

TSPLOST 2023
TSPLOST Advisory Committee (TSAC)
Project Presentations Meeting #7 Minutes
Monday, September 27, 2021
WebEx 5:30 – 9:30 PM

This meeting can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/VJhXS8L9AdE>

The Athens-Clarke County TSPLOST 2023 Advisory Committee held a meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via WebEx.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Justin Bray, Jen Calabria, Daryl McManus

STAFF PRESENT: Alex Bond, Robert Cheshire, Keith Sanders, Daniel Sizemore

GUEST PRESENT: Buck Bacon, Charlie Barrow, Randy Halstead, Dave Henson, Ross Hinkle, Jake Maas, Quaison Payne, Fred Smith, Ella Willingham

WELCOME/COMMENTS

Lauren Blais called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL:

Review and approval of the minutes from September 22, 2021. Frank Platt made a motion to approve and Mallory O’Steen 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 #33 West Broad and Hancock Roundabout
Presentation made by: Ella Willingham

Project #68 Oconee Rivers Greenway Trails
Presentation made by: Ross Hinkle and Charlie Barrow

Project #71 Neighborhood Small Sidewalk Program
Presentation made by: Randy Halstead

Project #78 Railroad Quiet Zones
Presentation made by: Marci White and Julia Slatcher

Project #48 North Athens Neighborhood Hull Road Sidewalk Improvements
Presentation made by: Buck Bacon and Quaison Payne

Project #49 North Athens Neighborhood Old Elberton Road Sidewalks
Presentation made by: Buck Bacon and Quaison Payne

Project #54 Lexington Road Sidewalk Improvements
Presentation made by: Buck Bacon and Fred Smith

Project #04 Lexington Road Sidewalk Gap
Presentation made by: Dave Henson

Project #73 Lexington Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
Presentation made by: Jake Maas

DISCUSSION

Does the Committee wish to receive information from the Project Submitters about how their project could be scaled back or phased given the potential for limited funds?

After Committee discussion, Teresa Friedlander made a motion as follows: “We invite all proposal submitters to present an alternate version of your proposal(s) that could prioritize, implement in phases, change and/or decrease the scope and cost of project. It is not at all required that you submit an alternative.” Daun Fest seconded the motion. The motion carried with 12 yes and 3 no.

Keith Sanders let the Committee know that a message will be sent to all of those who have submitted a project that they have 3 calendar days to submit their alternate and others will be asked to submit on the third day after their presentation.

Summary of other points from the discussion:

- Several thought it would be great if the presenters for similar projects would get together and combine their similar projects to reduce the number of projects. Particularly where there are projects that are related.
- There was some discussion that projects, perhaps under a \$1M, amount not be asked for an alternate.
- General consensus, but not voted on, that Project Submitters be made aware that they are NOT required to submit an alternate project and that not submitting an alternate should count against them.
- Submitters should prioritize their projects, if there are multiple parts, when submitting their alternates.
- How does a project and alternate get consider if both the original and the alternate project gets votes? When the voting is done, all votes for a project, original or alternate, will go to the total vote count for a project to determine the project’s status (rejected, selected, or moves to next round for more voting) for the next round of straw polling. Whichever of the two, original or alternate, get more of the votes is the one that moves on to the next round of voting and the other one would fall off the list.

INFORMATION / NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next meeting of the committee is Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 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.



Keith Sanders
SPLOST Project Administrator