @ S62 alignment has been approved. Preliminary plans will be submitted to SCDOT on October 29th.

Willis Road shared path is in. The dirt has been placed between the shared path and the curb. The roadway will be resurfaced next week. Cleanup will begin in about a week.

Fiscal year 2006 paving list has been completed and sent to members for approval.

SC 295 @ Hayne Street is in preliminary design.

McMillan @ Highway 9 project's preliminary design is awaiting SCDOT approval.

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

The following projects were presented to the committee:

a) Wallace Avenue sidewalks, \$8,000 cost estimate

The request for sidewalks on Wallace Avenue is in the Ben Avon community off Country Club Road. Wallace Avenue is a very narrow two lane road with heavy traffic. The Ben Avon Baptist Church has a parking lot next to the roadway with drainage problems. The Advisory committee is recommending approval of construction of drainage improvements and sidewalks in front of the church in the amount of \$8,000.

Senator Ritchie explained that Wallace Avenue is an extended slope on the crest of the hill down toward Country Club Road moving away from Woodburn Road. The angle of the roadway reflects toward the church parking lot which is below grade. The drainage ditches and the collection piping for the water runoff have become clogged causing water runoff to wash over the existing sidewalk resulting in problems for the church parking lot.

Sam Evatt made a motion to approve the funding of \$8,000 for the Wallace Avenue project. Tom Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b) Dairy Ridge Road bridge replacement. Amount \$39,760 (Rep. Littlejohn set-aside)

The Dairy Ridge Road bridge has been discussed by the committee many times. The county has posted the bridge out-of-service. The estimated replacement cost is approximately \$1.2M. Representative Lanny Littlejohn has requested that his set-aside funds amounting to \$39,760 be applied towards the future improvements of the project. Representative Littlejohn is

also seeking funds at the state level for the project.

Mike Garrett made a motion to approve the set-aside funding in the amount of \$39,760. Hal Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c) Milliken Street retaining wall repair, City of Pacolet. Funding of 50% up to \$37,200

The City of Pacolet is seeking funds to repair a concrete retaining wall. The mayor of Pacolet requested the county evaluate the problem. The wall is on street right-of-way. The wall was constructed quite a number of years ago as part of the mill village. The height varies from about 6 feet at the intersection, up to about 25 feet at the tallest point and about 125 feet long. The wall is cracked and leaning and appears that it may fall. Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District has a sewer easement behind the wall. The study that was completed recommends installing tieback anchors drilled through the wall at a cost estimate of \$74,400.

The Advisory committee recommends funding at 50% up to \$37,200. The Mayor of Pacolet is seeking additional funding from others such as the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District.

Tom Arthur made a motion to fund the project at 50% up to \$37,200 contingent on the Mayor securing the additional funding. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d) Carlock road widening and resurfacing in City of Wellford. Amount \$50,720 (Rep. Mahaffey set-aside)

Carlock Road is currently a gravel road and needs widened and paved. Mayor Peeke has obtained the right-of-way for this project. The Advisory Committee is recommending funding for this project.

Sam Evatt moved to approve \$50,720 of Representative Mahaffey's set aside funds. Hal Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e) Use of C Fund staff to manage construction of Monks Grove Church road improvements (County Road Fee project)

This request is to approve use of C Fund staff to assist the County in managing the Monks Grove Church Road improvements, a County road fee project. The County is in the process of acquiring right-of-way for construction. The road fee funding will reimburse C Funds for time spent on managing the project from September until the project is completed.

Tom Arthur moved for C Fund staff to manage construction of Monks Grove Church Road

improvements from September, 2006 until project is completed. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

f) Annual administrative funds. Amount \$2,000

John Throckmorton made a motion to approve the annual administrative funds in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was seconded and approved.

g) Resurface SC 14 bridge @ I-26 (Rep. Walker set-aside)

Representative Walker is requesting his set-aside funding in the amount of \$51,240 be used to assist the SCDOT in resurfacing the SC 14 bridge over I-26 in Landrum. Highway 14 has been widened with curb and gutter. However, the approaches and bridge resurfacing were not included in the project. The state indicates the bridge may need some concrete reinforcement. But that will not be known until the bridge surface is milled down. Representative Walker has secured additional monies from two different sources for the project.

