

**Minutes
TCC Meeting
Meeting Held---March 12, 2009**

Meinrad Tabengwa	City of Gadsden
Kathy Ellzey	City of Gadsden
Nick Hall	City of Gadsden
Jeramy Ward	City of Gadsden
Houston Jenkins, Jr.	JBW&T
Curtis Vincent	ALDOT – 1 st Division
Ben Thackerson	ALDOT
Robert Nail	Etowah County
Wally Burns	City of Southside

Mr. Meinrad Tabengwa called the meeting to order. Mr. Tabengwa welcomed everyone attending the March TCC meeting. Mrs. Kathy Ellzey conducted a roll call of voting members. A quorum was present.

The Chairman then proceeded with the meeting agenda:

- 1) Replace bridge at Chestnut Street and Black Creek (Gadsden): Mr. Jenkins said the PS&E review was held. JBW&T received comments a couple of weeks ago and the plans were revised and are being submitted for quality control review today. Mr. Vincent said the letting is scheduled for June 2009.
- 2) Extend Black Creek Parkway South to Steele Station Road (Rainbow City): Mr. Jenkins said the plans were submitted and the comment letter was received by JBW&T a couple of weeks ago. Comments are being addressed and the plans are about 75% complete and should be submitted next week. Mr. Vincent said the plans will be submitted for a construction review and in order to keep the May 29, 2009 letting the plans have to be received by construction no later than March 20, 2009.
- 3) Widen Steele Station from Sutton Bridge Road to SR-77 (Rainbow City): Mr. Vincent said there was no change due to project funding availability. The right-of-way map and cost estimates have been submitted to the Right-of-way Bureau in Montgomery but the right-of-way acquisition has not been authorized. The right-of-way date has moved to April 1, 2009.
- 4) Replace Bridge on S. 11th Street: Mr. Jenkins said JBW&T has completed the hydraulic review and used data from that review to develop a plan to construct a bridge without having an effect on the 16" gas main and is hoping not to affect the sewer main. Drilling is scheduled in approximately two weeks and JBW&T needs to coordinate with the City of Gadsden concerning road blockages. Mr. Jenkins said JBW&T should have a 30% plan assembly within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Vincent said the construction date has moved to January 2010.
- 5) Resurface Rocky Ford Road: Mr. Nail said this project is on hold until April 2009 due to seasonal limitations.
- 6) Resurface Steele Station Road from St Clair County Road to Pleasant Valley Road: Mr. Nail said there is no change due to the project being scheduled in FY 2011.
- 7) Replace Bridge on CR-290 (Moon Road) over Black Creek: Mr. Nail said there is no change due to the project still being in the initiated phase.

- 8) Resurface CR-211 (Duck Springs Road) from US 431 to CR-612 (Horton Gap Road): Complete.
- 9) Widen and Resurface South 11th Street from CR-203 (Black Creek Parkway) to near Piedmont Avenue: Mr. Ward said there is no change to report and the City of Gadsden is still considering in-house funding for the PE.
- 10) Widen and Resurface Brown Avenue from CR-203 (Sutton Bridge Road) to SR-25 (US 411): Mr. Jenkins said there is no change due to the construction being moved to 2011.
- 11) Resurface CR-206 (Cleveland Avenue) from SR-1 (US 431) to eastern city limits of Attalla: Mr. Vincent said ALDOT sent a letter to Mayor Phillips of Attalla confirming that the consultant selection of JBW&T has been approved. Mr. Vincent said JBW&T submitted a fee proposal to ALDOT today for review.
- 12) Resurface CR-206 (Forrest Avenue) from 7th Street to 12th Street: Mr. Ward said there is no change due to the project being scheduled in FY 2011. The City of Gadsden is still considering in-house funding.
- 13) Replace Bridge at CR-159 (Steele Station Road) at Rook Creek: Mr. Nail said the project has been initiated.

