



**Greater Dalton MPO**  
201 South Hamilton Street, Dalton, GA 30720  
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**Public Hearing:** February 1, 2024 – Joint Committee Meeting Minutes  
**Location:** 1999 Riverbend Drive, Dalton, Georgia  
**Call to Order:** 10:01 A.M.  
**Adjournment:** 10:28 A.M.

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## I. Meeting Minutes December 7, 2023

- 1) Action Item: Approve meeting minutes from December 7, 2023 meeting.  
Approved: Mayor Tom Dickson made a motion to approve the draft amendments. Mayor Ken Gowin seconded the motion. The amendments passed on a 7-0 vote.

## II. Presentations

**Presenter:** GDOT District 6 – Office of Planning

**Discussion:** **Preliminary Engineering**  
**0019643\_ Whitfield\_ SR 2 @ SR 201 Roundabout\_ Project** in scoping phase\_ Looking to have concept approved by May of 2024.  
(No changes from last Month)

**M006387\_ Fannin, Gilmer, Whitfield\_ Maintenance Project/ Bridge Preservation scheduled to let 8-18-2023\_ the work for Whitfield County involves (Walnut Ave/SR 52 East Bound Lanes over Coahulla Creek)**

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

On Schedule (No changes from last Month)

**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**

On Schedule (No changes from last Month)

**0019241\_ Whitfield\_ Off System Safety Improvements replacing pavement markings 8.82 total miles @ 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

On Schedule (**No changes from last Month**)

**0013693\_ Catoosa, Murray, Whitfield\_ Pedestrian Upgrades @ 17 Locations\_ Scheduled Let is 7/15/2024\_ 12 of the 17 Locations are in Whitfield or Murray County: **Next Milestone is FFPR - on schedule for 12/14/2023****

**Not on Schedule for Baseline, missed ROW Authorization. Will authorize ROW in August 2023, PCE approved June 2, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> UTL submission made July 7, 2023**

**WHITFIELD County**

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.

**MURRAY County**

1. Murray SR 2/3rd Ave at SR 52 Alt/E Fort St
2. Murray SR 2/3rd Ave at Market St
3. Murray SR 61/Hill Street at Duvall Road

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

**0016529\_ Murray\_ Bridge Replacement \_SR 61 @ Perry Creek 6.3 Miles North of Crandall\_ PE is underway\_ **ROW Authorization 6/15/2023 \_ Scheduled to Let 9/15/2024\_ No Detour PCE approved June 15, 2023\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Utility submission June 21, 2023- due 8/28/2023****

**0013095\_ Whitfield\_ Safety- Rail Road Warning Device\_ Eber Road & Cove Road Ext: Inc 4 NS RR Locations**

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 7/2024. (No changes from last Month)

**PI 0017234\_Murray\_ SR 225 @ PINHOOK CREEK\_** This project is the replacement of the existing bridge on SR 225 at Pinhook Creek in Murray County. Concept development phase was completed in March 2023 determining an offsite detour bridge. On track to request PFPR (preliminary field plan review) in March 2024. Scheduled to let 2/15/2026, **Offsite Detour\_ Utility 1<sup>st</sup> submission June 1, 2023\_ PIOH Kickoff June 29, 2023.**

**PI 0017233\_ Murray/ Whitfield\_ SR 2 @ Conasauga River & @ Conasauga River Overflow\_** This project is the replacement of the existing bridges on SR 2 at the Conasauga River and at the Conasauga River Overflow in Murray/Whitfield counties. Concept development phase was completed in March 2023 determining an **On-site Detour**. On track to request PFPR (preliminary field plan review) in May 2024 Scheduled to let 3/15/2026\_ **Preliminary Bridge Layout submitted June 8, 2023\_ Design Variance submitted July 27, 2023**

**PI 0017235\_ Murray\_ SR 225 @ Sumac Creek\_** This project is the replacement of the existing bridge on SR 225 at Sumac Creek at Murray County. Concept development phase was completed in March 2023 determining an **On-site Detour**. Scheduled to let 3/15/2026

**SUE accepted May 19, 2023\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Utility submission July 7, 2023**

**PI 0017964\_ Whitfield\_ SR 286 @ CR 670/Dawnville Road\_** This project will construct a single lane Roundabout at the intersection of SR 286 and Dawnville Rd. **Concept in development\_** PM submit the CR (7-12-2023)to DPS\_ Management Concept Approval is the next milestone 9/18/2023\_ PM request PFPR 7/17/2024\_ Scheduled to let 8-15-2026.

**PI 0016528\_ Murray\_ SR 2/SR 61 @ Sumac Creek 1.6 miles North of Crandall\_** This project replaces the existing bridge on SR2/SR 61 over Sumac Creek in Murray County. No detour< on track for ROW in 2025\_ Risk : Developing alternative for watermain relocation. (No changes from last Month)

**PI 0019062\_ Murray\_ SR 282/US 76 @ SR 61\_** This project would construct a left turn lane on SR 282/US 78 @ SR 61 from US 411, in Murray County. The project type identified at programming is subject to further analysis. Not on schedule for baseline due to needing NTP that is anticipated October 2023. (No changes from last Month)

**PI 0019190\_ Murray \_CR 256/HASSLERS MILL RD @ MILL CREEK 5.1 MI NE OF CHATSWORTH\_** Bridge replacement\_ NTP anticipated Summer 2024. (No changes from last Month)

### Active Construction

**M005955\_**

**SR 2 @ 2 LOCS & SR 52 @ 2 LOCS IN DISTRICT 6 - BRIDGE REHAB\_**

The work involves overlay of the bridge deck, joint replacement, painting steel beams and bearings, epoxy injection and spall repair of the Superstructure and Substructures, armoring footings, painting piles, and jacketing piles.

Massana Construction INC is the Contractor

Completion Date is 6/30/2024\_ Contractor is working now.

**Began underside epoxy injection and patching. Began Deck Patching and pile encasement.**

**Presenter:** City of Dalton

**Discussion:**

- **Market Street Corridor:**  
Design for Phase II in progress.  
Right-of-Way for Phase I still in negotiation.

**Presenter:** MPO on behalf of Engineering Department

**Discussion:**

- The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners voted to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Houston Valley Road and Mt. Vernon Road. The project is in design phase.
- The realignment of Dawnville Beaverdale Road and Beaverdale Road Intersection was completed by the Public Works Department. The New section is now open to the public. A new signalized intersection, to the north, is in design phase.

**Presenter:** Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Discussion:**
- **FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**  
Two draft amendments will be brought before the Policy Committee to reflect updated funding amounts and codes for GDOT projects in the TIP. The PC will vote to approve the final amendments.

### **III. New Business**

- 2) Action Item: Amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program  
Approved: Mayor Ken Gowin made a motion to approve the draft amendments. Mayor Tom Dickson seconded the motion. The amendments passed on a 7-0 vote.

### **IV. Adjournment**

Jacob Bearden adjourned the meeting at 10:28 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Jacob Bearden