

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 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, October 18, 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, Tony Gillespie, Ed Memmott, Chet Morris, Hal Murphy, Billy Painter, Sam Evatt, 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 July 19, 2012 meeting minutes

Mr. John Trockmorton moved to approve the July 19, 2012 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Mr. Chet Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 2 - Financial Report – Mr. Charlie Long

Mr. Charlie Long reported the total unobligated funds as September 31, 2012 was \$1,551,661.38 which includes last fiscal year donor county funds as received September 4 in the amount of \$912,868.64. User fees have been received through July and expecting August and September.

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

Mr. Todd Carroll reported the John Dodd Road widening is substantially complete. All that is lacking are a few handicap ramps and some thermo striping.

The Westmoreland Road widening project is about 50% complete as of today.

The easement agreement needs to be signed for the Wadsworth Trail Extension.

Right-of-way is being acquired for the Frank Clinton Road realignment project.

The Department of Transportation is reviewing plans for the Old Blackstock Road widening.

Pre-construction was held on Tuesday for the Matthew Perry Parkway and construction is expected to begin next week.

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

a. Project request # 1011 to repair retaining wall at the intersection of Greenway Drive and Highway 29 @ \$6,000 and, \$13,000 not to exceed 20% for sidewalk repair, must match with other funds: Total \$19,000

The Town of Cowpens is undergoing its Streetscape Phase II project from Foster Street to Cemetery Street, going North on Highway 29. In the last meeting \$19,000 was approved to extend the scope of the work to include the South Bound lane from Foster Street to the driveway at the Rite Aid location. However, the Department of Transportation would not approve the project.

Therefore, the Town of Cowpens is requesting \$6,000 for repairs to existing retaining walls at the intersection of Greenway Drive and Highway 29 and repairs to sidewalks on Linda Street and other locations at \$13,000. The Town of Cowpens will need to cover a 20% match, per the CTC sidewalk policy.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved for the \$19,000 to revert back into the general funds and re-allocate \$19,000 to repair sidewalks and retaining walls. Mr. Tony Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b. Project request # 1018 to connect the Pacolet Gateway River Walk with the Road Construction @ \$20,000

This project is a set-aside request from Representative Tallon to connect the Gateway River Walk with the Pacolet road construction @ \$20,000.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$20,000 to connect the Gateway River Walk with the Pacolet road construction. Mr. Tony Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c. Project request # 1020 from Representative Forrester to improve radius turn lane located at Highway 29 @ Woodlake Subdivision @ \$6,000

The radius needs to be improved for cars to safely enter and exit the subdivision.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve \$6,000 to improve the radius on the turn lane located at Highway 29 at the Woodlake Subdivision. Mr. Tony Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d. Project request # 1023 from Representative Allison for Town of Lyman Streetscape @ \$42,000

This request from Representative Allison for the Town of Lyman is a streetscape project.

The City Manager of Lyman explained the development of a downtown area. The old Armory is now an event center that Representative Allison is trying to have converted into a senior center. Currently the street is a fifty foot wide roadway. All of Lyman's road fee funding will be expended on the project with the Town to fund any additional dollars needed to complete the project. The total project cost is \$301,670.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$42,000 of Representative Allison's set-aside funding for the Streetscape. Mr. Tony Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Additional funding for Town of Lyman Streetscape @ \$8,000

The Town of Lyman requested additional funding for the Town of Lyman Streetscape at \$8,000.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve the \$8,000. Mr. Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

f. New funding for Avanti Industrial Drive, County owned road @ \$68,000 to match with additional County funding @ \$68,000

This new funding requested for Avanti Industrial Drive, owned by the County, will be matched with additional County funds of which the County approved this past Monday evening.

Mr. Ron Kirby explained the project funding, it that, an underrun will occur on the Amazon project of approximately \$250,000. This approximate \$250,000 will be reverted back into the general funds; and, this request for \$68,000 along with \$68,000 from the County will complete the Avanti Industrial Drive project.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve the \$68,000 to help complete the Avanti Industrial Drive project. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

g. "Ernie White Memorial Highway" signage @ \$500.00

The Department of Transportation approved a Concurrent Resolution requesting a portion of SC 150 in Spartanburg County from its intersection with US 176 to the Spartanburg /Cherokee County line be dedicated "Ernie White Memorial Highway" and signs be erected at the interchange.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve \$500.00 to fabricate the associated signage. The motion was seconded and carried.

h. SCDOT Federal matching program additional funding @ \$105,384

Previously \$1.5M was approved to resurface four (4) Federal Aid roadways in Spartanburg County. Mr. Painter and Mr. Carroll attended a meeting in Columbia. At this meeting, SCDOT told

Mr. Carroll and Mr. Painter to add 4.5% contingency plus engineering to the cost estimate. Mr. Carroll actually added 12% (6% for engineering and 6% contingency) which added up to be \$324,360. An e-mail was received from Mark Pleasant from SCDOT. SCDOT is now saying they need 20% more contingency, which is eight (8) percent more funding to complete the project. This makes the total contingency and engineering at \$535,128, which adds up to an additional \$105,384 for C Funds to approve.

The CTC Advisory met this week to discuss whether or not the committee would approve the additional funding to participate in the matching program. The C Funds Advisory committee was willing to participate and approve the additional funding if the SCDOT would resurface the roadways in 2013, as there was some speculation the matching program roadways would not be paved until 2014.

The Advisory Committee then decided to approve the \$105,384 and attach an agreement letter to the Department of Transportation at which point the Spartanburg CTC insists the roadways be paved in 2013.

Other requirements from the SCDOT are that C Funds will be responsible (100%) for all overruns and SCDOT manage the program.

Mr. Bob Walker mentioned that if the committee agreed to the resurfacing program, the dollars allocated each year to the SCDOT for resurfacing would not be allocated for two years – in essence the \$1.5M would almost be the same amount.

Mr. John Throckmorton questioned as to whether or not the roadways submitted for resurfacing really did need to be resurfaced; and, could the project be stopped when the money was depleted instead of completing the project with overruns at C Fund expense.

Mr. Belue reviewed the SCDOT rating system of each roadway submitted to be resurfaced under the matching program.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve the additional \$105,384 provided the resurfacing would be completed in 2013.

Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 5. - Project request submitted but not approved to be funded

a. Project request # 1019 from Town of Lyman for Streetscape

The Town of Lyman wanted to overlay Church Road from Groce Road to Community Road, but the Overall Condition Index (OCI) rating was a 78, therefore, the project request was denied.

Item # 6. - Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Item #7 - New Business

a. Statewide C Fund meeting in Columbia on December 6, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon

The annual Statewide C Fund meeting in Columbia has been scheduled for December 6. All are encouraged to attend.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, Attested