

TSPLOST 2023
TSPLOST Advisory Committee (TSAC)
Project Presentations Meeting #6 Minutes
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
WebEx 5:30 – 9:30 PM

This meeting can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/z329bgzaxu8>

The Athens-Clarke County TSPLOST 2023 Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via WebEx.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Blais, Bob Bonsall, Jen Calabria, Daun Fest, Jeremy Field, Teresa Friedlander, Sarah Gehring, Katie Goodrum, Patrina Huff, Jon Jefferson, Andrea Jolliffe, Allen Jones, Scott Long, Daryl McManus, Mallory O’Steen, Frank Platt, Rocky Raffle, Jeff Scarbrough, Madeline VanDyck, Travis Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Justin Bray

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Cheshire, Derek Doster, Derick Gandy, Pat Hale, Victor Pope

GUEST PRESENT: Buck Bacon, Alex Harvey, Aaron Redman, Fred Smith

WELCOME/COMMENTS

Lauren Blais called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL:

Review and approval of the minutes from September 20, 2021. Mallory O’Steen made a motion to approve and Jen Calabria seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

The full presentation and the questions and answers from the presentation are available on the recording of the presentations; which is available at <https://www.accgov.com/10103/TSPLOST-2023-Projects> and then selecting the individual project. (10 minutes presentation/10 minutes Q&A/5 minutes discussion)

Project #75 Bike Corrals and Bike Storage Rooms on CCSD Campuses
Presentation made by: Patrina Huff

Project #63 Transit Expansion Citywide with Express Service
Presentation made by: Patrina Huff

Project #64 Park and Ride – Tallassee Rd
Presentation made by: Patrina Huff

Project #30 Timothy Road Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor
Presentation made by: Alex Harvey

Project #86 Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements

Presentation made by: Aaron Redman

Project #42 East Athens Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements

Presentation made by: Buck Bacon and Fred Smith

Project #41 East Athens Neighborhood Transit Shelter Improvements

Presentation made by: Buck Bacon and Fred Smith

Project #40 East Athens Neighborhood Pavement Management

Presentation made by: Buck Bacon and Fred Smith

DISCUSSION

If the Mayor & Commission has projects that they consider as “Must Have” projects, does the Committee want the M&C to designate those projects in advance of the Committee’s voting?

After discussion, Teresa Friedlander made a motion that the TSPLOST 2023 Advisory Committee is willing to be informed of the Mayor & Commission’s project priorities for funding allocations; however, the Committee wishes to make a collective recommendation after hearing all presentations and evaluating them based on the criteria set forth in the project submission package. Allen Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with 17 in favor and 2 not in favor.

Other summary points from the discussion:

- The committee expressed an interest in knowing if such priority projects would or would not have other or additional funding sources. Insight from the Mayor and Commission-- or perhaps from yourself as County Manager or other ACCGov staff-- would be helpful.
- Concerned that the M&C designated projects may not factor into the equity portion of the discussion.
- To some the issue of designating projects was not as objectionable as the amount of the program that was being designated.
- Important for M&C to see what the Committee recommends before developing their lists.
- All projects should be heard before the M&C votes on designated projects.
- The committee has already heard through the agenda setting meeting some of the M&C’s priorities.
- Joined the process knowing that the decision of the committee was not binding on the M&C, so hearing the M&C preference was okay. However, it will not deter the committee from considering every project.
- Would like to hear the designations but for the committee to still want to deliberate on the projects.
- Would like to know how much money the committee have to work with in total and on each type of projection.
- Important to know why the M&C considers some items as a top priority, particularly if it is information that the committee does not currently have. Committee would like to know if there are other funding sources.

INFORMATION / NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next meeting of the committee is Monday, September 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The above summation is an interpretation of the items discussed and decisions reached at the above referenced meeting, not a transcript of the meeting. A video recording of the meeting is available at the above listed YouTube Website. Anyone desiring to add to, or otherwise correct the minutes, is requested to return written comments to the SPLOST Administrator within three days or by the date of the next meeting, whichever comes first.



Derek Doster
SPLOST Project Administrator