

TSPLOST 2018 Program
Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements: Project 16

User Group Meeting – Draft Minutes

August 25, 2021 3:00 P.M. - <https://youtu.be/Hl1nFYIp8s>

User Group Members Present: Ellen Walker, Emily Tatum, Jen Rice, Mark Ebell, Clint McCrory, Peter Norris, Stephen Bailey, Daniel Sizemore

Members Absent: Ilka McConnell, Bruce Lonnee, Jeanne Connell

Other Staff Present: Jeff Montgomery, Forrest Huffman, Joseph D’Angelo, Mary Martin, Emilie Castillo, Brad McCook, Todd Miller, Gavin Hassemer, John Rogeberg, Diana Jackson

Guests: Erik Hammarlund, John Walker

General Business

Diana Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M., welcomed the members in attendance and thanked them for being present.

She introduced John Rogeberg as new staff that will be joining the calls. He is the new Site Development Coordinator for Economic Development.

Quorum: Established quorum was present.

No additional items were added to the agenda.

User Group Actions

Meeting Minutes Review & Approval – Clint McCrory made a motion to approve the August 11, 2021 Minutes and Mark Ebell seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The below is a brief summary of the key discussion items, not a transcript. The full video is available at the above noted YouTube link. The below notes are only to identify the items discussed and the general order of those discussion to make finding the information on the video easier.

Public Engagement Updates – PIO and GIO

Daniel gave a debrief on the first two pop-ups at Subway and Athentic.

Diana shared the pop-up engagements for the rest of the week – Hendershots, Athens Farmer’s Market and Barberitos/Flying Biscuit patio.

Public Engagement Tabling Assignments

Date	W, August 18	TH, August 19	TH August 26	S, August 28	SU, September 5
Time	11:30 a-2:00 p	5-7 p	5-7 p	8-12 a	9-11 a
Venue	Subway	Athentic	Hendershots	Athens Farmer’s Market	Barberitos Patio
Tabling 1	Daniel	Forrest	Peter	Peter	Emily
Tabling 2	Emilie	Jeanne	Mark	Clint	Jen
Tabling 3 ?	Jeff?	Daniel		Diana	
Tabling 4 ?				Daniel	

PIO will supply tables, tablecloths, signup sheets for use at pop-ups.

Ellen had asked if there were any yard signs to be placed between Oglethorpe/Satula and Sunset. Daniel was going to set one near the Social Security Office or near the bus stop.

Early Survey Results

Joseph went through early survey results – 184 responses to date. Lots of responses the first few days and then it has been steady since then. The demographics are predominantly Caucasian, between the ages of 35 and 54 and residents, people who regularly utilize the corridor to patronize businesses and/or to commute.

When asked if there has been a reaction to the changes this UG has made to story maps and surveys from recent ones, Joseph said that it's been silence, so that means the changes are good. Kudos to PIO and Emilie.

Update from GDOT

Diana shared that she did finally get a response from Sam Harris at GDOT. He spoke to the UG on 6/23.

Thanks for your patience in my reply. The PM should have followed up, not sure why that did not happen.

- 1. What public meetings were held? None to my knowledge, however, will happen in the future.*
- 2. What traffic studies were held? I will check why this hasn't been sent out yet.*
- 3. What is the current GDOT schedule? I will check and see why this hasn't been sent out yet*

Erik stated that it would be common for GDOT to go back out for a PIOH (Public Information Open House) after they have preliminary plans.

TSPLOST 2023 Project Submission Form

Both project submissions were received for the TSPLSTO 2023.

Diana shared the Piedmont Athens letter. Clint said that the letter emphasizes the project's "Economic Prosperity" impact and thanked Ilka for working with the hospital to obtain it.

Presentations are due Monday, September 6th, each presentation will be 10 minutes with 10 minutes of Q&A.

Peter asked if there was a central repository for UG items; he said that he will create a google space. People can upload documents there for the UG to access.

Project Schedule

Next step is to see how the Public Engagement went. Survey closes September 9th. Diana will send GIO's results to the User Group to begin reviewing. The User Group will vote on them on September 22nd, so that they can become part of the M&C September work session and agenda.

Assignment for future meetings

- Next meeting is **September 8, 2021 from 3-4:30 pm NOTE NEW TIME**
- Public Engagement updates – how is survey going?
- TSPLOST 2023 project form completion
- Blue medians – ACCGov's Stormwater staff
- Update from GDOT – Erik Hammarlund, Benesch

These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting but instead is a general summary of the key points, ideas, or considerations from the discussion.