

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2013
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, April 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers, Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building. Chairman Billy Painter presided. The following members were present: Ernestine Anderson, Tom Arthur, Steve Belue, Sam Evatt, Tony Gillespie, Billy Painter, John Throckmorton, and Bob Walker.

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 17, 2013 meeting minutes

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve the January 17, 2013 meeting minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and approved.

Item # 2 - Financial Report – Sabrina Mason

Ms. Sabrina Mason reported the total unobligated funds as of March 31, 2013 were \$2,050,386.37. There are four payments of gas tax remaining in the fiscal year that has not been received to date. It was brought to the committee attention that in the month of April, an additional \$287,000 has been received, but has not been posted on the report. This \$287,000 includes about \$224,000 in gas tax and excess funds that were returned from SCDOT of about \$62,000.

Item # 3 - Update on active projects – Mr. Todd Carroll

Mr. Todd Carroll reported that Matthew Perry Parkway construction is complete.

Right-of-way is still being considered for the Frank Clinton Road Realignment and the Old Blackstock Road Widening projects.

Mr. Carroll is reviewing the plans for the Cannons Campground Road project. The plans should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Construction on the Copperline Trail Extension began a couple weeks ago. Trees were cleared and the project should be completed by the end of next week.

Item # 4 - Recommended projects from Advisory Committee – Steve Belue

a. Project Request # 1032 – Set-aside from Rep. Allison to help the Town of Wellford by providing \$6,000 to pipe existing ditch to alleviate erosion/drainage problem on Lucille Drive. The Town of Wellford will provide the additional funding of the associated cost of the project.

This set-aside project from Representative Allison will help the Town of Wellford install piping to an existing ditch on Lucille Drive to eliminate erosion and drainage problems. Todd Carroll provided the estimate at \$6,000. Any additional funding required for the project will be provided and has been agreed to by the Town of Wellford.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve the \$6,000 for the project. The motion was seconded and approved.

b. Project Request # 1028 – Set-aside from Rep. Chumley in the amount of \$14,000 for the Town of Reidville to place wayfinding and historical signs in the historic district of Reidville provided the project meets the Wayfinding Sign Policy complies with the SCDOT Sign Regulation.

This project is a set-aside from Representative Chumley in the amount of \$14,000 for the Town of Reidville to place wayfinding and historical signs within the historical district of Reidville. The signs are required to comply with the SCDOT Wayfinding Sign Policy.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve \$14,000 for the Wayfinding signs. Mr. Tony Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c. Project Request # 1029 – Set-aside from Rep. Cole in the amount of \$49,280 for full depth patching and resurfacing of Woodburn Road from Boyd Street to Connecticut Street in the City of Spartanburg.

This set-aside is from Representative Cole to full depth patch and resurface Woodburn Road from Boyd Street to Connecticut Street in the City of Spartanburg. The OCI rating was 30.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$49,280 for the City of Spartanburg to full depth patch and resurface Woodburn Road. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d. Project Request # 1030 – Set-aside from Rep. Tallon in the amount of \$21,300 for the Pacolet River Gateway Project

Mr. Tony Gillespie moved to approve additional funding in the amount of \$21,300 for the Town of Pacolet River Gateway project. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Resurfacing Streets in the City of Spartanburg in the amount of \$354,000.00

A list of Spartanburg city streets (see attached – Exhibit I) was submitted for requested funds in the amount of \$354,000. The total amount of the project is estimated to cost \$713,184.38. The City of Spartanburg will use Road fee dollars in the amount of \$359,184.38.

Discussions were held regarding funding amounts approved for the various municipalities.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve the \$354,000 for the City of Spartanburg resurfacing. The motion was seconded and approved.

f. CTC/Spartanburg County annual contract in the amount of \$264,000.00

The CTC /Spartanburg County annual contract expires on June 30. This annual contract amount has not changed since inception. The funding is approved for three full time employees and one third of the salary for an administrative assistant, their benefits, automobiles, computers and programs associated with the C Fund program.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve the \$264,000 for the 2013/2014 CTC/County contract. The motion was seconded and carried.

g. Widening of Blalock Road @ Highway 9 (Sterling Estates). 50/50 match. Total project estimated cost @ \$644,000 requesting \$322,000.

This project started as a Sterling Estates project for a couple of years, and then turned into a Rocky Branch project, of which, neither project worked out. Now it is a project involving the widening of Blalock Road @ Highway 9 with a cost estimate of \$644,000. Double left lanes and a right turning lane will be constructed. At least twenty cars could be stacked during peak volume.

Half of the funding will be provided by Road Fee dollars, and requesting C Funds at \$322,000.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve not to exceed \$322,000. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

h. Replacement of River Forest Bridge, 50/50 match. Total project cost \$977,000 requesting \$488,500

River Forest Bridge is located on Belcher Road, off Highway 176, past First Baptist North Spartanburg Church. There are about eighty homes on the other side of the bridge. The bridge is in very poor condition and needs to be replaced. Spartanburg County has committed \$488,000 of Road Fee

dollars and requesting the same amount of money from C Funds. Total project cost is estimated at \$977,000.

The project cost escalated as a temporary bridge will need to be built for residents to enter and exit the subdivision during construction. The bridge has been in service for approximately forty years and is number one on the County list for replacement.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve, not to exceed, \$488,500 to help replace the River Forest Bridge. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 5 – Project requests submitted but not approved to be funded

a) Project Request # 1033 – Representative Chumley set-aside of \$30,000 to consider funding a Master Plan for the City of Woodruff as part of the Woodruff Greenway Trial.

(The CTC Advisory Committee denied funding for a Master Plan, as it is not associated with any transportation project) but the City of Woodruff could come back once the Master Plan is completed and request the \$30,000 funding if there were transportation projects incorporated into the Plan which needed funded.)

The project cost of \$30,000 to consider a Master Plan for the City of Woodruff is not within the realm of the C Fund transportation funding.

b) Project Request # 1034 – Town of Central Pacolet, Mayor Vickie Cook, to resurface Elm Tree Street from Turner Street to dead end in the amount of \$5,000.00

Mayor Vickie Cook requested \$5,000 to pave Elm Tree Street. However, Elm Tree Street had an OCI rating of 67, therefore the project was denied. The Mayor was asked if she would spend Road Fee dollars on the resurfacing, but the Town of Central Pacolet was not willing to spend their road fee dollars on the project.

The denied projects were presented as information only. No action was required of the committee.

Item # 6 - Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Item #7 - New Business

An SCDOT audit was performed on Spartanburg County CTC. No deficiencies found.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, Attested