

**2023 SPLOST Transportation Subcommittee  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 11th, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.  
RDOT Building, 2570 Old Covington Hwy, Conyers, GA 30012**

1. **Call to Order:** SPLOST Sub-Committee meeting was called to order at 3:06pm by Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson).

**Attendees:**

**SPLOST Members:** Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson), Elaine Nash (Subcommittee Vice-Chair), James Stone, John Van Der Spek, Shawn Bilak, Charles Staples (SPLOST Chairman), Dexter Bowman, Charlotte Gellert

**County Staff:** Andrew Hammer (Director of General Services), Brittany Konopka (General Services Capital Projects Manager), Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation), Rebeca Solomon (Deputy Director of Transportation)

**Guests:** N/A

**Not Present:** Bill Campbell, Yvonne Duncan, Thomas C. Dean III (SPLOST Vice Chairman), Aviella Williams Gayden, Vinette D'Andrade

2. **Approval of the agenda:** Approved **1.** John Van Der Spek **2.** Elaine Nash (Subcommittee Vice-Chair)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A. September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Approved **1.** Elaine Nash (Subcommittee Vice-Chair) **2.** John Van Der Spek  
B. October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, approved as amended with names shown when motions are carried. **1.** Elaine Nash (Subcommittee Vice-Chair) **2.** John Van Der Spek
4. **Subcommittee Chair Report:** Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) shared that he would like the SPOST subcommittee members to keep an eye out for roads that need attention and to bring it up to the members so these roads can get the attention they need.
5. **Unfinished Business:** Update on Old Parker Road and Status
- a. Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) discusses his concerns about the condition of Old Parker Road and emphasizes the need for it to be addressed.
  - b. Rebeca Solomon (Deputy Director of Transportation) discusses the findings from the testing of Old Parker Road and states that there are multiple ways to fix a road. There are two spots of the road that are in bad shape and need a full depth reclamation. These spots can be dug out and fixed, then put a thin layer of millings, and overlay on the top layer for the rest of the road.
  - c. John Van Der Spek asks how much we save by not doing a full-depth reclamation of the entire road.
  - d. Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) Discusses that the 1<sup>st</sup> spot is the sub surface that is creating the issue for 100 + feet. The 2<sup>nd</sup> spot is not as deep. Looking at the full-depth, reclamation for Old Parker Road is estimated to be about \$300,000 - \$500,000.00. The northbound lane is holding up better than the southbound lane. Since it's localized to one area, he suggests getting sub-surface soil testing done to see what the issue is and that will help determine if the whole road needs to be done.
  - e. John Van Der Spek asks when Old Parker Road was last re-built.
  - f. Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) responds with an estimate of 5 years.
  - g. James Stone shows concern that when you drive on the road and just patch and re-do surfaces or sections, it will lead to other areas going deeper and deeper down the road. He suggests spending the money now instead of down the line.
  - h. Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) discusses the soil base. The typical road is constructed on wet and packed 6-inch GAB, 4-inch Asphalt base, 2-inch binder and 2 ½" tar. Old Parker Road has gone past the GAB and states that we are having problems with the soil itself. When the hole fills up, it's going to create a pumping action.
  - i. Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) suggests we pay for a full dig for soil analysis.
  - j. John Van Der Spek states that this road wasn't built for the traffic it has seen. It wasn't designed for heavy vehicles and wasn't built properly.
  - k. Shawn Bilak states that we are trying to solve the problem as a SPOST subcommittee, and we need to use the county who is experienced in this work. Let them give us 3 options, the money it takes for each, and from there we can make a decision. Right now, we are not at a point to make a decision on this.

- l. Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) would like an estimate on the cost it would take to do a full set of soil sampling on Old Parker Road.
- m. Rebeca Solomon (Deputy Director of Transportation) states that is going to be about \$20,000.00 for soil sampling and core sampling in different locations along the road. This will help give us a better understanding of the conditions of the road and in what locations the issues are.

6. **New Business:**

- a. Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) gives current project updates on the approved 2023 SPLOST transportation project list.
- b. Rebeca Solomon (Deputy Director of Transportation) reviews the list of arterials and collectors remaining roads that were not approved yet.
- c. The transportation subcommittee discussed making changes to the approved SPLOST 5A list. Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) makes a motion to remove Tatum Road from the SPLOST 5A full depth reclamation list and put Daniel's bridge as an additional alternative on the public bid to allow for approval of this project based on the SPLOST funds that are available. **1. John Van Der Spek 2. James Stone Motion Carried.**

7. **Public Comment:** N/A

8. **SPLOST Member Comments:**

- a. Charlotte Gellert asks questions about the Rockdale County unpaved news clip from Channel 2 action news that aired on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The road of concern is Flat Shoals' Road off of Klondike Road and asked to know the history of this road.
- b. Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) responds and lets the members know that this road is asphalt with millings on top of it.
- c. Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) states that the road is completely safe. There are only 12 people who need to donate the right of way, which is a normal part of the RDOT process when it comes to upgrading and widening roads. There have not been any fatalities on this road.

9. **Adjournment:** There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:03pm. **1. John Van Der Spek 2. Dexter Bowman**

10. **Next meeting:** Thursday, *March 14th, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m.*