

TSPLOST 2023
TSPLOST Advisory Committee (TSAC)
Monday, November 15, 2021
WebEx 5:30 – 9:30 PM

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The Athens-Clarke County TSPLOST 2023 Advisory Committee held a meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via WebEx.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Justin Bray, Jen Calabria, Jeremy Field, Rocky Raffle

STAFF PRESENT: Ashley Barnett, Patty Bidinger, Sarah George, Mary Martin, Keith Sanders

GUEST PRESENT: None

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 November 10, 2021. Frank Platt made a motion to approve and Jeff Scarbrough seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

STRAW POLLING:

Keith Sanders explained the Straw Polling Protocols that were emailed to the Committee. As confirmation of the process, a motion was made by Sarah Gehring to put the limits for projects receiving 70% of the members voting (14) would be added to the list to be recommended as candidate projects to M&C. Daun Fest seconded the motion. The motion carried with 10 for and 6 against. Subsequently, Andrea Jolliffe made a motion that projects receiving four or less will not be recommended and will be removed from the list for future straw polls. Daun Fest seconded the motion. The motion carried with 14 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

RESULTS OF ROUND 1 VOTING

Round one voting resulted in 24 projects receiving enough votes (70%, of the 20 voting members, or more) to be recommended. No projects were removed from consideration because no project received four or less votes.

ROUND ROBIN 1 DISCUSSION

Each Committee member was given an opportunity to speak for 60-90 seconds, in accordance with the straw polling process. The Committee then went into a 10 minute open discussion.

RESULTS OF ROUND 2 VOTING

For Round Two voting, only 17 members were present for the voting. Before the Round Two voting results were given to the members, a motion was made by Frank Platt to decrease the upper limit of projects from 14 to 11 (65%, of the 17 voting members) or more votes to be on the recommended list of projects.

Subsequently because the number of voting members were reduced, Mallory O'Steen made a motion to decrease the lower limit for projects with four or less votes to three or less votes to be removed from further consideration. Madeline VanDyck seconded the motion. After discussion, because the substitute motion passed, this motion was not brought for a vote.

A second motion was made by Jon Jefferson to increase the lower limit for projects with four or less votes to five or less votes to be removed from the list for further consideration. Daun Fest seconded the motion. The motion did not carry with 6 for, 9 against, and 1 abstention.

A subsequent motion was made by Patrina Huff to keep the current lower limit for projects with four or less votes (approximately 23% of the 17 voting members) to be removed from further consideration. Daryl McManus seconded the motion. The motion carried with 14 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

Round Two voting resulted in six projects receiving enough votes (11 or more) to be added to the list of recommended projects. Additionally, four projects were removed from further consideration because they received four or less votes.

ROUND ROBIN 2 DISCUSSION

Each Committee member was given an opportunity to speak for 90 seconds, in accordance with the approved process. The Committee then went into a 10 minute discussion.

RESULTS OF ROUND 3 VOTING

For Round Two voting, 17 members were present for the voting. Before the Round Three voting results were given to the members, a motion was made by Allen Jones to lower the upper limit of projects from 11 to 10 or more votes to be on the recommended list of projects. The lower limit of four or less projects to be removed from further consideration would remain unchanged. Frank Platt seconded the motion. The motion carried with 9 for, 6 against, and 1 abstention.

Round Three voting resulted in six projects receiving enough votes (10 or more) to be added to the list of recommended projects. Additionally, two projects were removed from further consideration because they received four votes or less. This resulted in a remaining balance that was too small to fully fund any remaining project and was left for the M&C to include as seed money for any projects they wanted to add. There was no formal vote on this action but was the general consensus of the group.

The Committee will begin preparing for the M&C Work Session Presentation to present the list of candidate projects at the next meeting.

INFORMATION / NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next meeting of the committee is Monday, November 29, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 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. The YouTube recording of this meeting was made but for some reason seems to not be viewable. 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