



Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

Date: 09/14/2026 **Time:** 4:30 PM **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle **Meeting Adjourned:** 4:55 PM

ROLL CALL: Brent Spears

In Attendance

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Pirkle Dan Rupert Jon Milstead Ernie Joyner Drew Robertson Bill Cleveland
David Rumbarger Charlotte Loden Stuart Johnson Ted Roach

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Raphael Henry Robert Traylor Robin Hare George Jones Terry Bullard Danny Riley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Spears Dennis Bonds Johnny Timmons Don Lewis

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes from the August 10, 2026 Major Thoroughfare meeting. David Rumbarger made the motion to accept the minutes. Dan Rupert seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved unanimously by the Committee.

Budget Report

Dennis Bonds reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VII Budget Report for the month ending August 31, 2026. Beginning Cash Balance was \$0. Total Revenue from Property Tax was \$140,778, Interest Earned was \$233. Total Revenue was \$154,342. Total Expenditures for August were \$154,342, \$10,114 for personnel cost, \$143,577 for maintenance cost, and \$650 for West Jackson (Madison to Front). Ending Cash Balance for August is \$0.

Current Projects

Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects

- **New Road (Gloster to Northern Loop)**
 - All traffic signal install work is completed, curb and gutter work is completed, inlet tops still remain to be poured. First lift of asphalt is being placed. See project photos from earlier today.
- **Engineering Selection Subcommittee**
 - 2 RFQ's were submitted, Engineering Selection Subcommittee has reviewed and ranked them.
- **West Barnes Crossing Curb & Gutter (NTP Bridge to Crossroads Blvd)**
 - Preconstruction meeting will be sometime in the next few days. A Notice to Proceed date will be issued at that time and work will begin immediately after. Job time is 120 Working Days.

Open Discussion

Dennis Bonds informed the MTP committee that the Engineering Selection Subcommittee had met just prior to this meeting. He stated that the Request for Qualifications were received on September 1st, 2026. After each individual members' review of the submissions and ranking of the seven (7) criteria for each firm, the Engineering Selection Subcommittee unanimously recommends awarding the Major Thoroughfare Phase VIII Engineering to the firm of Engineering Solutions, Inc.

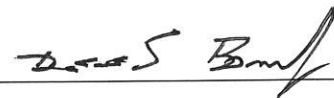
Greg Pirkle asked the MTP Committee to vote and approve the recommendation of the Subcommittee to award the MTP Phase VII project to Engineering Solutions, Inc.

The MTP Committee voted unanimously to approve the Subcommittees' recommendation.

The recommendation will now be given to the City Council for their next meeting.



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Recorded by Dennis Bonds

Submitted by Dennis Bonds