



# Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization

## *Meeting Minutes*

June 29, 2017

### **I. Call to order**

Kent Benson – PC Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization at 10:00 A.M. on June 29, 2017 at the Mack Gaston Community Center.

### **II. Introductions**

The meeting attendees were as follows:

#### **Policy Committee:**

- 1) **PC Chairman – Kent Benson**  
County Engineer, Whitfield County
- 2) **Mark Gibson**  
Administrator, Whitfield County
- 3) **Ken Gowin**  
Mayor, Tunnel Hill
- 4) **Ron Schinnick**  
Mayor, Cohutta

#### **Technical Coordinating Committee:**

- 1) **Andrew Parker**  
Assistant Director Public Works, City of Dalton
- 2) **Krystal Harris**  
GDOT
- 3) **Matthew Risher**  
GDOT



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### Advisory Committee:

1) **Jean Garland**

Whitfield County Planning and Zoning Administration

### Guest:

1) **Tracey Crawley**

Administrative Assistant

2) **Matthew Dykes**

Dalton Police Department

3) **Michael Word**

GDOT

### III. Open issues

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

Michael Word provided the status report for following projects:

- 1) ***Carbondale Interchange*** – Overall, the project is going well. There has been a complaint from a residence impacted by the project. GDOT was working to resolve the issue.

*Open projects spreadsheet:*

*Attached at the end of the minutes, is a project spreadsheet that GDOT provided to the MPO showing all projects in the area. Should there be any questions from the MPO, the questions will be forwarded to GDOT for a detailed response.*

**Administrative Report** – Jacob Bearden explained the Draft FY 2018 UPWP had been through the public comment period and did not receive any comments. The Draft was approved by GDOT and FHWA.



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### IV. New Business

#### a) Cleveland Highway Pull-Off

Mayor Schinnick explained that an area of Cleveland Highway, in the Town of Cohutta, has seen an increase in truck traffic. If a traffic stop occurred, it creates a safety issue because there are no designated truck pull-offs, and a lane of traffic is blocked. Also, with the addition of the inland port in Murray County, Tunnel Hill and Cohutta could see more of an increase in truck traffic, creating a further problem. Kent Benson suggested quick response funding may be available to aid in a project to alleviate the issue. Krystal Harris stated she could meet with Mayor Schinnick to look at the problem, and make suggestions as to who to contact further at GDOT. Ken Gowin expressed concerned because existing studies have shown the Tunnel Hill exit will be utilized for the port more than any other in the planning area. GDOT will visit the problem with the Mayors and proceed with planning after the visit.

#### b) Approval/Disapproval FY 2018 UPWP

Kent Benson requested a motion to approve the FY 2018 UPWP. Mayor Ron Schinnick made a motion to approve the UPWP, and Mayor Ken Gowin seconded the motion. The FY 2018 UPWP was approved without further discussion.

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

### V. Adjournment

Kent Benson – PC Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:33 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Jacob Bearden – GDMPO Coordinator

Minutes approved by:

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Kent Benson, Policy Committee Chair

