

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes—March 7, 2016, 7:30 A.M.
ALDOT West Central Regional Offices

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum Chair; Mayor Walt Maddox; Mayor Bobby Herndon; Jim Page; Senator Gerald Allen; James Brown; Nick Crane; David Kemp; Alyce Spruell; Nicole Bohannon; Scott Collins; Glenda Webb; Ron Davis; Robert Spence; Commissioner Mark Nelson; Representative Bill Poole

PROJECT REVIEW

James Brown, Region Engineer of ALDOT, along with Nick Crane and David Kemp, reviewed a spreadsheet and map of potential TCRIC projects, along with tentative costs and timelines in the event TCRIC were to fund each respective project.

- Discussion involved how compliance with federal guidelines would impact timelines and allow for later federal aid, even if not used on the front end of a project.
- Action Item: Mr. Page requested the spreadsheet be separated between projects mandated by HB 600 and the remaining ALDOT projects, both planned and in process. ALDOT will do so for the next meeting.

82/McFarland Projects

Mayor Maddox specifically proposed discussion in regards to the 82/McFarland University Boulevard and Hargrove Road projects. Mayor Maddox proposed possible general terms of a 50/50 split between TCRIC/ALDOT for the two projects, with the City of Tuscaloosa agreeing to cover utility relocation and administrative duties for the Hargrove Road project specifically. Mayor Maddox moved for Alyce Spruell, TCRIC Counsel, to develop terms/structure/etc. of those projects to bring back to the Commission. It was determined that the Bear Creek Cutoff project should be included in the proposal, as well. Mayor Herndon seconded the motion for Ms. Spruell to develop the requested information; motion passed unanimously.

HB 348/Legislative Matters

Ms. Spruell reported to the Commission that HB 348 will be in House local committee this week, with a goal of having it passed in late March/early April, depending on other legislative activity.

Ms. Spruell also discussed with the group that while it is somewhat early to focus on the bonding issues, it seems ALDOT may be interested in acting on the local bonding mechanism through the state infrastructure bank. She is also continuing to monitor FAST Act opportunities for federal dollars.

Organizational Matters

Scott Collins gave the Commission an update on organizational matters discussed at the February 26 meeting. WARC has agreed to provide office space if needed for TCRIC. WARC's physical address can be used, but for mailing, Scott secured Post Office Box 2906 (35403) for TCRIC. www.tcric.org has also been reserved, which will allow info@tcric.org to be used as an email address, when necessary. Scott received an estimate for insurance from Wells Fargo,

which was \$4,200 annually. Scott has also moved forward with acquiring TCRIC's tax id and a checking account at Bryant Bank. Scott requested approval from the Commission to complete the banking information, which required the Board's signed authorization. Mayor Herndon so moved, Judge McCollum seconded, and the resolution was passed unanimously for Scott to complete the bank set-up.

Initial funding was briefly discussed. Northport will be considering a \$25K request and Tuscaloosa a \$30K request on 3/8/16 through reimbursable funding agreements. This will be to provide initial funding for TCRIC that can be reimbursed once funding streams begin later this year.

Meeting minutes from February 26, 2016 were not approved and should be carried as old business onto the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.