

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee
MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2010
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 15, 2010 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, William Hamilton, Ed Memmott, Hal Murphy, John Throckmorton and Hugh Waldrop

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 21, 2010 meeting minutes

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve the January 21, 2010 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Mr. William Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 2 - Financial Report – Mrs. Sabrina Dickens Mason

Mrs. Sabrina Mason reported the total unobligated funds as of March 31, 2010 were \$1,256,008.70 which includes user fees and interest through February. One project still has not been set up which is the resurfacing of County and Municipal roadways.

Item # 3 - Update on active projects – Mr. Eddie Speed

In the last meeting when Mr. Speed gave the update on projects, he indicated three projects, under construction, would go over by ten to twenty percent because of the weather. Those projects have been completed which are Shoally Creek Road widening, 176 at Windmill, and the Seay Road intersection improvement. The Windmill Hill at 176 went over \$21,000; Seay Road intersection improvement project went over \$19,000; and Shoally Creek Road widening came in under \$35,000 making the three projects \$5,000 over budget.

The Overhead Bridge project information has been sent to the Railroad for review and awaiting comments. The engineer is continuing with the design. As soon as comments are received back, construction drawings will be sent in.

The Dairy Ridge Road bridge has two more pours on the wing wall. It is anticipated a completion date for the middle of May.

The Cecelia Drive project is complete.

The right turn lanes quotes should be received by April 19th.

Fairwinds Road widening project is about forty percent complete.

Pre-bid was held on the Municipal and County resurfacing. Bids will be received back in mid-May.

The Edwards Road reclamation packages went out. There is a mandatory pre-bid scheduled for April 29.

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

a. Delegation set-aside, Representative Mitchell, \$48,436 for Intersection improvements at Bomar Avenue in the City of Spartanburg

Funds in the amount of \$48,436 would assist the funding of the intersection improvements at Bomar Avenue, South Liberty and Collins streets in the City of Spartanburg in the area of the new C. C. Woodson Community Center. The total cost of the project is \$265,000. There are additional C Funds that have been accumulated from Representative Mitchell's set-asides over the past several years. The CTC Advisory Committee reviewed the project and recommended approval of the project.

Mr. William Hamilton moved to approve the \$48,436 for the project. Mr. Ed Memmott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b. Delegation set-aside, Representative Millwood, \$49,126 sidewalks on W. Manning Street, City of Chesnee plus \$10,000 of other C Funds

Set-aside funds in the amount of \$49,126 would go toward the construction of sidewalks on W. Manning Street inside the City of Chesnee. This project has a total cost estimate of \$200,000. The City of Chesnee has put together a financial plan to include \$100,000 from Hospitality funds; \$40,870 of Municipal Road fee, and this \$49,126 from Delegation set-aside, plus an additional \$10,000 of C Funds. The CTC Advisory Committee reviewed the project and recommended approval of \$49,126 for Representative Millwood plus the \$10,000 C Funds.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve the \$49,126 plus the \$10,000 C Funds. Mr. Hal Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c. Delegation set-aside, Representative Parker, construct sidewalk on Compton Bridge Road @ \$35,000

The Town of Inman came before the CTC Advisory Committee requesting funding for the construction of sidewalks on Compton Bridge Road. This \$35,000 would be matched with C funds that have already been designated toward the project in the amount of \$80,000 that would go toward the total project cost of \$390,000. The Town has requested \$250,000 of SPATS funding.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$35,000 of Representative Parker's set-aside funding subject to the additional funding from SPATS. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d. Delegation set-aside, Representative Littlejohn \$19,060 lighting at Pacolet River Bridge

The CTC Advisory Committee evaluated the project and recommended approval.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve the funding in the amount of \$19,060. Tom Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Replacement of culverts on Hannon Road and West Road by Spartanburg County @ \$83,000 for materials only

The County has requested funding for materials to replace the Hannon Road and West Road culverts. Concrete box culverts would replace the metal pipe culverts that are caving in. The County will install the culverts with their labor. The cost to replace the Hannon Road culvert is \$42,953 with the West Road culvert estimated to cost \$30,042. Specific quotes have been received.

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to approve \$83,000 for materials only to replace the Hannon Road and West Road culverts. Hugh Waldrop seconded the motion. The motion carried.

f. Delegation set-aside, Representative Parker, for plantings and mulching at various Boiling Springs roadside improvement locations; and, New Welcome to Boiling Springs sign placed on the South bound side of Highway 9 near the new school taking into consideration the widening of Highway 9 @ \$13,743

The CTC Advisory reviewed the request and discussed the intent. It was the Advisory Committee's understanding that plantings would be replaced at roadside improvement areas where they have been destroyed by vehicles and a Welcome sign placed on the South bound side of Highway 9.

