

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
JULY 19, 2012
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, July 19, 2012 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, Ed Memmott, Chet Morris, Hal Murphy, 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 April 19, 2012 meeting minutes

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve the April 19, 2012 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Mr. Ed Memmott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 2 - Financial Report – Mr. Charlie Long

Mr. Charlie Long reported the total unobligated funds as June 30, 2012 was \$1,370,254.98. User fees have been received through May, 2012. Donor County funds are expected sometime this month.

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

Mr. Todd Carroll reported the Old Petrie Road Intersection improvement project is complete.

The Fairfield Road Reclamation is about eighty percent complete. The last portion will be surfaced on Monday.

The John Dodd Road drainage is complete and the rough grading for widening the road has begun.

The Westmoreland Road widening bid opening was Monday with good results.

The Frank Clinton Road realignment project is waiting for approval.

The Old Blackstock Road widening project has been submitted to the DOT and awaiting approval.

The Wadsworth trail extension project is awaiting approval from gym owner for donating the right-of-way.

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

a. Signs for naming the portion of US Highway 221 in the City of Chesnee from its intersection with Manning Street to its intersection with Greenwood Street “*Mayor Cliff Edwards Highway*” @ \$500.00

Mr. Bob Walker moved to approve \$500.00 for signage to name a portion of Highway 221 in Chesnee the “Mayor Cliff Edwards Highway”. Mr. Hal Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b. Agreement between Spartanburg and the Spartanburg County Transportation Committee @ \$264,000.00 beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve the CTC/County contract at \$264,000. The motion was seconded and approved.

c. West Main Street Economic Development Project, City of Spartanburg @ \$123,140.00

The scope of the project is an economic development streetscape project. The total estimate for the project is \$393,140 of which Road Fee and City funding will be utilized, as well as the requested CTC funding, in the amount of \$123,400.00 for milling and resurfacing of West Main Street from N. Daniel Morgan Avenue to John B. White, Sr. Boulevard.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$123,400 for milling and resurfacing of West Main Street from N. Daniel Morgan Avenue to John B. White, Sr. Boulevard. Mr. Bob Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d. Rep. Parker set-aside to repair sidewalks on Mill Street in Inman @ \$25,000

This project is to repair one side of sidewalks on Mill Street as the City of Inman has repaired the other side.

Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve \$25,000 to repair sidewalks on Mill Street in Inman. Mr. Hal Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Rep. Brannon Set-aside to install Solar Mount Flashers at the intersection of Highway 11 and Martin Camp Road @ \$14,000

Mr. Eric Dillon from the SCDOT has reviewed and approved the installation of Solar Mount Flashers for safety, as three intersections are in close proximity on Highway 11 with sight distance problems. Signage will also be installed.

Mr. Bob Walker moved to approve \$10,000 for Solar Mount Flashers to be installed on Highway 11 near these three intersections for safety reasons. Mr. Ed Memmott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

f. Rep. Parker set-aside to install shoulder mount flashers at crosswalk on McMillan Boulevard at Va-Du-Mar Park @ \$10,000

There are two subdivisions and a retirement center across the street from the Va-Du-Mar Park. For safety reasons, the Shoulder Mount Flashers were recommended to be installed.

Mr. Bob Walker moved to approve \$10,000 to install the Shoulder Mount Flashers. Mr. Ed Memmott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

g. Additional funding for Westmoreland Road Widening project @ \$220,000

This project started in 2008 with past leadership compiling estimates on the widening of Westmoreland Road. The portion of Westmoreland Road to be widened is located beyond the new Pelham Hospital. The preliminary cost estimate was \$890,000. Road Fee dollars were approved and allocated at \$560,000. The CTC approved and allocated \$300,000.

County Capital Improvement funds were expended at \$145,000. \$25,000 of stormwater funding was used toward the project. Right-of-way was required to be purchased for the project at almost \$200,000. At this point, detailed expenses have incurred totaling \$297,435.

The bid contract has come in at \$895,000 leaving the funding short. The CTC Advisory Committee recommended approval of \$220,000 if the County could fund the remaining dollars needed to complete the project. At the CTC Advisory Committee meeting, it was felt the County would need to approve \$110,000. However, after revisiting the project approved funding and the remaining funds, the County will need to approve \$155,000. Mr. Belue will go before County Council next month requesting to shift some Road Fee dollars in order to fund the project.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$220,000 subject to Spartanburg County participating at \$155,000. The motion was seconded and approved.

h) Fieldstone drainage improvement, City of Spartanburg @ \$91,799

This is a request from the City of Spartanburg to improve the drainage at Fieldstone Road in the Camelot subdivision. There is an old corrugated pipe that has rusted out under the roadway. The total

cost estimate is \$183,597.00. The City of Spartanburg is requesting one half of the total estimated cost at \$91,799. The City is looking to pay the other half from their stormwater funds.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$91,799 for the City of Spartanburg to replace the old piping under the roadway in the Camelot subdivision. Mr. Ed Memmott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

i. Annual administrative funding @ \$2,000

Mr. Steve Belue moved to approve \$2,000 for administrative funding as stipulated in the State Code. The motion was seconded and carried.

j) Funding to purchase a recording system and one laptop @ \$5,359.36 *(These funds will be allotted from the remaining 2011/2012 CTC/County contract.*

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$5,359.36 to purchase a recording system, laptop and docking station to be used for CTC, CTC Advisory and Delegation meetings. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 5 – Consideration of adopting Sidewalk Policy Option 1A

The Advisory Sidewalk Committee has been working on putting together a sidewalk policy. Several policies have been presented, but not finalized. The committee would like to proceed with this new policy - Option 1A. Basically, the biggest change is that projects will be considered, but it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide a major part of the funding from local sources. A master plan must be presented to the CTC Advisory at the time of the request. The CTC will only fund twenty percent of the total estimated project cost, not to exceed \$50,000.

Mr. Steve Belue moved to approve the established Sidewalk Policy. The motion was seconded and carried.

Item # 6 – Old Business

Mr. Belue, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Long have discussed displaying distributed categorized percentages of C Funds along with the financial report.

Item #7 – New Business

The federal government introduced a new 50/50 match program to help resurface federal aided roadways. The SCDOT called a meeting. Mr. Painter and Mr. Carroll attended the meeting. The CTC Advisory Committee reviewed the information presented and recommended \$1.5M be applied to

participate in the statewide program. This would ultimately give the county \$3M worth of resurfacing on State roadways. The roads selected would be required to be submitted to the state by September 14th. The CTC projects submitted would not be guaranteed to be approved, but the committee would want to have the monies in place, just in case the approval was validated.

The state has identified some roadways that could be approved to be resurfaced. One is Hope Road, located near Mount Zion Road; another is S.J. Workman Highway in Cross Anchor area; while another is Arlington Road in the Greer area; and, the last one is Connecticut Avenue in the City of Spartanburg.

If approved, the State would be required to administer the projects. If approved, the cost estimates of each project would need to be redefined.

After further discussion regarding the process and the financial commitment, Mr. Tom Arthur moved to participate up to \$1.5M. Mr. Ed Memmott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, Attested