



Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021

I. Call to order

Kent Benson – PC Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization at 10:02 A.M. on March 23, 2021.

II. Introductions

The Meeting Roll Call is shown in Appendix A:

III. Presentations

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

Joe Ciavarro presented the following project updates:

Maintenance:

GDOT is aware of the asphalt issue on I-75 (NB around MP 330). District 6 is currently coordinating with the District Special Outfits Crew to have these areas repaired.

Construction:

M006077 – Work has begun on bridge rehab on Dalton Bypass/SR 3 in Whitfield near intersection of Cleveland Hwy/SR 71. Will take approximately 1 month to complete.

M006013 – Work has begun on bridge rehab on I-75 at MP 326 just north of Carbondale Exit. Expect lane closures for around a month to complete the work on bridge over Swamp Creek.

M006002 – New resurfacing project on SR 282 awarded in Murray from SR 61/US 411 to Gilmer County line. Work expected to begin later this summer.



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Design:

0013095 - Eber & Cove Rd Ext - CST 2023 – The project scope consists of constructing a new approximately 0.7-mile-long two-lane road extension of Cove Drive, and realigning approximately 400 feet of Eber Road adjacent to and east of the Eber Road crossing to improve Eber Road crossing geometry. The Cove Drive Road extension, constructed in order to close the Postelle Lane and Henry Owens Road crossings, would be located adjacent, parallel to and west of Norfolk Southern Railroad (NS) between Redwine Cove Road and Henry Owens Road. The project would improve crossing safety, pedestrian safety and provide alternate emergency services access in the event that a crossing is blocked by a train.

SR 2/SR61 @ Sumac Creek – Early on in Concept phase - CST is expected in 2024 but bridge is moving some projects around, so there is a possibility it will move out a year or two.

SR61 @ Perry Creek – Early on in Concept phase - CST is expected in 2024 but bridge is moving some projects around, so there is a possibility it will move out a year or two.

Tanyard Creek is on schedule for April Let date.

b) Local Project Updates –

Andrew Parker presented the following updates for the City of Dalton:

2020 Paving Program – 13 streets to be included, and the work should be completed by May 2021.

East Morris Street Improvements – The project scope has been expanded to include stormline and sidewalks. The new stormline will address drainage issues in the area.

Covie Ridge Pond – B & J Reed Construction is working on the stormwater pond for Covie Ridge Road. The pond will address drainage complaints in the subdivision and neighboring areas.

Mill Creek Bridge on Underwood Road – The City has begun the due diligence phase for the project.



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DeWayne Hunt presented the following updates for Whitfield County Public Works:

2019 Off-System Signage and Striping – Upgrades are being completed to close out the project. The project will be completed in June 2021.

LMIG – The County is awaiting LMIG money to complete additional striping throughout the County.

Charlie Morrow presented the following updates for Dalton Utilities:

Tanyard Creek – Work is being coordinated to address utility conflicts for the bridge replacement. GDOT will be completing on State Route 201.

Kent Benson presented the following updates for Whitfield County Engineering Department:

Hill Road – The project has been advertised and the bid openings will take place on April 9th. The project is the last remaining from the 2007 SPLOST funds.

- c) **Administrative Report** – Jacob Bearden explained the updated Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 – 2024.

IV. New business

- a) **Approval/Disapproval of Draft FY 2021-2024 TIP** – Tom Caiafa, voting for Radney Simpson, provided a motion to approve the draft, and Mark Gibson seconded the motion. The Draft was approved on a 5-0 vote.

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

V. Adjournment

Kent Benson – PC Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:36 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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JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Organization: The Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization	Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Facilitator: Greater Dalton MPO	Place/Room: Virtual Meeting

Name	Title	Committee	Present	Signature	E-Mail
Kent Benson	Whitfield County Engineering / MPO Director	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Caiafa	GDOT, West GA Planning	PC/TCC Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Radney Simpson	GDOT, State of GA Asst. Planner	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Greg Hogan	Murray County, Sole Commissioner	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mike Brown	City on Varnell - Administrator	PC Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Jason Parker	City of Dalton - Administrator	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Jevin Jensen	Whitfield County Commissioner	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mark Gibson	Whitfield County Administrator	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ken Gowin	City of Tunnel Hill, Mayor	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Dickson	City of Varnell, Mayor	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		



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Name	Title	Committee	Present	Signature	E-Mail
Andrew Parker	City of Dalton, Public Works Director	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Megan Elliot	City of Dalton, Project Manager	TCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Charlie Morrow	Dalton Utilities, Director of Watershed	TCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Jean Garland	Whitfield County Planning & Zoning Administration	Advisory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Joseph Davidson	NW Georgia Regional Commission	Advisory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Jacob Bearden	GDMPO - Coordinator	GDMPO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Olivia Lewis	FHWA	TCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ron Shinnick	Mayor, Cohutta	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Derek Waugh	City of Dalton, Councilman	PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Rick Holsomback	Whitfield County Schools, Operations Director	TCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Joe Ciavarro	GDOT - District 6	TCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Dewayne Hunt	Whitfield Public Works	TCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Kimberly Grayson	GDOT Transportation Planner	TCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

