



Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

Date: 9/19/2023 **Time:** 4:30 PM **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:20 PM

ROLL CALL: Brent Spears

In Attendance

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Drew Robertson Jon Milstead Drew Robertson Stuart Johnson Greg Pirkle Danny Riley
Ernie Joyner Charlotte Loden C W Jackson Ted Roach Dan Rupert Raphael Henry
Terry Bullard George Jones Charlotte Loden Raphael Henry(ZOOM) Bill Cleveland(ZOOM)

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ted Roach Robin Haire

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Spears Kim Hanna Dennis Bonds Janet Gaskin Tyler Hathcock Jenny Savely
Caleb McClusley Tanner Newman Don Lewis Johnny Timmons Buddy Palmer

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. Dan Rupert made a motion to accept the minutes. Stuart Johnson seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved unanimously by Committee.

Budget Report

Kim Hanna reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VII Budget Report for the month ending August 31, 2023. Beginning Cash Balance was \$5,987,079. Total Revenue from Interest Earned was \$20,115. Total Expenditures for August was \$786,214. Payments included \$8,628 for Personnel Cost, \$777,586 for Maintenance Cost. Ending Cash Balance for Phase VII is \$5,317,476.

Current Projects

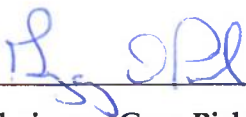
Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects

- Maintenance Work – Mill & overlay update
- Update on Main Street Safety Improvements Project
Will handle in house, start working soon on bulb outs along Main Street. Target date is September 25th
- Jackson Street (Madison to Front)
Underground utility plan design work ongoing.
- Eason Blvd (Veterans to Briar Ridge) –
Travel lanes have to be removed by profile milling. New riding surface will be placed at no additional cost. Targeting week of September 25th.
- Veterans (Main to Hamm) – Mainline asphalt surface has been finished. Driveway tie in, striping, concrete work, dress up work, grassing items to finish up.
- Main Street Bridge – Has been closed. New design is being worked on. Expect to put out for bid early '24. Target completion of June '25. Presents an opportunity to make improvements on W. Main Street to compliment this project.


Open Discussion

1. Johnny Timmons talked about being in contact with the utility companies about their needs to relocate not improvements. Some were requesting electronic drawings. Allen & Hoshall waiting on this information from utility companies.
2. Jonny Timmons also talked about the possibility of maybe retiring the traffic light at the intersection of Jackson and Church Street and possibly replacing with a four way stop. He asked the committee to take a look at that because it would do away with the need for a mast arm at that intersection.
3. Dennis Bonds gave the update on Eason (Veterans to Briar Ridge). He said that contractor had profile milled. Several members had ridden and said that it was much smoother than before. Dennis Bonds said they would begin the riding surface the week of the 25th.
4. Stuart Johnson asked if they were subbing this out or doing themselves? Dennis said they were doing the work themselves and that they would have to meet the same standard discussed previously.
5. Dennis Bonds discussed the closure of bridge on West Main Street. He answered the question of how long he thought this process would take with possibly June of 2025. There was discussion of changes in traffic pattern and increase traffic in some areas.
6. John Milstead asked if it would be worth taking a look at the design of the road section of Main Street in the area of the closed bridge. There was discussion of getting traffic counts for the area and if MDOT would help with any of the cost?

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



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Recorded by Brent Spears

Submitted by Dennis Bonds