**Dalton MPO Projects Status Updates, June 2017**

County	Project ID	Short Description	Project Sponsor	Project Manager Name	Project Manager Office	Improvement Type	Mgmt Dir ROW Dt	Mgmt Dir Let Dt	June 2017 Status	Next Milestone	Outstanding Issues
Catoosa	0013693	PEDESTRIAN UPGRADES @ 22 LOCS IN CATOOSA; MURRAY & WHITFIELD	GDOT	Osborn, Lakeshia Denise	Traffic Operations	Safety Improvements					Task order to be developed for limited scope concept and design
Catoosa	0014087	I-75 FM CR 633/NEW HOPE RD/GLADE RD TO TENNESSEE STATE LINE	GDOT	Reid, Robert	Program Delivery	Safety Improvements	TBD	TBD	Procurement Hold - batch advertisement requested	Procurement	Procurement
Murray	0007047	SR 52 ALT @ TOWN BRANCH	GDOT	Cottrell, Debbie	Program Delivery	Bridge Replacement with No Added Capacity	5/19/2017	5/15/2018	ROW Authorization is pending. Let Date is at risk due to environmental coordination is USACE, SHPO and Tribes.	FFPR Request	Scope for Phase III Archeology Mitigation must be coordinated with all agencies, then Task Order will be procured.
Murray	0010494	CR 34 FM CS 621 TO SR 52 & CR 106/109 FM SR 225 TO WHITFIELD	GDOT	Osborn, Lakeshia Denise	Traffic Operations	Safety Improvements					Project on hold until scope is determined
Murray	0013693	PEDESTRIAN UPGRADES @ 22 LOCS IN CATOOSA; MURRAY & WHITFIELD	GDOT	Osborn, Lakeshia Denise	Traffic Operations	Safety Improvements					Task order to be developed for limited scope concept and design
Murray	631550-	SR 225 BYP FM CR 105/IMPERIAL BLVD TO SR 52/US 76	GDOT	Igbalajobi, Theophilus Niyi	Program Delivery	Construction of New Roads			Concept Team Meeting June 27, 2017.	Submittal of a concept report.	Submittal of a concept report.
Whitfield	0004607	CR 3/HENRY OWENS ROAD @ NS# 719723E	GDOT	Nash, Mike	Utilities	Safety Improvements			Combined with PI 0013095		Waiting Board Approval to be deleted
Whitfield	0013095	LOUISE LANE FM REDWINE COVE RD TO BAKER RD; INC 6 NS RR LOCS	GDOT	Nash, Mike	Utilities	Construction of New Roads			Address comments from Concept Team Meeting	Submittal of a concept report.	
Whitfield	0013693	PEDESTRIAN UPGRADES @ 22 LOCS IN CATOOSA; MURRAY & WHITFIELD	GDOT	Osborn, Lakeshia Denise	Traffic Operations	Safety Improvements					Task order to be developed for limited scope concept and design
Whitfield	0013816	SR 201 @ TANYARD CREEK IN NE TUNNEL HILL	GDOT	Cottrell, Debbie	Program Delivery	Bridge Replacement with No Added Capacity	5/15/2019	3/15/2020	Anticipating consultant NTP July 2017.	Survey, Traffic and Concept Development to begin when NTP is issued.	NTP pending
Whitfield	0014087	I-75 FM CR 633/NEW HOPE RD/GLADE RD TO TENNESSEE STATE LINE	GDOT	Reid, Robert	Program Delivery	Safety Improvements	TBD	TBD	Procurement Hold - batch advertisement requested	Procurement	Procurement
Whitfield	632670-	SR 3 FROM SR 136/GORDON TO SR 3 CONN/WHITFIELD	GDOT	Igbalajobi, Theophilus Niyi	Program Delivery	Major Widening			Pending award to a consultant to take project through PTIP	Selection of a consultant to take project through PTIP	Selection of consultant to take project through PTIP
Whitfield	M004922	I-75 FROM SR 156/GORDON TO SR 3/US 41/WHITFIELD	GDOT	Grant Jr, Jack Raymond	Maintenance	Restoration, Rehabilitation, & Resurfacing		4/15/2018	Submit final plans in November 2017.		Need resurfacing package from District 6 Maintenance
Whitfield	M005635	SR 3/US 41 FROM CR 666/OLD DIXIE HWY TO SR 52	GDOT	Grant Jr, Jack Raymond	Maintenance	Restoration, Rehabilitation, & Resurfacing		1/15/2018	Submit final plans in July 2017.		Need resurfacing package from District 6 Maintenance
Whitfield	M005640	SR 3 FROM CR 1290/WATERTOWER LANE TO CATOOSA COUNTY LINE	GDOT	Grant Jr, Jack Raymond	Maintenance	Restoration, Rehabilitation, & Resurfacing		7/15/2018			FY 19 Let date, not permanently set at this time.
Whitfield	M005644	SR 3/US 41 FROM SR 3 CONN TO CR 666/OLD DIXIE HWY	GDOT	Grant Jr, Jack Raymond	Maintenance	Restoration, Rehabilitation, & Resurfacing		2/15/2018	Submit final plans in August 2017.		Need resurfacing package from District 6 Maintenance, twinned with M005644
Whitfield	M005723	SR 3 CONN FROM I-75 TO SR 3	GDOT	Grant Jr, Jack Raymond	Maintenance				Submit final plans in August 2017.		Need resurfacing package from District 6 Maintenance, twinned with M005723