

**2023 SPLOST Transportation Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 9th, 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 3:14 pm by Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson)

Attendees:

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

County Staff: Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation), Brittany Konopka (General Services Capital Projects Manager)

Guests: N/A

Not Present: Bill Campbell, Yvonne Duncan, Thomas C. Dean III (SPLOST Vice Chairman), Vinette D'Andrade, James Stone

2. **Approval of the agenda:** April 11th, 2024 – Approved. May 9th, 2024 – Approved. **1.** Elaine Nash **2.** Dexter Bowman
3. **Approval of Minutes:** April 11th, 2024. Approved with amendments to remove (Subcommittee Vice-Chair) after Charlotte Gellert's Name **1.** Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) **2.** John Van Der Spek
4. **Subcommittee Chair Report:** Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) made remarks concerning general project conditions.
5. **Unfinished Business:**
- a. Clarify allocation of funds and the source of funds - Awaiting discussions between Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson), Andrew Hammer (Director of General Services), Charles Staples (SPLOST Chairman) and finance.
6. **New Business:**
- a. Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) suggests removing Ebenezer Road SE- 1 and Ebenezer Road SE - 3, from the SPLOST 5B and 5C list due to LMIG covering the funds which will add these funds back into our SPLOST funds. He Also suggests having Farmer Road NW from General Arts Road to Sigman Road, be extended to Irwin Bridge Road. This project will be funded with the money that has already been allocated for the Ebenezer Road projects. These funds were \$1.2 million and the total cost estimate for Farmer Road is \$1.8 million which will leave us short on about \$600,000.00 to have to fund with SPLOST funds.
 - b. A motion was made to take funds that were allocated for Ebenezer Roads on SPLOST 5B & 5C off of the main list. **Motion Carried 1.** John Van Der Spek **2.** Elaine Nash (Subcommittee Vice-Chair).
 - c. The transportation subcommittee requested for Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) to prepare and update the collected distributors list based on North and South locations of the county for the proposed projects.
 - d. A Motion was made to update Farmer Road NW proposal to cover all limits, get new cost estimates, starting from Sigman Road to Irwin Bridge Road with the exception of the roads that only need sealing and patching. Including the portion that does not need to be re-worked. **Motion Carried 1.** Shawn Bilak **2.** John Van Der Spek
7. **Overview & Public Comment:**
- a. N/A
8. **SPLOST Member Comments:**
- a. Aviana Gayden Williams, SPLOST Transportation subcommittee member, lives in Old Salem Township adjacent to Avalon Parkway. Aviella Williams Gayden brought up safety concerns to Avalon Parkway. Avalon Road has been reported not to have been repaved or resurfaced and has trees in the median and outside that have caused and could cause significant damage in the future. A Motion was made to have Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) report back to the subcommittee once he can review Avalon Parkway in further detail. **1.** Aviella Williams Gayden **2.** John Van Der Spek. **Motion Carried.**
 - b. Elaine Nash had comments concerning requirements for trees in medians to be considered further by Rockdale County's planning and development department.
9. **Adjournment:** There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. **1.** Dexter Bowman **2.** John Van Der Spek
10. **Next meeting:** There will be no Transportation subcommittee meeting in **June.**

*The next meeting is **Thursday, July 11th, 2024**, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m.*

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