

**Minutes
TCC Meeting
Meeting Held---January 8, 2009**

Meinrad Tabengwa	City of Gadsden
Kathy Ellzey	City of Gadsden
Chad Hare	City of Gadsden
Jeramy Ward	City of Gadsden
Houston Jenkins, Jr.	JBW&T
Curtis Vincent	ALDOT – 1 st Division
Tim Graves	Etowah County
Wally Burns	City of Southside
Tim Littleton	CDG Engineers
Clint Andrews	FHWA

Mr. Meinrad Tabengwa called the meeting to order. Mr. Tabengwa welcomed everyone attending the January 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 JBW&T submitted Bridge and Roadway Plan comments to ALDOT today and requested PS&E review. Mr. Hare said the Gadsden City Council passed the municipal resolution and deeded over the right-of-way on January 6, 2009. Mr. Vincent said there is a possibility that this project could be proposed for the stimulus package if ALDOT can meet the timeframe required for funding. Mr. Vincent said the letting is scheduled for May 2009.
- 2) Extend Black Creek Parkway South to Steele Station Road (Rainbow City): Mr. Jenkins said plans for the supplemental PS&E are being plotted and will be delivered to ALDOT today. Mr. Vincent said this project has two more reviews; a Quality Control Review and a Construction Review which will be completed in Montgomery. The right-of-way has been cleared, permits have been updated and the environmental re-evaluation has been approved by FHWA. Mr. Vincent said ALDOT considers this project to be a good candidate for the stimulus package.
- 3) Widen Steele Station from Sutton Bridge Road to SR-77 (Rainbow City): Mr. Vincent said there was no change due to project funding for right-of-way being moved to March 2009.
- 4) Replace Bridge on S. 11th Street: Mr. Jenkins said at the last MPO meeting the hydraulic consultant requested additional surveying and JBW&T has completed the additional surveying and re-submitted it to the consultant. JBW&T have developed preliminary horizontal alignment but are unable to develop the vertical alignment until the hydraulic results are returned. Mr. Vincent said the construction date has moved to September 2009.
- 5) Resurface Rocky Ford Road: Mr. Graves said this project is on hold until April 2009 until seasonal limitations has expired.
- 6) Resurface Steele Station Road from St Clair County Road to Pleasant Valley Road: Mr. Graves 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. Graves said this project has been initiated.
- 8) Resurface CR-211 (Duck Springs Road) from US 431 to CR-612 (Horton Gap Road): Mr. Graves said this project is 95% complete. It lacks the final permanent traffic stripe.
- 9) Widen and Resurface South 11th Street from CR-203 (Black Creek Parkway) to near Piedmont Avenue: Mr. Hare 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. Vincent 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 Mayor Phillips from Attalla requested a consultant. ALDOT has approved that request and has a letter to present to Mayor Phillips today. Mayor Phillips will need to engage a consultant and submit the proposal fee to ALDOT for approval.
- 12) Resurface CR-206 (Forrest Avenue) from 7th Street to 12th Street: Mr. Hare said there is no change due to 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. Graves said there is no change due to the project being scheduled in FY 2011.

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- A) I-759 Extension: Mr. Vincent said there are no changes to report. Mr. Andrews said FHWA has returned the environmental document to the consultant and there are still some outstanding issues needing to be resolved.
- B) SR-77, Steele Station Road to I-59: Mr. Vincent said this is another project ALDOT is trying to get in the stimulus package. The right-of-way has been cleared, plans need to be updated and the environmental needs to be re-evaluated.
- 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 ALDOT's construction department reported that construction is 30-40% complete. They are estimating the grade and drain project completed by the end of FY. Mr. Vincent said on the Turkeytown to Cherokee County section there is no change due to this section following the Gadsden to Turkeytown section.

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 this project is basically complete. ALDOT will add another project in Spring when weather permits to add another overlay.
- 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 ALDOT has completed the plans and they are in Montgomery. The cost is projected around \$60,000,000 and ALDOT is waiting on funding.

- 3) Resurfacing Hwy 411 from St. Clair County line to Weiss Creek Bridge: Mr. Vincent said this project is basically complete.
- 4) SR 77 Bridge, over the Coosa River: Mr. Vincent said the field work and environmental coordination has begun. ALDOT hopes to begin preliminary design soon.

Transportation Planning Updates:

Mr. Tabengwa said the Gadsden City Council, approved by resolution, an agreement with Gresham, Smith & Partners to prepare a Public Transportation Needs Study for the Gadsden area. The contract will be sent to ALDOT for review, approval and release of notice to proceed.

Mr. Tabengwa said in the next few weeks the City of Gadsden will be seeking Gadsden City Council approval for a contract with the consulting firm of Jacobs to update the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. After the contract is approved by the Gadsden City Council it will be sent to ALDOT for review, approval and release of notice to proceed.

Mr. Tabengwa said that work will begin in the next few months 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 he would like to thank everyone for attending the January TCC meeting and the next meeting will be on March 12, 2009 at the Chamber of Commerce. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meinrad Tabengwa
Chairman, TCC