John Throckmorton moved to approve \$51,240 to assist the SCDOT in resurfacing the bridge and approaches on SC 14 over I-26 in Landrum. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

h) Annual resurfacing request – County, Municipal and State

The Advisory Committee is recommending funding at the same level as last year for annual resurfacing at: \$259,095 for the City of Spartanburg, \$1,038,000 for Spartanburg County, \$709,907 for SCDOT, and, \$361,000 for the Municipalities (all except for the City of Spartanburg) for a total of \$2,368,001. (See list – Exhibit I).

Tom Arthur moved to approve \$2,368,001 to resurface Spartanburg County, City of Spartanburg, Municipalities, and SCDOT roadways for fiscal year 2007. Hugh Waldrop seconded the motion. The motion carried.

i) Woodlake Drive at US 29 turn lane. Amount \$47,200 (Rep. Talley set-aside)

Representative Talley is requesting \$47,200 of his set-asides be applied to construct a right turn lane off US 29 onto Woodlake Drive.

Sam Evatt moved to approve the funding to construct a right turn lane onto Woodlake Drive off US 29. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

a) Compton Bridge Road sidewalks estimated to cost \$386,085

A request from the City of Inman to construct a sidewalk on Park Street up to the far side of Chapman High School is estimated to cost \$386,085. The Advisory Committee does not recommend this project because the committee does not fund any projects that require infrastructure improvements generated by school projects.

The committee accepted the recommendation.

b) Intersection alteration in Startex – Quinn Drive and Hickory Drive at Tucapau Road – Citizen withdrew request

A citizen in Startex requested Quinn Drive and Hickory Drive be made a connecting horseshoe at Tucapau Road. After conferring with the citizen and advising her before moving forth on the project, a consensus from the community was needed. The neighborhood was surveyed and the residents did not vote in favor of the change. Therefore, the request was withdrawn.

The committee accepted the Advisory Committee recommendation.

c) Resurface Broad Street, Campobello

The fire chief in Campobello has requested that Broad Street be resurfaced. The Overall Condition Index rating is above 50. The state highway department evaluated the roadway and in their opinion, the road did not need resurfaced.

The committee accepted the Advisory Committee recommendation.

Item # 6 – New project ranking and prioritization report – Mike Garrett

The Annual Resurfacing, Delegation Set-aside, and Economic Development projects listed on the Capital Improvement Plan (See Exhibit II) are annual projects. The first project listed, Howard @ Pearl Street, has been approved and bids will be opened in November 2006. A better feel for updated costs of the project will be identified after bids have been received. The City of Spartanburg bought the right-of-way for the project, SPATS has contributed as well as the CTC.

The SC 358 @ Hampton Road project is where two new schools are being constructed. A turn lane has already been constructed on SC 358, but SCDOT is very concerned about congestion at the intersection. The DOT feels that left turn lanes and a traffic signal are needed at the location. The committee felt the school should partner with the project. No commitment from the school has been received. This is a project that will be put on hold to let things develop.

No funding has been approved for the project, but it is important. The committee is not sure how the project will be funded.

The Fairforest Road widening project runs from the SCDOT maintenance shop on Fairforest Road to US 176. This is a two lane road in very poor condition, no shoulders, no drainage, poor at-grade railroad crossing, with heavy traffic.

A left turn lane and a traffic signal is needed at the Zion Hill Road @ US 29 project.

The Cherry Hill Road @ US 29 project, located near Broome High School, has been a problem for years. US 29 @ SC 110 in Cowpens is a difficult project because of right-of-way. Mike Garrett is not sure this should be a CTC project.

Boyd Street @ Mills Avenue is located within the City of Spartanburg. It is an intersection improvement project.

The Dairy Ridge Road Bridge is a low volume roadway, but it is expected to rebuild the deficient bridge.

Number 9 on the list is an intersection improvement project at Old Blackstock Road @ Fairforest Clevedale Road near the Fairforest Post Office. Right-of-way needs to be purchased on the Post Office side of the roadway.

The last project listed is intersection improvement project at Crocker Road @ Patterson Road. They are county roads at an acute angle.

Road Fee dollars are an important part of the funding of these projects.

Item # 7 – New Business

Mr. Jimmy Cranfield from Cowpens has been trying to sell his house near the SC 110 @ US 29 project, but has not been successful because of the future right-of-way situation. Mr. Cranfield keeps calling and asking when the project will be completed.

The committee suggested informing Mr. Cranfield that this particular project has been dropped from the original plan. This SC 110 @ US 29 intersection improvement project is on a future wish list along with many other needed projects.

The committee suggested Mike Garrett discuss the issue with the County Attorney.

Item # 8 – Old Business

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, Attested