

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)  
Meeting Minutes - - - April 27, 2020  
Via Skype

**Commission Member Attendees:**

Judge Rob Robertson – Chair; Mayor Donna Aaron - Vice Chair; Mayor Walt Maddox; Jim Page, Randy Skagen, Rep. Chris England, Rep. Rich Wingo

**Other Attendees:**

Kim Palm; Nicole Hampton; Alyce Spruell; Kelly Johns; David Kemp; Bill Poole; Scott Anders; Glenda Webb; Ron David, Doug Varnon. Other attendees may have been present by phone, but not recognized during roll call.

Judge Robertson called the meeting to order at 7:30am. Minutes of the February 24, 2020 TCRIC Commission meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Jim Page, seconded by Rep. Wingo.

**Accounting Report**

Kim Palm (of Carver, DeWitt and Palm) presented an accounting report. The March 2020 (deposit from January 2020 sales tax collected) and the April 2020 (deposit from February 2020 sales tax collected) deposits were \$724,800 and 688,731, respectively. The current ledger balance is \$10,088,485.

The March deposit was a 7.39% increase from March 2019; the April deposit was a 0.73% decrease from April 2019.

Palm noted that a check to ALDOT was returned and therefore voided, in the amount of \$150,000. The check, executed in August 2019 under Resolution 19-010 (for preliminary engineering of intersection improvements at US-82 and SR-69), was returned to TCRIC because a funding agreement has not yet been reached with ALDOT.

**Vote:** The accounting report was passed unanimously after a motion by Randy Skagen, and seconded by Mayor Maddox.

**Project updates**

Kelly Johns, TCRIC Administrator, reviewed the monthly project status report, noting the following updates since the February 24, 2020 TCRIC meeting:

- SR-69 South Turn lanes project received only one bid; construction is expected to begin in May 2020.
- US-82 at University Boulevard: ALDOT has requested TCRIC contribute \$600,000 to ALDOT for Preliminary Engineering (Resolution 20-006, to be discussed later in the meeting).
- The final monthly reimbursement for the Mitt Lary Road Improvement project was made in March 2020, bring the total amount paid on the project to \$7,754,557.

Johns also reviewed changes she had made to the TCRIC website, and asked for comments from the Commission members.

David Kemp from ALDOT then provided project updates:

- Lurleen Wallace Blvd (not a TCRIC project): Contractors are preparing to do work on the pedestrian path to the amphitheater (near Embassy Suites). ALDOT expects the project to be complete in Summer 2020, with the exception of some signaling adjustments that are to be expected.
- I-20/59 bridge over McFarland Blvd (not a TCRIC project): The schedule for interstate work has been unaffected by some issues with the arch alignments, but until the alignment issues are resolved, the work on McFarland Boulevard cannot be completed. The remaining girders were expected to be placed this week, but that hasn't been confirmed.
- SR-69 South Turn Lane Additions: Although only one bid was received, the bid passed bid review within ALDOT. The requested TCRIC contribution in Resolution 20-007 (for \$1,600,000) includes the bid amount, plus an additional 15% for Construction, Environmental and Inspection (CE&I). There was further discussion on the single bid received, and the scheduling requirements set by the ALDOT contractor. Lane closures will be limited after August 7, 2020 in an effort to minimize school-traffic impact. The estimated construction end is September 15, 2020. Rep. Wingo requested a copy of the contract. Kemp will provide a copy to all commission members.

**Resolution 20-006: Authorizing expenditure of \$600,000 to ALDOT for Preliminary Engineering for the Bridge Replacement at the University Boulevard interchange at US-82**

David Kemp explained the current plan, to replace the University Boulevard bridge, over US-82 using an advanced bridge construction method. ALDOT requested TCRIC contribute \$600,000 to begin engineering design by a designer/engineer familiar with the advanced bridge construction method described.

**Vote:** A motion was made by Rep. England to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Randy Skagen and passed unanimously.

**Resolution 20-007: Authorizing expenditure of \$1,600,000 to ALDOT for Construction for SR-69 South Turn Lane Additions.**

**Vote:** After discussion regarding the project schedule and deadline, a motion was made by Rep. England to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Aaron and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Judge Robertson opened the session for public comment; there were no public comments.

**Next Meetings**

The commission set the next meetings for Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am and Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. Meeting locations will be determined at a late time.

Meeting adjourned.