

Public Hearing: March 25, 2025 – Joint Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: 1999 Riverbend Road Dalton, GA

Call to Order: 10:03 A.M.

Adjournment: 10:27 A.M.

I. Meeting Minutes March 2025

- 1) Kent Benson called the meeting to order at 10:03.
- 2) There was a quorum of five voting PC members in attendance as follows.
 1. Bob Sivick – Administrator, Whitfield County
 2. Ken Gowin – Mayor, City of Tunnel Hill
 3. Tom Dickson – Mayor, City of Varnell
 4. Andrew Parker – Administrator City of Dalton
 5. Dennis Mock – Council, City of Dalton
- 3) Action Item: Consideration to approve meeting minutes from February 25, 2025 as presented.
 - Motion was made by: Dennis Mock
 - Seconded by: Bob Sivick
 - Vote: 5-0

II. Presentations

- 1) **GDOT Status Report – District 6 Representative Kayla Husted:** SR2 round-a-bout schedule and the concept layout should be put out in 2025 with the schedule following soon. No other updates. Jackson Sheppard asked about the all system safety improvements for Dalton. Mike Brown had questions on the turn lane at Cleveland Highway into Patterson Farms. Kayla will look into it further.
-The following information was provided by District 6 Representative Kayla Husted via email as GDOT's status report:

***M006202_ SR 1;SR 2;SR 3;SR 20 & SR 286 @ 8 LOCS - BRIDGE PRESERVATION_**
Catoosa, Floyd, Whitfield_ Let Date: 8/16/2024. Current Completion Date: 1/31/2026. 10% complete.

The work involves Bridge Preservation Applying a polymer overlay and replacing joints. The bridge preservation work will take place on (8), State Route bridges in Catoosa, Floyd and Whitfield Counties.

2 Locations in Whitfield County:

1. SR 286 OVER SMITHEY BRANCH, Whitfield
2. US 41/SR 3 OVER CR 307-CSX RR, Whitfield

***0019241_ OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS @ 4 LOCS IN DALTON - VRU_ Let Date: 8-16-2024 (100% Federal Funds)**

Completion Date: 9/30/25

Project Description-

Pavement Markings

Locations:

1. Glenwood Avenue, SR 52 to SR 3
2. Abutment Road, SR 3 to SR 52
3. South Tibbs Road, SR 52 to Shugart Road
4. Tony Ingle Parkway, College Drive to Pavement Joint

***0019962_ OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS @ 39 LOCS IN WHITFIELD COUNTY_ Signing_ Let Date: 6/15/2025. 100% Federal Funds.**

Beaverdale Rd	667	Cleveland Hwy SR 71	Hwy 2
Corporate Dr	488	S. Dixie Hwy	Dead End
Hopewell Rd	187	Cohutta Beaverdale Rd	Old Dalton Cleveland Hwy
Lake Kathy Rd	221	Tunnel Hill Varnell Rd	Catoosa Co Line
McGaughey Chapel Rd	677	Cleveland Hwy SR 71	Cohutta Beaverdale Rd
Mill Creek Rd	319	Utility Rd	Old LaFayette Rd
Ridge Rd	674	S. Dalton Bypass	Sane Rd
Riverbend Rd	35	S. Dalton Bypass	City Limits
S. Dug Gap Rd	16	N. Dug Gap Rd	Carbondale Rd
S. Riverbend Rd	1095	Raider Dr	Dead End
Waring Rd	1069	Cleveland Hwy SR 71	Rauschenberg Rd
Utility Rd	343	Walker Co. Line	LaFayette Rd
Bear Creek Rd		Abutment Rd	Antioch Rd
Brickyard Rd	48	S. Dixie Hwy	Antioch Rd
Brooker Dr	115	Dawnville Rd	Pleasant Grove Dr
Conasauga Rd	37	S. Dalton Bypass	S. Riverbend Rd
Crider Rd	356	Utility Rd	Mill Creek Rd

Dogwood Valley Rd	333	Houston Valley Rd	Catoosa Co Line
E. Emerson Rd	171	Keith Valley Rd	Mt. Pleasant Rd
Haignmill Rd	668	Waring Rd	Cleveland Hwy
Lake Francis Rd	154	Beaverdale Rd	Hwy 2
Lowe Rd	209	Catoosa Co. Line	Cohutta Varnell Rd
Lower Dug Gap Rd	378	Old Dug Gap Rd	S. Dixie Hwy
Maple Grove Rd	225	Rauschenberg Rd	Cleveland Hwy
Old Grade Rd	72	E. Walnut Ave	Tibbs Bridge Rd
Poplar Springs Rd	239	Crow Valley Rd	Waring Rd
Quarles Rd	350	Mill Creek Rd	Utility Rd
Sane Rd	53	Airport Rd	Ridge Rd
Threadmill Rd	361	Dug Gap Rd	S. Dixie Hwy
Wagner Dr	576	Hill Rd	S. Dalton Bypass
Airport Rd	664	E. Walnut Ave	Murray Co. Line
Carbondale Rd	665	Gordon Co. Line	Cavalier Way
Chattanooga Rd	19	Catoosa Co. Line	Wolfe St
Cohutta Beaverdale Rd	167	Cleveland Hwy SR 71	Hwy 2
Cohutta Varnell Rd	206	Village Dr	Wolfe St
Dawnville Beaverdale Rd	145	SR 286	Beaverdale Rd
Dug Gap Battle Rd	848	Hurricane Rd	Battlefield Dr
Dug Gap Rd	1	SR 3	Dalton City Limits
Keith Valley Rd	174	Cohutta Beaverdale Rd	TN State Line