Alabama Department of Transportation Briefing:

- A) I-759 Extension: Mr. Vincent said a meeting will be held in a couple of weeks with ALDOT, FHWA and the State Historic Preservation Office to discuss the environmental document and the 4F situation with the document. This meeting will hopefully finalize concerns and produce a preferred alternate to be included in the document. If these issues are met the Design Bureau Chief from ALDOT will schedule a meeting with City Officials for their input on the preferred alternate prior to the document being submitted.
- B) SR-77, Steele Station Road to I-59: Mr. Vincent said ALDOT has been working with the consultant to finalize plans. ALDOT's Traffic Engineer is in the process of completing signal warrants for new signals. ALDOT had a consultant to perform a value engineering study and ALDOT received comments last week. The plans should be complete next month and the letting is scheduled for June 2009.
- C) SR-77 (Sunset Drive to Green Valley Road): Mr. Vincent said there is no change due to the construction being scheduled in FY 2014.
- D) SR-77, I-59 to US 11 (Attalla): Mr. Vincent said there is no change due to the project being scheduled so far in the future.
- E) US 411 (North Gadsden, Turkeytown to Cherokee County): Mr. Vincent said on the North Gadsden to Turkeytown section that construction is in progress and is approximately 40-55% complete. ALDOT is estimating the grade and drain project to be completed by the end of FY. Mr. Vincent said on the Turkeytown to Cherokee County section that plans need to be updated and utility work has been authorized.

Other projects of interest:

- 1) I-59 Pavement Rehab from .4 miles south of Attalla northern city limits to .7 miles south of Steven Gap Road Overpass: Mr. Vincent said the final surface in this project was let on February 27, 2009 with Good Hope Contracting being the low bidder at \$1,607,060. The final surface is a paver laid surface treatment which will be applied to the concrete that has been ground.

- 2) I-59 Pavement Rehab from south of Hwy 77 at milepost 181 to milepost 184 then jumps to milepost 194 to DeKalb County Line: Mr. Vincent said this is a stimulus package funded project and a special stimulus letting will be held on April 10, 2009. A value engineering study was required and completed for this project. The recommendations were submitted last week. The project cost is estimated at \$70 million.
- 3) SR 77 Bridge, over the Coosa River: Mr. Vincent said the survey work has begun, environmental work is proceeding and additional right-of-way needs to be acquired.
- 4) Concrete Pavement and Slab Removal Project on I-59 from Etowah County Line to Georgia Line: Mr. Vincent said the project was let in February 2009 to RE Grills Construction out of Birmingham, Alabama, who was the low bidder at \$524,732. Work should proceed in approximately two months.

Transportation Planning Updates:

Mr. Tabengwa said with regard to the transit needs assessment to be performed by Gresham, Smith & Partners that ALDOT approved the contract and fee proposal. A notice to proceed will be sent to Gresham, Smith & Partners and a kick-off meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

Mr. Tabengwa said the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update contract with Jacobs Engineering is waiting for ALDOT approval. Once ALDOT approves a notice to proceed will be sent to Jacobs Engineering.

Mr. Tabengwa said that work will begin in the next few weeks on the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The City of Gadsden is waiting for instructions and guidance from ALDOT to proceed.

Mr. Tabengwa said the MPO is waiting for instructions and information from ALDOT with regards to any stimulus funds that might be coming for MPO projects. Mr. Tabengwa said the MPO has not received anything official but there is possibly stimulus funds coming for the MPO. Mr. Vincent said he had a breakdown of funding and it shows Gadsden / Etowah MPO receiving \$2,138,433. Mr. Vincent said in discussing the stimulus funds with other MPO's that many MPO's have already passed resolutions and formulated plans to spend the stimulus money. Mr. Tabengwa said the Gadsden / Etowah MPO is waiting to receive confirmation on the dollar amount and the instructions and information in order to begin the process of selecting MPO projects to be used in expending the stimulus funds.

Mr. Tabengwa said he would like to thank everyone for attending the March TCC meeting and the next meeting will be on May 14, 2009 at the Chamber of Commerce. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meinrad Tabengwa
Chairman, TCC