

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*March 8, 2017*

**Committee Members**

**Present:** Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice Chairman Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Jerry Teal, Mark Churchill, Pat Melton, Rosemary Wilson, Frank Berry, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker

**Attending:** Town Councilmembers Ron Williams and Steve Baker, Town Administrator Britt Poole

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

**January Minutes:** Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the February 8, 2017 minutes. Pat Melton made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Vice-Chair Clyde Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**County Update:** There was no report from Lexington County.

**Insync Signal:** Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated work was underway on the signals at Dreher Street, Northwood Road and North Lake Drive and nearing completion at Old Cherokee Road and North Lake Drive. The Insync Phase II Right of Way should be completed by May with a potential let in August.

**Vision Plan:** Town Administrator Britt Poole reported the Icehouse Amphitheater has a number of events scheduled over the next few months. A lineup of free events will start in April with details available on the Icehouse website. He reported a fundraising effort to support future Icehouse events has a goal of \$30,000 and Lexington Medical Center has agreed to a sponsorship of \$15,000. Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported that bids to construct the South Church Street parking areas are now under review.

**Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd:** There is no new information regarding this intersection.

**Gibson Road at S Lake:** Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported a new request for a traffic signal at this intersection. Traffic counts are being updated.

## Hospitality Projects

**One Way Pairs:** Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported SCDOT is expected to return their response by March 17 but he anticipates additional design comments. He stated as soon as they receive approval, construction can begin.

Vice Chair Clyde Smith asked about a problem he experiences when heading east from Butler Street and attempting to turn right onto North Lake Drive. He said traffic often backs up across that intersection and questioned if an X and do not block intersection signage would be approved there. Randy Edwards stated the intersection will be changed when the One Way Pair project is implemented.

**Harmon Street:** Transportation Director Randy Edwards told the committee that the improvements in the relocation design along North Lake Drive include additional right of way along the southbound lane of North Lake Drive near Wendy's to avoid impacts to the power substation.

**Gateway at Corley Mill:** Transportation Director Randy Edwards shared a presentation on the Corley Mill Corridor Improvement Project (attached). He said the Town has been working on the project since 2015 with Mead and Hunt and SCDOT. The study area reached from River Bluff High School east to Leaphart Road, south to Meadow Glen Schools and the Wellesley subdivision and west to Northside Boulevard. Twenty two intersections were included in the study which projected twenty year development and level of service.

Mr. Edwards summarized the seven different alternatives that were evaluated and the cost benefit analysis. He explained the Level of Service descriptions and noted the changes for different alternative plans. Alternative 7 with the overpass crossing I-20 showed the current F level intersections improving to B, C and D levels projecting to the year 2040. Town Administrator Poole noted the proposed overpass road would not have the curb cuts and intersections that slow traffic. The route would connect to Corley Mill Road near the Corley Mill House and end at Davega Road as a Town road.

Mr. Edwards said that smaller projects could be fast tracked as stand-alone portions that work into the overall Master Plan. The anticipated schedule is for mid-2022.

Administrator Poole said that the presentation regarding the TIF district can be watched on the replay of the March 6 Town Council Meeting shown on the Cable Channel 2. It will be added to the next Traffic Committee meeting. There are plans for Public Education meetings regarding the Tif District and Gateway project.

**The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 8:00 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.**

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Rosemary Wilson and seconded by Clyde Smith. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Susan Ruinen, Chair**

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