

**Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)**  
**Meeting Minutes - - - June 26, 2023**  
**Northport City Hall**

Commission Member Attendees: Ms. Glenda Webb - Chair; Mayor Walt Maddox; Rep. Bill Lamb; Rep. Chris England; Mr. Justice Smyth

Other Attendees: Wallace McAdory, Kelly Johns, Kim Palm, Alyce Spruell, Dennis Stripling, Edward Henderson, Clay Randolph, David Howell, Kathryn Anderson, Scott Anders, Jack Kimbrough, Gregg Bissot, Zane Davis, Mark McKinley, Tim Weaver, Justin Fisher, Lisa Young, Matthew Burgess, Dean McClure, Rep. Ron Bolton, Bryan Gurney, Josh Norris, Rhonda Stricklin, Brad Newman, Richard Rush, Jason Walker, Tera Tubbs, Beck Scheeff, Carly Standridge, Ron Davis, Scott Holmes, Lua Kennedy, Adriana Dunn, Lyndi Blackburn

Ms. Glenda Webb called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Ms. Webb presented the minutes from the April 24, 2023 TCRIC meeting.

Vote: Minutes of the April 24, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mayor Maddox, seconded by Mr. Smyth.

**Summary of Bills**

A summary of bills was presented for the Commission's consideration.

Vote: A motion to pay bills, as presented, was made by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Rep. England, and approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Kim Palm presented the accounting report. The ledger balance as of June 19, 2023 was \$22,518,459.47 The interest earned in May 2023 was \$13,581.84. Interest earned to date is \$39,394.82. The May 2023 deposit (March 2023 sales tax collected) was \$997,000 (3.78% increase over the prior year). The June 2023 deposit (April 2023 sales tax collected) was \$967,300 (0.55% increase over the prior year). The actual and projected accrual basis revenues for Fiscal Year 2023 to date are \$6,816,200 and \$6,640,155, respectively. Project expenditures to date (for Fiscal Year 2023) totals \$199,832. Operating expenses to date totals \$107,114.

Vote: A motion to approve the financial report, as presented, was made by Rep. England seconded by Rep. Lamb and approved unanimously.

**Resolution 23-006: Authorizing Annual Amortized Bond Indebtedness Payments to the City of Tuscaloosa for the McWright's Ferry Road and Jack Warner Parkway/Martin Luther King Blvd projects**

Ms. Alyce Spruell, TCRIC Legal Counsel, presented the resolution.

Vote: A motion to approve Resolution 23-006 was made by Mayor Maddox, seconded by Rep. England and approved unanimously.

**Resolution 23-007: Renewal of Declaration of Intent to Reimburse, SR-69S Intersection Improvements (Plantation Road to I-359)**

Mr. Marland Hayes, TCRIC Bond Counsel, presented TCRIC Resolution 23-007.

Vote: A motion to approve Resolution 23-007 was made by Mayor Maddox seconded by Rep. England, and approved unanimously.

## **Legal Updates**

Ms. Spruell provided the following updates:

- Public Entity Insurance: Ms. Spruell presented information from two insurance proposals. Vote: A motion to bind coverage through USI was made by Rep. Lamb, seconded by Rep. England, and approved unanimously.
- US-82/Hwy-43 Funding Agreement Status: Ms. Spruell gave a report on the current status of the funding agreement between ALDOT and TCRIC. Previously, the agreement was executed by the TCRIC Chair and sent agreement to ALDOT in March 2023. Following multiple conversations with legal counsel for ALDOT, a revised draft of the agreement has been executed by the TCRIC Chair, and sent to ALDOT central office last week.
- TCRIC's contract with Financial Advisors, PFM, will expire in June 2023; the contract renewal will be presented in July.
- Ms. Spruell also reported that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for General Legal Counsel is set to published later this week. Responses to the RFP will be reviewed in a July Contracts Committee Meeting; the date has not been set yet.

## **Project Updates: City of Tuscaloosa**

Bryan Gurney provided the City of Tuscaloosa project updates.

McWright's Ferry Road Extension:

Project is under construction, with clearing ongoing.

Martin Luther King/Jack Warner Parkway:

Phase 1: Construction is complete; project will be complete with delivery of garbage cans.

Phase 2: Construction is ongoing; due to private utility company relocation delays, the completion date is now mid-October. Utility conversations should be complete mid-July.

Phase 3: CPKC (formerly KCS) requested revised main line plans based on 3rd party reviewer comments; the City submitted revised plans last week. Additionally, maintenance agreements for both the main and spur lines will be needed before the project can be let.

SR-69 South Intersection Improvements project (City of Tuscaloosa Utility Relocation): The City has awarded the contract; due to procurement delays, construction is currently expected to begin in March 2024. Mr. Gurney reported that the construction team will continue to get monthly updates to update the construction schedule.

## **Project Updates: Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)**

Adriana Dunn and Wallace McAdory provided ALDOT project updates.

- SR-69 South Intersection Improvements project: Utility relocation is ongoing (Alabama Power Transmission and Distribution, and AT&T). Traffic was stopped this past weekend to pull APCO Transmission lines. ALDOT has pushed their letting to early 2024 due to procurement issues with the City's Utility Relocations.
- SR-69: 5<sup>th</sup> Ave to US-82: The traffic study ongoing.
- SR-69 North at Charlie Shirley Road: Project letting is now schedule for a November 2024 letting. 30% plans will be submitted to ALDOT this week.
- US-82/Hwy 43: As Ms. Spruell reported earlier, the revised funding agreement is currently at ALDOT Central office for review. A public involvement meeting is scheduled for August 2023 (pending funding agreement execution).

- US-82, SR-69 to Rice Mine Road: The project is nearly 50% completed. Traffic has been shifted; median turn lanes are now open to traffic. The project is on schedule and projected to be completed in Fall 2024.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Glenda Webb opened the meeting for public comment.

Sen. Gerald Allen reported that he had shared a memo with several members of TCRIC recently regarding the consideration of an amendment to HB 600 (to include the Tuscaloosa Eastern Bypass).

**Next Meeting**

The next TCRIC meeting will be July 31, 2023 at 7:30AM, at the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama.

Mayor Walt Maddox made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Rep. Bill Lamb. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.