



## Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes December 12, 2022

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

Members not present: Bill Cleveland, Robin Haire, Jon Milstead, Danny Riley, and Drew Robertson.

Others present: Dennis Bonds, Kim Hanna, Caleb McCluskey, Tanner Newman, Renee Newton, Amy Priest, Johnny Timmons, John White, and Chuck Williams.

Chairman Pirkle called meeting to order.

Renee Newton called roll.

Chairman Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the November 11, 2022, Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. Stuart Johnson requested correction to change his status from not present to present. Dan Rupert made motion to accept minutes with correction. Charlotte Loden seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously by Committee.

Kim Hanna reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VII Budget Report for the month ending November 30, 2022. Beginning cash balance for Phase VII was \$4,394,052. Total Revenue from Property Tax and Interest Earned was \$47,601. Total Expenditures recorded for November were \$137,453. Payments included \$8,332 for Personnel Cost and \$129,120 for Eason-Veterans to Briar Ridge. Ending cash balance for Phase VII Budget was \$4,304,201. Mrs. Hanna explained \$820,268 of Ending Cash Balance is the current balance for available Maintenance Funds.

Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects.

### **MAINTENANCE WORK**

No current projects

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

Contractor continues working on south side to form and pour curb and gutter. Weather has slowed down progress on the job.

### **W JACKSON ST (N THOMAS ST TO LUMPKIN)**

Outreach to property owners continues for right-of-way requests. Three completed responses have been received.

### **W JACKSON ST (AIRPARK RD TO N THOMAS ST)**

Plans complete.

**E JACKSON ST (N MADISON TO N FRONT ST)**

Plans to be complete tomorrow.

**N VETERANS MEMORIAL BLVD (E MAIN ST TO HAMM ST)**

Plans complete.

**MDOT NEWS**

No update

**RAILROAD**

Dennis Bonds informed the Committee S Spring St will be closed from Clark St to Elliot St for improvements to the railroad crossing. N Park is also closed at the railroad crossing by Kroger for same reason. The improvements are needed for the purpose of creating Quiet Zones

Greg Pirkle asked about the type of responses received from the ROW requests on W Jackson. Mr. Bonds replied that the owners he has heard from have been agreeable but some negotiations may be needed to reach agreements. Total of twenty-eight (28) properties on the north side of W Jackson St between N Thomas St and Lumpkin Ave have been sent two letters requesting five (5) feet of property for right of way for the widening improvements to the street. No right of way is needed on the south side due to location of utility poles. Committee discussed design plan options and outreach opportunities for this project. Suggestion was made to flag the proposed right of way line so owners can see how much property will be affected.

Chairman Pirkle opened the discussion on priority of projects for Phase VII to determine next project to recommend to City Council to send to bid process. Engineering plans are complete for three projects - W Jackson St (Airpark Rd to N Thomas St), E Jackson St (N Madison St to N Front St), and N Veterans Memorial Blvd (E Main St to Hamm St).

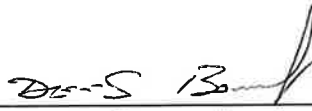
Motion to recommend to City Council to let bid for N Veterans Memorial Blvd project made by Charlotte Loden. Motion seconded by Terry Bullard. Motion approved unanimously by Committee.

Greg Pirkle announced this is Renee Newton's last meeting as Secretary for MTP Committee. She will retire from City of Tupelo at end of this month. Committee thanked Renee for her service.

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



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Recorded by Renee Newton

DENNIS BONDS