



**Minutes - Draft**

**PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee**

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Tuesday, November 2, 2021

3:30 PM

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*This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available*

*(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,*

*(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV*

Attendance: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Patrick, Rader, Johnson

**Present**      3 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry

Meeting Started At: 3:40PM

**I. MINUTES**

**2021-3265**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the October 19, 2021 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**II. STATUS UPDATE**

Infrastructure Update: TIP Solicitation Project List

-presentation from Chris Kingsbury, Director Pelton

-Question LCJ: it appears that from this list, there have been 2 previous applications for Wesley Chapel and Panola Road correct?

D Pelton: correct. I believe we also had Clifton Springs

-Question LCJ: what were the issues with those 2 projects?

D Pelton: we will prioritize the projects when the application is submitted

C Kingsbury: The CTP reference is also on this presentation. All of the projects are currently related to the CTP

-Question JR: regarding the North Decatur Road scoping study, would it be appropriate to continue looking at that corridor and building on that previous work to extend to Clairmont Road?

D Pelton: is the suggestion that we extend this to Clairmont?

JR: that's correct; other sections have other problems and it may be appropriate to have the whole corridor for review

-Question LCJ: to Mr. Pelton and Mr. Kingsbury, I would like to hear how you've derived at the areas you've currently listed

-Question TT: Regarding the North Decatur Road corridor, I agree with the scoping study and review of the whole corridor. What is the typical length of a road scoping study?

D Pelton: scoping studies can be for fairly long lengths of road; a long corridor can be included in a scoping study

-Question JR: extend from Church Street to Clairmont; currently it is from Church St to East Ponce

-TT: Now that I know that you can have long corridors, I would argue having North Decatur to Memorial Drive; basically where Piedmont Tech and Georgia State are. As well as connecting colleges, as these are important resources for the County

C Kingsbury: We could take it all the way to the City of Atlanta at Emory; I don't think that's a problem since the road is in the CTP as something to be studied; I don't think there's a problem extending the limits. I may want to talk to the ARC to confirm that

D Pelton: we started out with a smaller area where we thought there were opportunities to do a road diet on; that's why we initially focused on DeKalb Industrial; but certainly there are needs across the entire corridor; we can certainly expand the scope of that particular application

-Question LCJ: would we suggest that the order should include the projects that exist and the others an order that you recommend? I want ensure our process the most fair and equitable

-Question TT: which projects were previously submitted and had funding in place?

LCJ: we know from history that not every project we submit will be able to receive funding; it's best we prioritize what we are asking out of the 7 projects

-Question LCJ: The Clifton Springs Road project was one of the original submissions correct?

D Pelton: in 2019, Wesley Chapel is the only holdover

LCJ: in that case it would be Wesley Chapel first, I assume followed by Panola, Clifton Springs, and then we can determine the order of the other projects

C Kingsbury: the ARC expects you ask what your highest and second highest priorities are and the monies are associated with the individual projects. There is other criteria they look at regionally; they may decide that funding something lower on the list and they have a reason to fund it in advance of something else; it's a bit of a mystery sometimes. They want to know what your highest rated priorities are; it also depends on how much you're asking for.

D Pelton: when we submit our application, due by December 2, we will have to tell them what our priorities are

-Question MDJ: based on what was passed at the last BOC meeting, we discussed the City of Stonecrest intergovernmental agreement and the best route to take in that regard. It doesn't necessarily mean a scoping study but it could mean a scoping study. Are we talking about an option for a scoping study or a scoping study itself?

D Pelton: a scoping study is one possible way to move forward on the project; we are putting it on here as an option if we want to do that

-Question MDJ: would that impact what you were commissioned to do?

Z Williams: I will be meeting with the city tomorrow and will have a much better feel around it. What comes out of this is uncertain but as long as I go into it knowing the position that would be helpful

-Question TT: for the scoping study, do you have to say what you're attempting to scope? Or is it more broad in the ask?

D Pelton: in the past we've left it open and broad categories to look at in the study. The initial scope will not be very specific, so that we when we do the study the hired consultant can look at the different options that we have. If we got funding and hired a consultant, their first step would be data collection in traffic, accident history, etc.

-Question TT: I have a suggestion regarding the Panola Road that has been on the radar. I would be comfortable prioritizing this because this is a county/city cooperation and SPLOST funds are tied to it. I also believe that a pedestrian bike plan is in line with what the ARC is pushing us to pursue in the region. I would support that as being the next important one.

