

TSAC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 16, 2009

6:00 PM

Milton City Hall

Council Chambers

Committee Members in Attendance

District 2 – Nick Voigt

District 3 – Doug Hand

District 4 – Clyde Johnson

District 5 – Vic Jones

District 6 – Brad Robinson

Committee Members not in Attendance

District 1 – Steve Beecham

Citywide – Bruce Smitherman

Guest Attendees

Sara Leaders – City of Milton

Ed Ellis – Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc

Cristina Pastore – Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc

James Fowler – Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Rob Ross – Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Dennis Potts – SR 9 Design Committee Member

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by James Fowler with Kimley-Horn.

Existing Conditions Report

Digital copies of the report were made available on Kimley-Horn's FTP site. Some Committee members had difficulty accessing the report or found the electronic version difficult to use for a thorough review. Committee agreed that hard copies would be easier to review. Hard copies will be available for pickup at City Hall on April 20th. Committee comments on the report are needed by April 23rd so that the final version can be edited and published on April 30th.

Committee members inquired whether all available count data had been included in the report, and if additional traffic counts will be performed. Existing count data currently available from GDOT and the City of Milton has been included in the report, but additional counts will not be performed as part of the model development. Typically, roadway Level of Service (LOS) and transportation planning decisions are based on travel demand modeling. While these models strive to include the most current available data, the size of the area being studied makes it impractical and inefficient to perform turning movement counts on every affected intersection.

Based on the current ARC travel demand model, the existing levels of service for AM and PM peak hour patterns have been included in the report.

Kimley-Horn is looking at the 2010 existing model as a base. The future models will use 2020 and 2030 future growth data from ARC and from the City of Milton, and will run scenarios based on planned roadway and transit improvements.

The City is managing future intersection projects through GDOT. The City has Consultant ready to go and GDOT is managing the funding. For current proposed projects, the City is waiting on funding approval and Notice to Proceed from GDOT. Projects are required to have a Notice to Proceed from GDOT before GDOT will provide any funding for those projects

Survey Update

The public survey outline was distributed to the Committee. The public survey will be implemented prior to the completion of the recommendations phase. Although the outline is still very general and basic, the outline is being distributed now, so TSAC members can get a sense of the intent and context of the survey. Comments and suggestions from TSAC members regarding the survey are encouraged and should be directed to Kimley-Horn staff for inclusion and further discussion.

Roundabouts

Rob Ross and Ed Ellis from Kimley-Horn led a discussion regarding the design and application of roundabouts. It was explained that while roundabouts are not always the best solution for intersection improvements, they can be very effective when designed correctly. Given their functionality and unique aesthetic, roundabouts could be very suitable for some intersections within Milton.

The group looked at Crabapple Crossroads as an example, and looked at the large area impacts of constructing roundabouts.

Possible locations and suitability of roundabouts will be looked into further during the Needs Assessment phase of CTP development.

Next Steps

In general, the Committee is requesting to meet sooner than August, with the next meeting being tentatively set for Monday, May 11 at 6 pm at City Hall. The meeting schedule will be updated and sent out to the Committee.

As the Inventory of Existing Conditions phase ends and the Needs Assessment phase begins, much work with the travel demand model remains to be completed. KHA is waiting for final demographic information from the City of Milton in order to move forward with this model analysis. The next TSAC meeting will build on information found in the Inventory of Existing Conditions Report as well as the travel demand model, and will begin the more in-depth process of diagnosing the needs of Milton's transportation network.

Committee members are requesting a master map or aerial image be provided at the next meeting to assist with planning discussions.

Clyde Johnson is requesting that the group look at potential corridors for improving east/west connectivity. Clyde will provide his list of suggested corridor to KHA in advance of the next meeting.

The Committee should gather other ideas for transportation improvements which can be discussed at the next TSAC meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting schedule to be updated and sent out to the Committee.

Date Approved: 6/18/09

Approved By:



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Clyde Johnson, Chair