



## Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes March 9, 2020

Members present: Bill Cleveland, C W Jackson, Stuart Johnson, Ernie Joyner, Charlotte Loden, Jon Milstead, Mike Pettigrew, Greg Pirkle, Danny Riley, Ted Roach, Drew Robertson, and Wesley Webb

Members not present: Scott Davis, Chris Hussey, Aletha Mims, Ian Morrison, Jamie Osborn, and Brent Waldrop

Others present: Dennis Bonds, Don Lewis, Renee Newton, Johnny Timmons, John White, and Taylor Vance

Chairman Pirkle called meeting to order.

Renee Newton took roll.

Chairman Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020, Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. Motion made by C W Jackson to accept minutes. Wesley Webb seconded motion. Minutes approved unanimously by Committee.

Kim Hanna reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VI Budget Report for the month ending February 29, 2020. Beginning cash balance was \$6,436,434. Revenue from Property Tax and Interest Earned was \$2,643,295. Expenditures were \$662,112. Payments included \$7,675 for Personnel Costs, and \$654,437 to Jackson St (Clayton to Robins) to underground contractor. Ending cash balance was \$8,417,617.

Dennis Bonds gave updates on the current projects.

### JACKSON STREET (CLAYTON TO MADISON)

Continuing coordination with the utility relocation project and meeting with property owners to obtain construction easements. All conduit is in place. Vaults are being delivered.

### EASON BLVD (S VETERANS TO BRIAR RIDGE)

Currently continuing to work on plans design. Approximately 85% complete.

### W JACKSON ST (AIRPARK TO COLEY)

Currently continuing to work on plans design. Approximately 60% complete.

### MDOT NORTH GLOSTER / BARNES CROSSING PROJECT

Work has stopped for the winter.

## INACTIVE PROJECTS (PHASE VI)

N Gloster St - Barnes Crossing to Natchez Trace

Committee discussed remaining Phase VI projects and estimated cost of each. Projects to be completed/started in Phase VI are Jackson (Clayton to Madison) at an estimate of \$8.4 million; Jackson (Airpark to Coley) at an estimate of \$3.2 million; and Eason (Veterans to Briar Ridge) with estimate to be determined after plans design is complete. With current budget projections, there will be a shortfall of approximately \$4 million. There is a possibility of a project continuing into Phase VII.

## Phase VII Planning Subcommittee

Phase VII Planning Group met today at 3:30 pm. Subcommittee is working on prioritizing projects. There are twelve projects currently on the list, with some as possible MDOT projects. Subcommittee plans to have list of prioritized projects to Committee in September.

## New Business

Don Lewis provided a list of city streets produced from the Street Saver program used by Public Works. The program is used to prioritize overlay and street treatments. The list showed Street Name, Description, Revised Class and Fund Source. (See attached list.) Mr. Lewis said where MTP funds would be involved is with Arterial and Collector streets. The City plans to use funds from the Maintenance part of the MTP budget for overlay and treatments of these streets.

Greg Pirkle stated that the Committee will have to take this to voters and explain what the Maintenance funds will be used for. Mr. Lewis replied that the current list is what the City will use to prioritize maintenance projects. Wesley Webb asked if the list was final or open to discussion. Mr. Lewis recommended the Committee to put a group together to discuss and review. Jon Milstead asked how the use of the Maintenance funds was determined for Phase VI. Mr. Pirkle explained Phase VI was the first MTP vote that included a Maintenance budget. The list of streets the funds were to be used for was included in the vote. Stuart Johnson stated the premise of the Maintenance budget was to overlay streets that MTP had constructed. Requests were made for more information on how the streets were classified and funding sources where determined. C W Jackson asked for an update of traffic counts for the Committee to review, as well as a map showing Arterials and Collectors. Greg Pirkle asked Committee members to take the list of streets to their neighbors and ask for opinion of where MTP funds should be used.

The Committee will discuss this issue further at the April meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Submitted by Renee Newton



## Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes April 13, 2020

Members present in Council Chambers: Jon Milstead, Mike Pettigrew, and Wesley Webb

Members present by Zoom video meeting: Bill Cleveland, Stuart Johnson, Ernie Joyner, Aletha Mims, Greg Pirkle, Danny Riley, and Ted Roach

Members not present: Scott Davis, Chris Hussey, C W Jackson, Charlotte Loden, Ian Morrison, Jamie Osborn, Drew Robertson, and Brent Waldrop

Others present: Dennis Bonds and Renee Newton in Council Chambers; Don Lewis, Kim Hanna, Ben Logan, Johnny Timmons, John White, Chuck Williams and Taylor Vance by Zoom

Chairman Pirkle called meeting to order.

Renee Newton took roll.

Chairman Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020, Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. Motion made by Bill Cleveland to accept minutes. Ernie Joyner seconded motion. Minutes approved unanimously by Committee.

Kim Hanna reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VI Budget Report for the month ending February 29, 2020. Beginning cash balance was \$8,417,617. Revenue from Property Tax, Homestead, MDOT refund and Interest Earned was \$800,945. Expenditures were \$1,191,158. Payments included \$7,679 for Personnel Costs, and \$1,183,480 to Jackson St-Clayton to Robins. Ending cash balance was \$8,027,404.

Dennis Bonds gave updates on the current projects.

### JACKSON STREET (CLAYTON TO MADISON)

Continuing coordination with the utility relocation project and meeting with property owners to obtain construction easements. A few Temporary Construction Easements still need to be obtained.

Chairman Pirkle asked about the status of compensation agreement with Romie's for area in front of the building. Ben Logan replied negotiations are still underway. The project can continue without agreement with Romie's, however it will not be the optimal design, according to Don Lewis.

Light poles have been delivered and are ready to be installed. Stuart Johnson asked if the Design Committee had met with the neighborhood about the light poles. Johnny Timmons replied that the neighborhood had been informed that the lights were the same as the ones in Fairpark. Greg Pirkle advised Johnny Timmons and Bill Cleveland

to set a meeting with the neighborhood to update the neighborhood residents on the light pole design and traffic signals.

#### EASON BLVD (S VETERANS TO BRIAR RIDGE)

Currently continuing to work on plans design. Approximately 90% complete. Design needs to be completed in order to determine amount of right-of-way to be obtained. John White stated possibly five properties would be involved.

#### W JACKSON ST (AIR PARK TO COLEY)

Currently continuing to work on plans design. Approximately 65% complete. John White said ESI hopes to have the plans complete next month and bid the project this summer.

#### MDOT NORTH GLOSTER / BARNES CROSSING PROJECT

Work has been substantially completed. Only work remaining is Punch List and Final Job Closeout.

Other upcoming MDOT projects include mill/overlay at Belden, mill/overlay 20 mile portion of Hwy 45, and mill/overlay portion of I-22.

#### INACTIVE PROJECTS (PHASE VI)

N Gloster St - Barnes Crossing to Natchez Trace

#### Phase VII Planning Subcommittee

Phase VII Planning Group did not meet today due to coronavirus precautions.

#### Other Business

The Committee continued the discussion from March meeting on Street Classifications and Funding Sources. Don Lewis stated the list is being revised and hopes to have the final plan to the Phase VII Planning Subcommittee in May. Ben Logan informed members that traffic counts are available on the MDOT website. Greg Pirkle does not want a political problem by saying MTP Maintenance funds can be used on all arterial and collector streets. He said the Committee should have input as to whether the street falls within MTP purview. Discussion to continue at next MTP meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Chairman Greg Pirkle

  
Submitted by Renee Newton