The CTC Advisory committee was concerned with what should be done about maintenance of these roadside improvement areas. Therefore, a subcommittee has proposed a Maintenance Policy. In some cases, highway roadside improvements established will require a maintenance policy before funding will be approved.

The committee decided to hold over approving the proposed maintenance policy for maintenance of roadside improvements until past funding amounts have been calculated and further discussions could be held regarding the proposed policy.

Mr. Hugh Waldrop moved to approve \$13,743 of Representative Parker's set-aside funding for plantings in various Boiling Springs locations and placement of a Welcome sign on the south bound side of Highway 9. Mr. John Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

g. Delegation set-aside, Rep. Littlejohn, for Town of Cowpens to construct 900 linear feet of sidewalk on Bunche Circle @ \$19,060

The CTC Advisory Committee reviewed the project. There was a right-of-way issue. The Town of Cowpens has taken steps to acquire the necessary right-of-way. The committee is recommending approval.

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve \$19,060 for the construction of sidewalks in the Town of Cowpens on Bunche Circle. Mr. Ed Memmott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

h. Construct turn lanes on Reidville Road at Gano Drive and Dillard Road for Westside Park – Construction costs to be split between C Funds and Hospitality Tax Revenues. (50/50 match with Hospitality Tax not to exceed \$150,000) Total cost of the two projects - \$213,000

Left turn lanes on Reidville Road at Gano Drive and Dillard Road near the Town of Reidville. These are two roads that tie into the Tyger River Regional Park construction. A traffic study has been completed. It was determined by SCDOT that turn lanes would be necessary at these two locations. The estimated total cost is \$213,000. There was considerable discussion whether or not Hospitality Tax could be used for construction. The Advisory Committee voted to recommend a match with Hospitality Tax on a 50/50 basis not to exceed \$150,000.

Mr. Sam Evatt made a motion to match Hospitality Tax not to exceed \$150,000 of C Funds to construct turn lanes on Reidville Road at Gano Drive and Dillard Road. The motion was seconded and approved.

i. Runion Road bridge replacement – Road maintenance fee @ \$50,000; Storm Water Fund @ \$200,000, and C Funds at \$200,000 totaling \$450,000

Runion Road bridge is a Spartanburg County project. This will be a complete bridge replacement. The bridge needs to be realigned. It is on the County's CIP (Capital Improvement Program) for next year. The bridge replacement is estimated to cost \$450,000.

The bridge replacement project will use storm water funding at \$200,000; \$50,000 Road Maintenance funds; and requesting \$200,000 of C Funds. The bridge is next in line on the priority list.

Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve \$200,000 of C Funds to help replace the Runion Road bridge. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

j. Fabrication and placement of signs naming a portion of SC Highway 11 in Spartanburg County the “General Stephen M. Twitty Highway” @ \$500.00

Mr. Sam Evatt moved to approve \$500 to fabricate and place signs on a portion SC Highway 11 honoring “General Stephen M. Twitty Highway”. The motion was seconded and approved.

Item # 5 – Proposed Maintenance Policy

See paragraph three of item 4f.

Item # 6 – Proposed Fire Station signalization Policy

This is a proposed policy for fire station signalization or traffic warning systems allowing fire trucks to safely enter the highway. Funding has not previously been approved as the committee felt approving such requests would open a Pandora’s Box. The Boiling Springs fire department requested funding for signalization at their new station located on Rainbow Lake Road near the Walmart in Boiling Springs. The location is very congested and will be hard to get in and out of the station. The CTC Advisory proposed the following policy for consideration:

Delegation set-aside funds may be used for design, materials, and installation of emergency stop and go signals and flashing beacons for fire stations. SCDOT must pre-approve the device that would be appropriate prior to Delegation request. The fire station can be directed to (864) 241-1010 for the request to review and approve a recommendation. If approved, the fire station would be required to obtain an encroachment permit through SCDOT Spartanburg Maintenance office and would utilize a pre-approved contractor for installation. SCDOT will monitor installation and maintain the device within the right-of-way

Mr. John Throckmorton moved to add “Only” at the very beginning of the proposed policy. The motion was seconded and carried.

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Mr. Tom Arthur moved to approve the Fire Station Signalization Policy indicating only delegation set-aside funds would be permitted to be used for such a request. Mr. Sam Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Item # 7 – Old Business

No old business was addressed.

Item #8 – New Business

a) Change of Scope on Representative Cole funding

Mr. Ed Memmott requested to hold this item over until the next meeting as there is a possibility the funding for the Sylvan Drive bridge may exceed the estimated pre-approved amount for resurfacing Ransdale Drive in the City of Spartanburg.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Billy Painter, Chairman

Carol Crowe, Attested