

# MINUTES

## Rome-Floyd County Metropolitan Planning Organization

### Technical Coordinating Committee

Sam King Room, 601 Broad St.

May 10, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**In Attendance:** Kayla Schaaf, MPO Planner; Justin Messer, City of Rome; Artagus Newell, Rome/Floyd Planning Department; Michael Skeen, Floyd County; Kathy Shealy, RTD; Courtney Griffin, RTD; Ben Brooks, Floyd County; Chris Jenkins, City of Rome; Jeff Burns, Floyd County; Joseph Davidson, NWGRC.

- I. Call to Order. Skeen called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- II. Minutes – With one discrepancy fixed, the January minutes were approved by common consent.
- III. Reports
  - a. City of Rome. – Messer reported for the city. 3 more roads are waiting for repair to complete the 2020 LMIG list (S. Broad, Main St., and Watters St.). He reported 71% of 2021 LMIG projects are complete. The city is currently working on the 2022 LMIG list. A consultant is completing a road rating list to prioritize 2022 LMIG projects.
    - Floyd County. – Skeen reported for the County. He reported the county paving in mid-April. We have completed part of our 2021 rollover, about 1.5 miles, in the Sherwood Forest Subdivision. We have about 22 miles scheduled for paving, but after getting a 16% increase recently in asphalt prices, we may have to back off a little. The county expect to award a bid soon for reconstruction of the Blacks Bluff Road culvert failure near the Lock and Dam. Construction should be complete by fall. Floyd County crews are working to remove and replace 600' of sidewalk in the Lindale community along Crescent Avenue. There is currently a contractor in town working on a safety grant to replace signs and striping on about 80 miles of County Roads. We have active safety projects in the planning phase for Hall Road and Chubb Road. Both could break ground this year.
  - a. City of Cave Spring. – No report.
  - b. Metropolitan Planning Organization.
    - i. Carbon Reduction/y600 TIP amendment – Schaaf reported for the MPO. She reported a TIP amendment is needed due to the new y600 funding source. 2 projects in the TIP will need to be amended (PI #0013718 and PI #0018282). There was no opposition from the committee or the public during the public comment period. Burns made a motion to recommend approval to the policy committee. Skeen seconded the motion.

- c. Rome Transit Department. – Griffin reported for RTD. New buses are anticipated to arrive in October/November. Also, RTD applied for a grant to buy a trolley. This trolley will service downtown, the tennis center, and Berry. Also, RTD has had increased ridership since free fares were implemented at the beginning of the year. RTD hopes to continue free fares throughout the year. RTD plans to rebrand with a new logo soon as well.
  - d. Georgia Department of Transportation – No report.
  - e. Federal Highway Authority. – No report.
  - f. NWGRC – No report.
  - g. Other Business. N/A.
  - h. Next Meeting: July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.
- IV. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.