



Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes November 14, 2022

Members present: Terry Bullard, Robin Haire, Raphael Henry, C W Jackson, Stuart Johnson, George Jones, Ernie Joyner, Charlotte Loden, Jon Milstead, Greg Pirkle, Danny Riley, Ted Roach, and Dan Rupert.

Members not present: Bill Cleveland and Drew Robertson.

Others present: Travis Beard, Dennis Bonds, Lynn Bryan, Scott Costello, Nettie Davis, Janet Gaston, Don Lewis, Ben Logan, Kim Hanna, Rosie Jones, Todd Jordan, Caleb McCluskey, Chad Mims, Tanner Newman, Renee Newton, Buddy Palmer, Stephen Reed, Jenny Savely, Missy Shelton, Johnny Timmons, John White, and Chuck Williams.

MDOT representatives, Jessica Dilley and Matt Dunn, and Scott Rumble of Atkins Engineering presented preliminary findings and options for realignment of Hwy 45 at McCullough Blvd, Hilda Ave, and N Front St interchange.

Chairman Pirkle called meeting to order.

Renee Newton called roll.

Chairman Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022, Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. Ernie Joyner made motion to accept minutes. Danny Riley seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously by Committee.

Kim Hann reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VI Budget Report for the month ending October 31, 2022. Budget for Phase VI has been closed out and a balance of \$743,171 transferred to Phase VII budget. Beginning cash balance for Phase VII was \$4,507,508. Total Revenue from Interest Earned was \$183. Total Expenditures recorded for October were \$113,638. Payments included \$8,320 for Personnel Cost and \$105,318 for Veterans - E Main to Hamm St. Ending cash balance for Phase VII Budget was \$4,394,052.

Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects.

MAINTENANCE WORK

No current projects

EASON BLVD (S VETERANS TO BRIAR RIDGE)

Paving along north side of project started today. Contractor continues working on south side.

W JACKSON ST (N THOMAS ST TO LUMPKIN)

Outreach to property owners continues for right-of-way requests. Some responses have been received. Mr. Bonds will send a report to Committee members this week.

W JACKSON ST (AIRPARK RD TO N THOMAS ST)

E JACKSON ST (N MADISON TO N FRONT ST)

Plans substantially complete.

MDOT NEWS

Belden to Mt Vernon overlay on McCullough Blvd job bid on July 27; expect work to begin soon.

OTHER

Dennis Bonds informed the Committee the CRISI Grant Request will be submitted. This is the third and final Railroad Grant Request this year. Targeting about \$3 to \$3.5 million for Crossing Improvements to implement Quiet Zones.

Greg Pirkle advised Committee that now is the time to determine the next project of Phase VII to begin. Options are N Veterans between E Main St and Hamm St; E Jackson St between N Madison and N Front St; W Jackson between N Thomas St and Lumpkin Ave; and W Jackson between Joyner Ave and Clayton Ave, which will need public approval to be accepted into Phase VII. Further discussion to be held at December meeting.

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



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Recorded by Renee Newton