-Question RP: Mr. Kingsbury, do we know what the criteria for success is as the ARC reviews? Can we tailor our projects to this criteria?

C Kingsbury: you make a request and sometimes you get it, sometimes you don't. I don't have a crystal ball but you don't always know what you're going to get. They do have categories that they have to balance the region's requests within those categories with the available funding. They have a juggling act on their end to divvy up remaining resources.

-Question RP: regarding traffic, I've noticed that our traffic signals don't seem to be coordinated. Has our County ever done traffic coordination efforts?

D Pelton: some corridors are coordinated; larger ones are managed by GDOT. I believe here better detection would be helpful at our corridors.

-RP: would that include adding 5G components into this detection?

D Pelton: We'd probably be looking at adding radar detection. This would hopefully be lower maintenance and give us better opportunities to coordinate.

-RP: requests countywide traffic counting data that PECS is currently reviewing

-JR: other jurisdictions will be requesting millions of dollars for construction. We are only asking for scoping studies in this call for projects. Unless we can do these scoping studies we won't have funding to do these projects later. Also, allocation of scarce resources is important, and I think it's important for us to form a pipeline with scoping studies. I don't see why we can't get all of these since they are scoping studies and not construction proposals. On another note, a scoping study is really the only way forward for Panola Road. The appropriate request is the scoping study at this time; we ought to identify all of these projects that the ARC would deem relevant to their regional transportation plan and goals in terms of project selection. We shouldn't think we are falsely competing against ourselves; the real competition is cities. I would hope that we could approve all of these projects.

-Question LJ: I concur with Commissioner Rader; all the projects need to move forward and let ARC make that determination. Since we have to do a scoping study to move forward, would it be wise for us to do our own scoping study for transportation projects?

C Kingsbury: the process that ARC funds you puts your project in the TIP and makes your project eligible for future federal aid after the TIP. You can ask for a project to be added to the TIP and do your own local funding. If you use federal aid you have to go through a competitive procurement process.

Z Williams: if we apply and do not get funding, we would want to come back to seek authorization to seek scoping studies. There may be a happy medium even if we're not funded.

LCJ: Commissioner Johnson I see where you're going

LJ: it seems that the cities are advancing and unincorporated areas have to wait; it doesn't seem a level playing field

LCJ: I trust the team to make the necessary recommendations for us

-Question MDJ: I feel comfortable with COO Williams and team bringing back what they feel is best for us to consider. I would like to pursue the most efficient route regarding the Panola Road corridor.

-LCJ: to Mr. Williams, for the next meeting, I would like you to present us with a proposed list of priorities for the TIP. I want you to provide the prioritization, following with us thereafter and we will hear in committee

-Question RP: if there are other corridors we as commissioners feel would warrant attention, would we provide this to COO Williams?

LCJ: absolutely if you feel there are other corridors that require attention that haven't been presented, please provide to COO Williams

### III. AGENDA ITEM

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

[2021-2997](#)

Commission District(s): All  
United States Geological Survey (USGS) 5-Year Agreement  
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/9/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and  
Commissioner Terry**

*-this item has come out of OIIA audit review*

*-information provided by interim Director Hayes*

*-Question TT: between the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers and other groups as potential partners, they could help fill in the gaps that the USGS isn't covering in this project. I believe this could be done a bit cheaper since they do utilize volunteers as well. I wonder if we could expand out some of this testing. Can we look at additional options to do creek and stream testing related to sewer leaks?*

*D Pelton: that is something we can look into to identify other sources; what this does is it is there to assist us with runoff more so than sewage entering the receiving streams. The USGS has equipment to understand where the rain is coming, cross analyze that data with the stormwater that's going through the area. But we can look into other avenues to monitor the contents entering the streams*

*Z Williams: we will bring in the Stormwater folks; let us have a separate conversation for what that looks like; but your point of environmental stewardship makes sense*

2021-3072

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 21-101424 Sanitary Sewer Chemical Root Control (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of treating portions of the County's gravity sewer system with a chemical root control herbicide. Recommend award to the sole responsive and responsible bidder: Duke's Root Control, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,644,550.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/9/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and  
Commissioner Terry**

