



Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2018

I. Call to order

Kent Benson – PC Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization at 10:06 A.M. on October 25, 2018 at Edwards Park Community Center.

II. Introductions

Members and guests were introduced. The meeting attendees are on the attached pages.

III. Open issues

a) **GDOT Status Report on Open Projects** –

David Acree gave a GDOT status update on the following projects:

SR 52 ALT. Bridge Replacement at Town Branch – The project is in the design phase. It is projected to have a March 2020 let date. The project must be coordinated with the DNR to transfer the property to GDOT for construction.

SR 225 Bypass – The project scope has now changed to widening from bypass construction. The project is projected to begin ROW in March 2020, with a June 2021 let date.

SR 201 Bridge Replacement at Tanyard Creek – The project is a little behind schedule, but time is expected to be made up in the ROW phase, beginning in August of 2019. The let date is projected to be July 2020. Kenny Gowin, Mayor of Tunnel Hill, asked if the detour had been discussed further, due to the hardship on local traffic, including emergency services and school bus traffic. David Acree explained that in order to begin the process to change the detour, local officials need to provide GDOT, in writing, why the detour is not feasible. An onsite meeting will be scheduled between GDOT and local officials to review the project area.

I-75 Resurfacing – Nineteen miles of I-75 is currently being resurfaced. The project is approximately 50% complete.

Carbondale Road Interchange – The project is approximately 80% complete, with a projected completion date of May 2019.



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- b) **Administrative Report** – Jacob Bearden explained the role of the Policy Committee of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization (GDMPO) is the decision-making body for the organization. The Policy Committee is responsible for review and approval of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization and all aspects, including goals, objectives, and programs developed for the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Area.

Furthermore, the FY2019 UPWP would be brought before the PC to be amended to reflect the additional planning funds, received from GAMPO, to fund the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update. The update would be a full update to the current plan. New models must be developed, and new data would be needed. It will be a total reevaluation of the current transportation plan.

IV. New business

Approval/Disapproval of the FY2019 UPWP Amendment – The TCC provided a motion before the PC to approve the amendment, contingent upon the addition of a separate PI number being added to the GAMPO funds, to delineate them from the FHWA PL funds. Benny Dunn seconded the vote (voting for Mayor Dennis Mock). The amendment was approved.

Gordon Street Bridge – Benny Dunn reported that the City of Dalton bids was opened to bids, on October 13, 2018, for the bridge repair work. Scope of work for the project includes:

- i. Beam Painting
- ii. Repairs to Deck Joints
- iii. Polymer Overlay Applied

SR 201 Realignment – Kent Benson reported that the project is progressing in the ROW phase. The next to last parcel had been closed. The remaining parcel has a special condition on it, and will take some time to resolve. The project is projected to be let early 2019.

Wolf Street and Cleveland Highway Intersection – Ron Shinnick requested an update on the intersection of Wolf Street and SR 71. Kent Benson indicated a meeting had been scheduled for October 31, 2018 to evaluate the intersection.



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No further business was required and no public comment was given.

V. Adjournment

Kent Benson – PC Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:34 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Jacob Bearden – GDMPO Coordinator

Minutes approved by:

Kent Benson, Policy Committee Chairman

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Appendix A

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