***M006552_** SR 61/US 411 FROM SR 282 TO CHATSWORTH CITY LIMITS_ Resurface and Maintenance_ This project will Resurface SR 61 to improve the roadways current low OCI score. Let Date:10/18/202. Anticipated completion 9/30/25

*** M006510_** I-75 FROM SR 156/GORDON TO SR 3/WHITFIELD_ Pavement Markings_ This project will

Restripe SR 401 (I-75) to improve the roadways current striping reflectivity. Let Date: 8/22/2025
(100% Federal Funds)

***0013693_ PEDESTRIAN UPGRADES @17 LOC IN CATOOSA;MURRAY &WHITFIELD-VRU_** Let Date: 7/19/2024_ Project on schedule. Current Completion: 11/30/2025

Project Description-

The proposed project will provide Pedestrian & Signal Upgrades at 17 LOCS in Murray, Whitfield, Catoosa Counties in GDOT district 6. Murray (3) SR 2/3rd Ave at SR 52 Alt/E Fort St SR 2/3rd Ave at Market St SR 61/Hill Street at Duvall Road Whitfield County (9) SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at Dug Gap Rd. SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at I-75 NB Exit 328 SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at I-75 SB Exit 328 SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at Lower Dug Gap Rd. SR 201/Tunnel Hill Varnell Rd. at Reed Rd. SR 3/N. Bypass at Haig Mill Lake Rd. SR 71/Cleveland Hwy. at Waring Rd. SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at SR 201/Tunnel Hill Church St. SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at Cottonwood Mill Rd. Catoosa County (5) SR 2/Battlefield Pkwy at I-75 NB Exit 350 SR 2/Battlefield Pkwy at I-75 SB Exit 350 SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at I-75 NB Exit 345 SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at I-75 SB Exit 345 SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at Armstrong Rd.

***0016529_ SR 61 @ PERRY CREEK 6.3 MI N OF CRANDALL_ Culvert/Bridge Replacement_** Anticipated Let Date: Plans prepared for shelf. CST funding scheduled for 2027

***0017234_ SR 225 @ PINHOOK CREEK_ Bridge Culvert Replacement.** In final design phase. Let Date: 2/15/2026. Next milestone is final field plan review in May 2025. Offsite Detour_ No risk at this time.

***0017233_ SR 2 @ CONASAUGA RIVER & @ CONASAUGA RIVER OVERFLOW_ Bridge Replacement.** New ROW AUTH date April 25, 2025. In final design phase. Next milestone is final field plan review. Anticipated Let Date: 3/15/26

***0017235_ SR 225 @ SUMAC CREEK_ Bridge Replacement_** This project is the replacement of the existing bridge on SR 225 at Sumac Creek at Murray County. Anticipated Let Date: 3/15/2026_ Onsite Detour

***0017964_ SR 286 @ CR 670/DAWNVILLE ROAD_ Intersection Improvement_ Single Lane Roundabout**
Let Date: 8/15/2026_ Next Milestone – Final Field Plan Review

Project Description:

This project will construct a single lane Roundabout at the intersection of SR 286 and Dawnville Rd.

***0016528_ SR 2/SR 61 @ SUMAC CREEK 1.6 MI N OF CRANDALL_ Bridge Replacement_**This project replaces the existing bridge on SR2/SR 61 over Sumac Creek in Murray County. Let Date: 9/15/2026_ No Detour (revised temp bridge location)

***0019358_ SR 61 FROM SR 52 TO CS 603/OLIVE STREET_ Drainage Improvements_ In preliminary design phase. Let Date shifted: 4/15/29**

Project Description:

Drainage improvements along SR 61 from SR 52 to CS 603/Olive Street. TIP amendment completed on 2/1/24.

