

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes—August 28, 2017
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Commission Member Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum, Chair; Donna Aaron; Jim Page; Senator Gerald Allen; Representative Chris England; Dara Longgrear; James Brown

Other Attendees: Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Robert Spence, Clay Randolph, Russell Ware, Ron Davis, Bruce Higginbotham, David Kemp, AJ McCampbell, Brad Darden, Wallace McAdory, Mike Wright, Eddie Pugh, Rich Wingo, Glenda Webb, Jason Morton, Alex Wong

Meeting minutes from the July 28 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Gerald Allen seconded by Dara Longgrear.

A brief financial update based on a memo from TCRIC accountant Rick Harbin was provided by Alyce Spruell. There is approximately \$3.5M on hand after an August deposit of \$672,400.00 with no outstanding August bills left to be paid. Senator Allen inquired about whether the Commission's revenues were on track with projections, and Judge McCollum confirmed that was the case.

Dr. Shashi Nambisan, Executive Director of the newly-formed Alabama Transportation Institute (ATI), gave a presentation regarding ATI's purpose and plans and answered questions regarding partnerships between ATI and local and state entities. Dr. Nambisan specifically discussed the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment grant program for which ATI has submitted a proposal and the Commission has provided matching in-kind dollars. Dr. Nambisan and Alyce Spruell may be following up with Commission members as the decision date for that grant approaches.

ALDOT representative David Kemp provided a presentation on aesthetic lighting options at the Commission's request. The presentation showed the options that were presented to ALDOT when finalizing lighting for the crimson arches on the I 20/59 project and gave Commission members an idea of lighting options for future TCRIC projects.

Kemp, Brad Darden, and Wallace McAdory also gave a brief update on current ALDOT projects in Tuscaloosa. The Mercedes project let last Friday and came in well under estimate with a low bid of approximately \$6.7M, subject to ALDOT bid review. The I 20/59 project running from exit 76 and including lane additions on McFarland Blvd is scheduled to let at the end of September at a projected cost of approximately \$85M. Hwy 69 South/Skyland Blvd. intersection is still projected to let in Spring 2018 with the next plan submittal in mid-September. The environmental document has been submitted but not returned from FHWA yet. The Lurleen Wallace project is scheduled to let in December 2017 with a plan submittal in early September. Martin Road and Union Chapel Road projects are in right-of-way acquisition. University Blvd at McFarland Blvd are hoping for right-of-way authorization in the next month or so. The ATRIP funds that have been allocated to the project are not in jeopardy based on a later letting date. Glenda Webb provided updates on the projects being managed by the City of Tuscaloosa. Hargrove Road/McFarland

Blvd project is requiring conversion for at least one parcel, utility relocation is currently in engineering. The Jack Warner Parkway/MLK project is in property acquisition.

Brad Darden and Jim Page provided an update on road signs for Commission projects. The design has been finalized and is in process with the ALDOT sign shop in Montgomery and will hopefully be prepared to move to manufacturing soon.

Nicole Hampton updated the Commission that project maps and status have been uploaded to the Commission website for the majority of active projects. Members of the public can now utilize the website to find more project details. The goal is to update project status information monthly before Commission meetings. Hampton requested feedback from the Commission on the way the material is being presented.

The next meeting of the Commission is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 25 at 7:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Judge McCollum adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.