*-Question TT: is there 20% LSBE participation?*

*LCJ: I don't have LSBE participation on this item*

*C Horner: it is 20% LSBE participation; they will be providing public outreach, CCTV, and traffic control*

[2021-3088](#) Commission District(s): 2 and 6  
LB - Invitation No. 21-101333 Reindeer Drive Water Main Replacement (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the removal of existing galvanized pipe and asbestos cement watermains; abandonment of a steel main; construction and installation of ductile iron pipe (DIP) watermains; and removal and replacement of fire hydrants. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: GS Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$10,682,365.00.  
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/9/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

*-this item has come out of OIIA audit review*

*New Agenda Items:*

[2021-2985](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
LB - Invitation No. 21-101441 Self-Contained Compactor Boxes (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of purchasing units specifically designed to compress and contain Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Green Diamond Waste Management. Amount Not To Exceed: \$149,658.00.  
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/9/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

-no additional information requested

[2021-3136](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Recycling Tires (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1196996 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This Contract consists of the recycling of tires. Awarded to Latham Home Sanitation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/9/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

*-Question TT: could you provide a bit of recap for newer commissioners? Latham is coordinating with Sanitation to identify areas with a significant amount of tires? Once they go to the landfill who recycles the tires?*

*LCJ: this company is the company that takes the tires. These tires end up at the landfill. This company would take possession of the tires and recycle them for other uses.*

*T Hutchinson: the tires do include illegal dumping of tires also; there is a coordinated effort to place these tires into a trailer; the scrap metal goes into a scrap metal pile at the landfill. Per our permit, tires are prohibited at all landfills in the state of Georgia*

[2021-3212](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1246649 for 2020 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of patching, milling and resurfacing County roads. Awarded to Pittman Construction Company. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/9/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

*-Question TT: understanding there was lost time, they are working and asking for an additional time period?LCJ: correct these folks are asking for the time back that was lost on the contract*

*-Question TT: offline could the COO provide the breakdown in communication of this contract?*

*Z Williams: we will get that to you Commissioner*

*C Horner: I do have a copy of the ITB process and would be happy to share that with you*

[2021-3224](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract 1124403 Teledyne ISCO Training and Support, Equipment, Software and Licenses, Parts and Related System Components for Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the provision of vendor support and training in the installation and maintenance of equipment, flow monitoring equipment, parts and related system components used in the completion of existing hydraulic modeling and sewer monitoring programs related to Consent Decree requirements. This request is to continue with the use of the existing sole source vendor through December 31, 2022. Awarded to Teledyne Instruments, Inc. as a business unit Teledyne ISCO. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/9/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

*-Question TT: could you update me on the background of this contract? Are we continuing to do more installations of these monitoring sites or is this for the maintenance and training aspect?*

*D Hayes: it is both; we have equipment that is already in service; part of this contract is to help maintain and buy repair/replacement parts, and there is another portion that allows us to buy other monitoring equipment in other manholes around the County when needed.*

*-Question TT: the goal of the contract is over 300 flow monitors; how many flow monitors do we currently have in place?D*

*Hayes: I don't have the exact number and can get that to you; but it is around 300 units that are out in different manholes*

*-Commissioner Terry requests the commissioners receive a copy of the map of where the flow monitors would go, which are active, and which are planned to be installed.*

[2021-3219](#)

Commission District(s): 4  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1171444 for Road Widening, Sidewalks, Bike Lanes (Rockbridge Road - Allgood to Rowland Road) - PI#s 008121/0012789: for use by Public Works - Transportation. This contract consists of the widening of Rockbridge Road from Allgood to Rowland Road to allow for the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes. Awarded to E. R. Snell Contractor, Inc. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners - Zoning Meeting, due back on 11/9/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

*-Question TT: how is the project coming?*

*C Kingsbury: it is coming slowly; there are two major Georgia transmission corporation poles; that is one of the headaches. The other one is this project is also in conjunction with a major water line replacement, so that project got to a slower start with materials and other utility contracts*

2021-3336

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution of the DeKalb County Governing Authority to adopt a Vision and Transition Plan of 100% Clean Energy and Clean Transportation powering the County's need by 2050.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/9/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

*-Commissioner Cochran-Johnson requests Cherry Street Energy be present for the next meeting to discuss this item*

Meeting Ended At: 5:25PM

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC