

CITY OF FAIRVIEW
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 2, 2024, 6:00 PM, CITY HALL

Lisa Anderson, Mayor
 Brandon Butler, Vice Mayor
 Wayne Hall, Commissioner
 Stuart L. Johnson, Commissioner
 Chris McDonald, Commissioner
 Tom Daugherty, City Manager
 Patrick Carter, City Attorney
 Rachel Jones, City Recorder

Staff Present: Tom Daugherty, Rachel Jones, Keith Paisley, Ethan Greer, Bree Bailey, Richard Ross, Patti Carroll

BOC MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Anderson	X	
Vice Mayor Butler	X	
Commissioner Hall	X	
Commissioner Johnson		X
Commissioner McDonald	X	

❖ **Call to Order by Mayor Anderson at 6:06 P.M.**

• **Items for Discussion:**

1. **Updates from TDOT representatives regarding current and future projects in Fairview.**

**TDOT Representatives: Jay Norris, Assistant Chief Engineer and Regional Director
 Shaun Armstrong, Director of Pre-Construction Region 3**

Mr. Norris spoke about the TDOT ten year project plan and the Transportation Modernization Act. Mr. Norris stated the Transportation Modernization Act bill was passed last year which gave parity for electric vehicles on registration, gave TDOT authorization to negotiate public/private partnership, and gave 3.3 billion dollars to TDOT to support infrastructure management. Mr. Norris stated they came up with a new way to prioritize TDOT projects by creating a ten year plan that will show how every dollar will be spent over the next ten years. Mr. Norris stated they have gone from working on 7000 projects down to 92. Mr. Armstrong spoke about the current projects outlined in the ten year plan. Mr. Armstrong stated the state route 100 sidewalk job will run from the Fairview Rec Center to Bowie Lake Rd to tie in all the sidewalks on that stretch of highway. He stated the second project is the intersection at Cumberland Dr / Crow Cut Rd, which started as a local project but has been taken over by TDOT. Mr. Armstrong stated both these projects are currently in the right-of-way acquisition stage. Mr. Armstrong stated these projects are being bundled together and should begin in Spring 2025. Mr. Armstrong mentioned a third project that would consist of road widening from Bowie Lake Rd to Interstate 840. Mr. Armstrong said this project is a wide scale project and not currently funded in the ten year plan at this time. Mr. Norris stated in their yearly review of the ten year plan they are going to advertise for statewide partnership programs in an effort to have local communities partner with TDOT to fund projects.

Questions:

1. Mayor Anderson: How are the sidewalks going to be affected when the widening eventually happens? Mr. Armstrong replied they are looking ahead when installing the

sidewalks so they will be able to accommodate a three lane road and the goal would be to minimize any tear outs.

2. Mayor Anderson: If the sidewalks are going to be installed to allow for a turning lane why can we not have the turning lane installed before the ten years and why was the widening project removed from the list? Mr. Norris replied this is an Improve Act project and that in 2015 962 projects were codified into law when the gas tax increased and TDOT is required by law to complete those projects. Mr. Norris stated the project will be done but not in the next ten years. Mr. Norris stated they simply do not have enough funds to fund all the projects.
3. Mayor Anderson: Are other cities higher up on the list contributing to their projects? Mr. Norris replied in the last go around they partnered with ten cities.
4. Commissioner McDonald: Do you have any idea the cost of the widening project? Mr. Norris replied roughly 80 million dollars.
5. Commissioner McDonald: Roughly what percentage of overall cost would the city bring to the table if partnering on the project? Mr. Norris responded that some communities have offered to bring 10 million dollars to table, and their project did not make the list. Mr. Norris also gave the example of Mt. Juliet partnering with 25 million dollars and their project did make the list.
6. Vice Mayor Butler: Do you see many federal grants for state projects? Mr. Norris replied Wilson County has received grants as well as Spring Hill and there are several programs cities can apply for to receive grant dollars.
7. Vice Mayor Butler: When you are acquiring right-of-way do you take into consideration future road widening projects? Mr. Armstrong clarified that some sections will only have sidewalks on one side and that allows for the expansion on the other side so none would need to be removed.
8. Patti Carroll: Knowing that its been since 2017 is there any way to speed up the Cumberland Dr project? Mr. Armstrong explained that intersection started with the city before TDOT took it over and there was a 23 month delay in the NEPA phase.
9. Vice Mayor Butler: Are there opportunities for smaller projects, example a lot of turn signals do not communicate well with each other, if we did a study to upgrade our signals is that something we could partner on? Mr. Norris replied GNRC is funding a lot of this in other cities.

The board members thanked the TDOT staff for coming out and speaking.

❖ **Adjournment by Mayor Anderson at 6:51 P.M.**



Rachel Jones, City Recorder