

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

Due to the COVID-19 Impact, a public virtual meeting of the Spartanburg County Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting was conducted with remote participation. Chairman John Throckmorton presided.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notices of this meeting were mailed and emailed in advance to county officials, local news media, citizens and other interested parties. The virtual meeting for public viewing was accessible at the following web address:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7gqyyNDZ0uoyo_g7qCsoCw?view_as=subscriber

The following members were present: John Throckmorton; Travis Brown; Chris Story; Trey Blackwood; Vic Bailey, IV. The following members were absent: Dean Anderson; Doug Cobb; Will Gramling; Ed Humphries-Excused; Kyle Owings-Excused

1. Call to Order – John Throckmorton, Chairman

2. Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2020

Chairman Throckmorton asked committee members if there was any comments regarding the May 21, 2020 minutes. None were made. Minutes will be held and approved at the next in person meeting.

3. Financial Report – Allison Poole

Received Gas Tax –through April 2020 \$3,277,680.57

Total Unobligated Funds As Of June 30, 2020: \$1,453,314.35

Allison Poole states that we received May gas tax check and received uncommitted return balance of \$116, 432.00.

4. Project Status Report – Billy Martin

Active project status report as of March 7, 2020

1. a) 12018 Pacolet, River Gateway Roundabout
- b) 13010 Pacolet, connect River Walk with Road
- c) 17006 Pacolet, River passage Gateway Project

Ron Kirby states that the Pacolet River Gateway project is with the DOT for about a month and a half, they are having a little bit of trouble getting things approved. Everything was addressed, so we are waiting on approval.

2. 15006 4th Street- Coordination is underway concerning the new County Collection Center. For further details, see Ron Kirby and Travis Brown

Ron Kirby states that on 4th Street we are purchasing right-a-way and again there is one big track that the mill is set on. We are quite a bit apart on the price. But there are opportunities for some joint work that maybe mitigate some cost differential. Specifically there's a lot of dirt on the Montgomery site that we need for the road. So we may be able to work out a deal on that, we are negotiating with 4th Street widening.

Travis Brown states that we did a GEHA technical investigation on that property just to confirm the amount of borrow materials. The investigation is complete. Hopefully have the text results tomorrow or by next week.

3. 19002L 4th Street widening, Rep. Long set-a-side. See 4th street above
4. 19003S Belcher Road bridge replacement, Rep. Long set-a-side. Due to the results of the flood study and on site witness statements, the new bridge will have to be significantly higher than the existing bridge. We are in touch with FEMA at this time concerning the revision of the FMA "Flood" Maps.

It's going well have a 90 percent plan. We have a contract to get a new purchase order for them to do the new flood studies necessary to finish the project \$47,000 dollars. They have started right-a-way acquisitions.

Chairman John Throckmorton states it has been talked about FEMA changing the flood plain, has that been done? Billy Martin states No, we have the proposal. The county is going to have to come up with another \$47,000 dollars to do all that study. Plus another \$14,000 dollars in review fees to FEMA and about 4 months of time.

5. 19005S Traffic Signal at Draxelmaier. TranSystems has submitted final drawings to the SCDOT for approval. All we think we need now is dedication of right of way (easement) from Draezlmier to SCDOT.

Permits have been approved. It's a matter of getting the DOT to approve the easement. It is in headquarters somewhere. We have activity from Draxelmaier and our engineer, they are e-mailing people. They are trying actively to get this project moving. We will get there.

Chairman John Throckmorton asked Billy Martin if the traffic light is not up yet, right. Billy Martin states that is correct. We have not got the DOT encroachment permit yet.

6. 19011 Funding for City of Spartanburg projects. Complete \$543.64
Back to the CTC

They are done. We got \$543.64 back.

7. 19018L Lightwood Knot Road, Intersection Improvement. The design has been submitted to the SCDOT for encroachment permit.

8. 19019L S. Hammett Road, Intersection Improvement. The design has been submitted to the SCDOT for encroachment permit.

For Lightwood Knot Road intersection Improvement and S. Hammett Road intersection improvement, the situation with the DOT is sort of compounded. There is lot of developed activity in the Upstate but then the Corona Virus and they all had to go home for while and some are still working from home. The permitting process has slowed. They are very cordial. I stay in touch with them. They tell me they are going to get it done. They tell me the engineers are submitting everything. But we don't have the permit. I think it is close, we are getting there.

9. 19020L Spartanburg County Road Safety Improvements. Handled by Spartanburg County Roads and Bridges. Contracts have been signed for striping.

They are done. We are getting back \$2500 dollars.

10. 19021L We are waiting on six traffic study results from the consultant. We are studying for a recommendation to the CTC.

These are done, paid for and getting a little bit of money back.

11. 20002S and 20003S SCDOT, Falling Creek and N. Blackstock Rd. All funds have been sent to the SCDOT.

Project is underway. We have paid DOT and they are handling everything.

12. 2004L Spartanburg County, Clark Rd./Bishop Rd. Roundabout. Design underway.

This county project is underway.

13. 20009L Double Branch Road, Intersection Relocation. Design Underway.

This is underway.

14. 20010L through 20018L are various paving projects by Municipalities and Spartanburg Co.

No update on those.

Travis Brown states they are out there right now and have started Maple St. in Cowpens. We are probably two or three weeks away beginning Hampton Road. Those were the only two Municipal roadway projects we had. They are finishing over installation on Hampton. Then in the area we are hoping they will in two or three weeks start, that includes Gary Armstrong which is the Greer section from right there at 29.

15. 20019 Victor Hill Rd/Woods Chapel Rd. Study. Complete \$673.70
Back to the CTC.

This is finished.

16. 20020L Seay Road. Design Underway.

Huge county projects underway. We will be discussing this many more times for the next couple of years.

17. 20021L Clark Road.

18. 20024L Replace CTC Vehicle.

The Dodge plant is working again. So that delayed the vehicle when the plant shut down.

19. 20025S Victor Hill Road/Woods Chapel Road. Engineering design proposal under review.

We have got the purchase order for the engineering design and the purchase order for the surveying. This is underway.

20. 20026L Spartanburg County Road Safety Improvements. Underway

Underway.

21. 21001A FY21 Annual Administrative Funding

Appreciate you all approving that. Thank you. Do you have any questions? No questions.

5. New projects recommended for approval by the Advisory Committee- Travis Brown

No new projects.

6. New Business

None.

7. Old Business

None.

8. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by CTC Chairman John Throckmorton.

John Throckmorton, Chairman

Attested: Debbie Culbreth

Date

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