

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
APRIL 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, April 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: Tom Arthur, Steve Belue, Sam Evatt, Tony Gillespie, Hal Murphy, 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 19, 2012 meeting minutes

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve the January 19, 2012 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Mr. Tony Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 2 - Financial Report – Mrs. Pam Agudelo

Mrs. Pam Agudelo reported the total unobligated funds as of March 31 were \$1,143,686.31 which is made up of the beginning balance rolled forward of \$3.24M and includes user fees and interest from July through February in the amount of \$2M. During this time several projects have been closed and there have been a few more projects opened.

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

The asphalt has been completed on the left turn lanes on Reidville Road at Gano Drive and Dillard Road. All that remains to be completed on the project is the grassing and clean-up.

The 95% plans are being reviewed on the Westmoreland Road widening project. There is one more parcel of right-of-way required for the project to proceed.

Nothing has been accomplished on the old Petrie Road intersection improvements during this last quarter.

The consultant is working on the final plans regarding the Frank Clinton Road realignment.

Mr. Carroll has just reviewed the 30% plans for the Old Blackstock Road widening and the consultant is working toward the 70% plans.

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

a. Rep. Chumley’s set-aside for additional funding for sidewalk repairs in the City of Woodruff @ \$8,858

This is an additional set-aside funding request from Representative Chumley for sidewalk repairs on Chamblin Street in the City of Woodruff.

Mr. Tony Gillespie moved to approve the \$8,858 for sidewalk repairs in the City of Woodruff. The motion was seconded and approved.

b. Rep. Tallon’s set-aside for sidewalk construction on Highway 29 South Bound from Foster Street to drive way at Rite Aid location in the Town of Cowpens @ \$19,000

This is a continuation of a streetscape project request for the Town of Cowpens to install sidewalks on Highway 29 southbound beginning at Foster Street to the drive way at Rite Aid.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve Representative Tallon’s request at \$19,000. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c. Rep. Brannon’s remaining set-aside funding to level off roadway on Highway 14 near 325 West Rutherford Street in the City of Landrum @ \$14,126

This project involves a new adopted DOT entrance policy for businesses. Several years ago drainage piping was installed and the driveway was not re-constructed as should have been causing vehicles to drag at the entrance of Highway 14 near 325 West Rutherford Street in the City of Landrum.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve \$14,126 as requested of Representative Brannon. Mr. Bob Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d. Additional funding to level off roadway on Highway 14 near 325 West Rutherford Street in the City of Landrum @ \$14,000

This request will complete the funding to level off the roadway on Highway 14 near 325 West Rutherford Street in the City of Landrum.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$14,000 to complete funding to level off a portion of Highway 14 near 325 West Rutherford Street in the City of Landrum. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. SCDOT request for additional funding in the amount of \$61,674.16 for resurfacing Fairfield Road

The DOT submitted a paving request which consisted of one road. The C Fund committee approved \$647,325.84 at the last quarter meeting which was not enough funding to complete the resurfacing project. Therefore, the DOT is requesting an additional \$61,674.16 to make a total amount of \$709,000.00

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$61,674.16 to complete funding to resurface Fairfield Road in the northern part of Spartanburg County. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

f. Fabrication and placement of signs to dedicate the bridge that crosses the Middle Tyger River along SC Highway 296 in honor of U.S. Army Captain John David Hortman @ \$500

Fabrication and placement of dedication signs, as stated in the SC Code section, has been approved.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve \$500 for the fabrication and placement of dedication signs on the bridge that crosses the Middle Tyger River along SC Highway 296 to honor U.S. Army Captain John David Hortman. The motion was seconded and approved.

g. Rep. Forrester's set-aside to install approximately 3500' of off-road shared use paths on the Copperline Drive Connector @ \$49,011

This multi-use path will connect Willis Road at the Westside Club and continue along Copperline Drive to the School District 5 property. Mr. Belue presented the project request to County Council for approval of future maintenance. Council decided to turn the maintenance of the shared use path over to Spartanburg County Parks.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve \$49,011 for construction of the off-road shared use path along Copperline Drive. Mr. Tom Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried.

h. Restoration of Glendale Bridge @ up to \$70,000

The C Fund committee has previously allocated \$50,000 toward this project. Mr. Mike Garrett had estimated the cost to restore the Glendale Bridge at \$200,000. However, the DOT has completed a full study of the bridge with an updated cost estimate of \$600,000. The DOT is requiring the bridge sidewalk be rebuilt which raised the cost to \$600,000.

All other funding has been arranged through earmarks for the Hub City connector, a statewide trail, which runs through Spartanburg County.

The funds requested would be the remainder of matching funds needed to support the federal earmark for the project.

Wofford College spent about \$2.2M on the project. The Palmetto Foundation, through the Goals project and the Greenway has spent \$1.2M. Over \$3M has been spent in Glendale to try to turn around river recreation. Glendale will be a hub for the new river project, a fifty mile paddling trail on Lawson's Fork and the Pacolet rivers. Private funding will also be sought for beautification of each end of the bridge.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve not to exceed \$70,000 of additional funding, provided the other federal earmark and state monies are provided to restore the bridge in Glendale. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

i. Parris Bridge Road Guardrail installation @ \$14,700 and Cherokee Circle Guardrail installation @ \$14,850 totaling \$29,550

The SCDOT submitted four requests for guardrail installation, but the Advisory Committee recommended two for approval. One is located on Parris Bridge Road, and the other is located at Cherokee Circle. Both of these areas have steep drop-offs. Guardrails are needed for safety reasons.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve a total of \$29,500 for the installation of the Parrish Bridge Road and the Cherokee Circle guardrails. Mr. Tom Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 5 – Projects denied by the Advisory Committee

a) Intersection Improvement at Leonard Drive and Duncan Reidville Road

The intersection improvement at Leonard Drive and Duncan Reidville Road was submitted by Representative Chumley. The Town of Reidville was asked to match the funding in the amount of \$20,000. However, the Town of Reidville rejected the request, therefore, the request to improve the intersection was denied.

b. Resurface and widen Theo Circle in Woodruff

This request was also submitted by Representative Chumley. He originally requested to allocate \$20,000 of his set-aside funds toward the project, but the estimated cost estimate of \$300,000 exceeded funds available. The City of Woodruff, as well as the School District, did not support the project.

Item # 6 – Sidewalk Policy review

The Advisory Committee established a Sidewalk sub-committee. The committee met several times and developed three options for possible consideration of the CTC members. The first option presented is to leave as previously approved as states in Option # 1. **(See Exhibit: Option 1).**

Option two places more responsibility on the person applying for the funding. It would be a ten percent of the total cost of the funding up to \$75,000. **(See Exhibit: Option 2).**

The third option presented is to not consider sidewalk/streetscape projects presented which have been submitted from Municipalities, Cities, State and the County. **(See Exhibit: Option 3)**

Item # 7 – Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Item #8 – New Business

No new business was discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, Attested