

Greater Dalton

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2023

I. Call to order

Kent Benson called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization at 10:03 A.M. on January 31, 2023.

II. Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2022

Mayor Ken Gowin made the motion to approve the October 27th minutes, and Commissioner Greg Hogan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved on a 7-0 vote.

III. Presentations

a) **GDOT Project Updates** –

See Appendix A for complete list.

b) **Local Project Updates** –

Chad Townsend presented the following updates for the City of Dalton:

Market Street Corridor – Project is still under right-of-way acquisition.

Kent Benson presented the following updates for the Whitfield County:

McGauhey Chapel Road/Crow Road Intersection – Project realignment is complete. Contractor has a few punch-list items to complete.

Dawnville Beaverdale/Beaverdale Road Intersection – Materials are scheduled to be delivered. Bartow Paving will coordinate work with weather conditions, and begin when finished with McGauhey Chapel Road/Crow Road Intersection.

c) **Administrative Report** – Jacob Bearden discussed Federal Highway Performance Measures #1. The measures are updated annually to align with State planning partners. The measures are below:

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PM1 Targets

Calendar Year 2023 Statewide Targets

PROGRAM AREA	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	CALENDAR YEAR 2023 TARGET (To maintain numbers below)
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	Number of Fatalities	1,680
	Rate of fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	1.36
	Number of serious injuries	8,966
	Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT	7.679
	Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries	802

*Each measure is based on a five-year rolling average ending with the reporting year and considers all public roads. PM1 progress is reported annually in August.

IV. New Business – Safety Performance Measures (PM#1)

Mayor Ken Gowin made the motion to adopt the 2023 Safety Performance Measures, and Mayor Tom Dickson seconded the motion. The measures were adopted on a 7-0 vote.

V. Adjournment

Kent Benson adjourned the meeting at 10:36 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Jacob Bearden – GDMPO Coordinator

Minutes approved by:

Kent Benson, Policy Committee Chairman

Appendix A

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M006387_ Fannin, Gilmer, Whitfield_ Maintenance Project/ Bridge Preservation scheduled to let 8-18-2023_ the work for Whitfield County involves

1. polymer overlay
2. replacing bridge joints
3. Tightening all loose anchor bolts on Walnut Ave/SR 52 East Bound Lanes over Coahulla Creek.

M006202_ Catoosa, Floyd, Whitfield_ Maintenance Project/ Bridge Preservation scheduled to let 11/17/2023_ the work for Whitfield County involves

1. polymer overlay
2. replacing bridge joints
3. Tightening all loose anchor bolts on

Locations_ SR 286 OVER SMITHEY BRANCH
US 41/SR 3 OVER CR 307-CSX RR

0019241_ Whitfield_ Off System Safety Improvements replacing pavement markings 8.82 total @ 4 locations _ scheduled let date is 3/15/2024_ locations are as follows

1. Dug Gap Battle Rd starting at Battlefield Park Dr. and continuing just past W. Bridge Rd
2. South Tibbs Rd. beginning at Walnut Avenue and continuing Shugart/Tibbs Rd Split.
3. Abutment Rd. beginning at the S. Dalton Bypass and continuing to East Morris Street
4. North Glenwood Ave beginning at E Cuyler Street and continuing the N. Dalton Bypass

0013693_ Catoosa, Murray, Whitfield_ Pedestrian Upgrades @ 17 Locations_ Scheduled Let is 7/15/2024_ 9 of the 7 Locations are in Whitfield:

1. SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at Dug Gap Rd.
2. SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at I-75 NB Exit 328
3. SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at I-75 SB Exit 328
4. SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at Lower Dug Gap Rd.
5. SR 201/Tunnel Hill Varnell Rd. at Reed Rd.
6. SR 3/N. Bypass at Haig Mill Lake Rd.
7. SR 71/Cleveland Hwy. at Waring Rd.
8. SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at SR 201/Tunnel Hill Church St.
9. SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at Cottonwood Mill Rd.

NOTE: These intersections require improvements because they are missing necessary pedestrian infrastructure for safe pedestrian crossings at the intersections.

0016529_ Murray_ Bridge Replacement_ HWY 411 @ Perry Creek 6.3 Miles North of Crandall_ PE is underway_ ROW acquisition should start 6/15/2023_ Scheduled to Let 9/15/2024_ No Detour

0017234_ Murray_ Bridge Replacement_ SR 225 @ Pinhook_ PE is underway and on track_ ROW acquisition should start 10/15/2024_ Scheduled to Let to CST 2/15/2026_ Proposed Offsite Detour

0017233_ Murray, Whitfield_ Bridge Replacement_ SR 2/Prater Mill Rd NE/ Rev Charles Walter Hayes Mem Hwy @ Conasauga River & @ Conasauga River Overflow_ PE is underway with concept under review_ ROW acquisition should start 12/15/2024_ Scheduled to Let to CST 3/15/2026_ On-site Detour proposed.

0017235_ Murray_ Bridge Replacement_ SR 225 @ Sumac Creek_ PE is underway_ ROW acquisition should start 12/15/2024_ Let to CST 3/15/2026

0017964_ Whitfield_ Roundabout_ SR 286/Dawnville Rd_ PE is underway- Concept in Development_ ROW acquisition should start 8/25/2025_ CST Let 8/15/2026

0016528_ Murray_ Bridge Replacement_ SR2/SR6 @ Sumac Creek 1.6 Miles North of Crandall_ PE Is underway, developing concept layouts_ ROW acquisition is on track for June 2025_ LET to CST 9/15/2026

0013095_ Whitfield_ Safety- Rail Road Warning Device_ Eber Road & Cove Road Ext: Inc 4 _ The project scope consists of constructing a new approximately 0.7 mile long two lane road extension of Cove Drive, and realigning approximately 400 feet of Eber Road adjacent to and east of the Eber Road crossing to improve Eber Road crossing geometry. The Cove Drive Road extension, constructed in order to close the Postelle Lane and Henry Owens Road crossings, would be located adjacent, parallel to and west of Norfolk Southern Railroad (NS) between Redwine Cove Road and Henry Owens Road. The project would improve crossing safety, pedestrian safety and provide alternate emergency services access in the event that a crossing is blocked by a train. PE & ROW is underway and CST Let date is 11/17/2023.