

2023 SPLOST Transportation Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 9th 2025 – 3:00 P.M.
RDOT Building, 2570 Old Covington Hwy, Conyers, GA 30012

1. **Call to Order:** SPLOST Sub-Committee meeting was called to order at 3:01pm by Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson)

Attendees:

SPLOST Members: Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson), Elaine Nash (Subcommittee Vice-Chair), John Van Der Spek, Charles Staples (SPLOST Chairman), Vinette D'Andrade, Dexter Bowman, Charlotte Gellert, Aviella Williams Gayden

County Staff: Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation), Roger Mitchell (Deputy Director of Transportation), Brittany Konopka (General Services Sr. Capital Projects Manager), Andrew Hammer (Director of General Services)

Guests: Michael Varner & Eric Lusher from Gresham Smith

Not Present: Bill Campbell, Yvonne Duncan, Thomas C. Dean III (SPLOST Vice Chairman), James Stone (Excused), Shawn Bilak (Excused)

2. **Approval of the agenda:** January 9th, 2025 – Approved by unanimous consent.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** July 11th, 2024 – Approved **1.** Elaine Nash **2.** John Van Der Spek
September 12th, 2024 – Approved **1.** Elaine Nash **2.** John Van Der Spek
4. **Subcommittee Chair Report:** Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) made no remarks so we could hear from the consultant present.
5. **Unfinished Business:**
- a. Arthur Vaughn (Subcommittee Chairperson) Discusses the roads on the SPLOST 5B project distribution list and subsequent delayed approval for the county to examine the projects and identify resurfacing versus other needed improvements.
 - b. John Van Der Spek made a **motion** requesting that RDOT reviews the 5B list and present us with a revision based upon PCI, resurfacing and approved developments. **1.** John Van Der Spek **2.** Dexter Bowman
 - c. Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) gave an update on the SPLOST 5A project. The bid was awarded and is under contract. Action on the project is weather dependent.
 - d. Dexter Bowman made a **motion** to increase the Courtesy Parkway project to add \$1.5 Million for utilities. **1.** Dexter Bowman **2.** John Van Der Spek
 - e. The **motion** was **withdrawn** due to further discussion and to clarify funding for the Courtesy Parkway project. **1.** John Van Der Spek **2.** Dexter Bowman
 - f. Dexter Bowman made a **motion** to increase the Courtesy Parkway project to add \$1.5 million for utilities from the contingency. See adjusted project list attached. **1.** Dexter Bowman **2.** John Van Der Spek
 - g. Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) gives an update on Safe Streets for all. The recommendations are still in progress.
6. **New Business:**
- a. John Van Der Spek made a **motion** to re-imburse The Rockdale County Stormwater Department for road related enhancement expenses on Frontier Drive in the amount of \$353,400.00 from contingency. **1.** Aurthur Vaughn **2.** Charlotte Gellert
 - b. Brian Kelley (Director of Transportation) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the beautification for entries into the county along I-20.
7. **Overview & Public Comment:**
- a. Eric Lusher, a representative from Gresham Smith, reviewed and discussed the update to the ARC (Atlanta Regional Commission) Rockdale Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) PowerPoint. He gave tips on how to increase the citizen participation in Rockdale. The goal is to increase the number of citizens who complete the survey.
8. **SPLOST Member Comments:** N/A
9. **Adjournment:** There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:58pm. **1.** John Van Der Spek **2.** Dexter Bowman
10. **Next meeting:** *The next meeting is **April 10th, 2025**, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m.*

Reference Link below for PCI rating map

<https://rockdalega.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/media/index.html?appid=c0bd5a1200b94cfb9b9cf3f40ecd672c>

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