***0019062_ SR 282/US 76 @ SR 61_ This project proposes to construct a right turn lane on northbound US 411 / SR 61 at the intersection with Smyrna Ramhurst Road and SR 282 / US 76. Left turn lanes are also proposed on eastbound Smyrna Ramhurst Road and westbound SR 282 / US 76. FO/RD Project. Next Milestone- Preliminary field plan review. No Let Date yet. CST \$ anticipated in 2029.**

***0019187_ CR 309/OLD US 411 @ WILLBANKS BRANCH 10 MI SE OF CHATSWORTH_ Bridge replacement _Consultant selected. NTP July 2025. Anticipated Let Date: 1/15/2029**

***0019188_ CR 299/CCC CAMP ROAD @ EMERY CREEK 6.5 MI SE OF CRANDALL_ Bridge Replacement_ Consultant selected. September 2025 NTP. Anticipated Let Date: 8/15/2029**

***0019190_ CR 256/HASSLERS MILL RD @ MILL CREEK 5.1 MI NE OF CHATSWORTH_ Bridge Replacement_ Let Date: 1/15/2028_ On track for concept report submittal in Feb 2025.**

***0019943_ CCC CAMP ROAD @ DILL CREEK 7 MI SE OF CRANDALL_ Bridge Replacement_ Anticipated Let Date: 7/15/28**

***631550_ SR 225 @ SR 52 ALT & @ CR 48/SPRING PLACE SMYRNA RD_ Intersection Improvement/Roundabout. Project on hold. Next Milestone - ROW phase. ROW funds scheduled in 2027. No anticipated Let Date yet.**

***0019643_ SR 2 @ SR 201_ Intersection Improvement_ Proposed Roundabout_ Concept Team meeting was held May 28, 2024. Next step – concept approval. No anticipated Let date yet.**

***0019836_ SR 3/US 41 @ CR 666/FIVE SPRINGS ROAD_ Multi Lane Roundabout. On schedule. Final field plan review requested to be complete by 5/19/26. Let Date:12-15-2026.**

***0019944_ MCGAUGHEY CHAPEL ROAD @ COAHULLA CREEK 3 MI NE OF VARNELL_ Bridge Replacement over Coahulla Creek, 3 miles east of Varnell. Project amended into TIP 5/16/24. On schedule for Sept 2025 concept report submission. Anticipated Let Date: 6/15/28**

***0020133_ SR 3/US 41 @ SR 52_ Multi-Lane Roundabout_ In procurement phase. Next Milestone – Submit concept report. Targeting May 2025 NTP**

***0013095_ EBER ROAD & COVE ROAD EXT; INC 4 NS RR LOCS_ RRX Warning Devices_ Let Date: 9/19/2025. Waiting on comments and signal agreements from Norfolk Southern.**

***0020151** - HOUSTON VALLEY ROAD @ E CHICKAMAUGA CREEK 6.2 MI W OF DALTON - bridge replacement. New project in MPO TIP, amended in December 2024. Preliminary engineering scheduled for FY25. no let date yet. CST funds programmed in 2029.

***0020373** - I-75 @ CARBONDALE ROAD - new lighting project (FO/RD)- This project proposes Interchange Lighting at I-75 @ Carbondale Road in Whitfield County. Kick-off meeting with consultant held on 01/30/2025. Next milestone is developing concept report. CST funds anticipated in 2027.

2) Local Project Updates from Local Representatives:

- Chad Townsend, Dalton – SW Bypass @ Valley Drive/Franklin kicked off expect lane closures and heavy traffic, Cuyler Street business as usual starting to see finished elements coming into place. The City’s of Varnell, Tunnel Hill and Cohutta had no updates. Whitfield County LMIG started early. Already close to 20% of paving complete, close to 6 miles. Roundabout at Houston Valley letters have been sent out to property owners. 2024 SPLOST funds stormwater project Hollywood/Gilliam Drive right of way acquisition is under way, box culvert installation.

3) Thrive Update:

- Michelle Smith reports that the Broadband advisory committee has started, THRIVE hired three new employees, Tri-State Summit hold the date invitations will be starting to come out.

4) Greater Dalton MPO Status Report:

- Staff continued to compile information for Gresham Smith for the 2050 MTP update. The next several months will be very busy. The draft of chapters 1-3 of the 2050 MTP was distributed to everyone. Please review and let us know if anyone has any questions or concerns. We are on a tight schedule and time frame. The draft of chapters 4 and 5 will follow in the next couple of weeks.
- Updated TIP and MTP with admin modification and amendment threshold language per GDOT. As follows:
Non-Federal Funded Phases - Adding a project phase that utilizes 100 percent nonfederal funding that does not impact fiscal constraint, federal share match, and air quality.
The following actions require an Amendment to the STIP/TIP/MTP when: The addition of a new project or the addition of a phase with federal funds to an existing project. This includes any new projects that are funded with Congressionally Directed Spending, Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) funds, or Title 23 or Title 49 discretionary funding.
- Reminder 2025 MPO meeting schedule has been changed due to the review period and final approval requirements/deadlines for the MTP. The meeting dates for the next three months will be April 8, May 13, and June 10.

III. New Business

- 1) Action Item: TCC Draft Approval for MTP/TIP Amendment PI 0019358
Motion: Karey Williams

Second: Chad Townsend
Approved 4-0

- 2) Action Item: PC Draft Approval for MTP/TIP Amendment PI 0019358
Motion: Ken Gowin
Second: Bob Sivick
Approved 5-0

IV. Open Discussion

- None

V. Public Comment

- Kent Benson reminded everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for April 8th. The meeting will be held at the Wells Fargo Building 5th floor large conference room at 9:00.

VI. Adjournment

Kent Benson adjourned the meeting at 10:27 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: James Davis