

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
April 5, 2017

Committee Members

Present: Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice Chairman Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Jerry Teal, Mark Churchill, Bob Ferrell, Rosemary Wilson, Larry Yon, Frank Berry, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, Lexington County Public Works Jeff McNesby

Attending: Town Councilmember Ron Williams, Town Administrator Britt Poole, Chief Terrence Green, Major Matt Davis

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

March Minutes: Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the March 8, 2017 minutes. Rosemary Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Director Dan Walker seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Insync Signal: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated work continues on the completion of Phase 1. They expect to begin Phase 2 in the fall of this year. He added complaints were received about the timing of the signals on the eastbound ramp from I-20 headed east into Lexington. An analysis of the data did not show any problems. He requested a report be sent to him if anyone observes a problem at this location.

County Update: Jeff McNesby reported the Lexington County Public Works office is looking at the Orchard Point subdivision off of Mineral Springs Road prior to the county taking over the roads. He added the roads have passed the inspection.

Vision Plan: Town Administrator Britt Poole told the committee that the Town of Lexington's *Lexington Live* spring concert series at the Icehouse Amphitheater will begin on April 13 and continue each Thursday evening through May 18. He said Downtown Promoter Walker Brewer has done a good job acquiring sponsors for the events. He referred to the Icehouse Amphitheater website <http://www.icehouseamphitheater.com> for details about upcoming events.

Mr. Poole added the staff will revisit the Vision Plan at the planned retreat this summer to consider projects for the next phase. He said three quarters of the proposed projects in the Vision Plan have been completed.

Transportation Director Randy Edwards commented that the Church Street parking areas were advertised for construction and the bid will be awarded soon. The lots will be built in two phases with the upper section consisting of a planned grass lot and the lower section a paved lot with a connection to Virginia Hylton Park. He said they hope to have the grassed lots completed by July and in use for the fall concert series. The spring fed pond will be maintained with installation of an aerator. A small open field at the top of the property will be grassed for overflow parking.

Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated Ridgeway Engineering has been contracted to build the plan. This should be done in the next month.

Hospitality Projects

One Way Pairs: Town Administrator Britt Poole said SCDOT had approved the plan with one design exception that Randy Edwards is working to resolve. Mr. Edwards stated the design will be shown to the Traffic Committee at the next meeting.

Harmon Street: Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported the project is 30-60% planned and noted the need to widen the right of way near Wendy's.

Town Administrator Britt Poole added that all of the Hospitality Tax projects will have 4x8 signs describing the projects and funding. They hope to have the signs ready by summer.

Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated the Martel Drive section of Harmon Street would be the final phase of the project.

Gateway at Corley Mill: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated the design process has been started for this project. The projects for Ginny Lane and the I-20 exit ramp have been submitted for Final Approval.

Crossroads at US378 & 6: Transportation Director Randy Edwards noted this project is starting to be called the North Lake Corridor project and extends from Columbia Avenue up North Lake to Sunset Boulevard. He noted traffic tends to stack up at the split of North Lake and Sunset. They are looking at widening the eastbound section to add a lane. The Lexington Middle School access points would change to Abbie Lane and Harmon Street.

Duffie Drive Sidewalks: Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported the sidewalk plan extends down Duffie Drive on the same side as the detention center and crosses at the Coroner's office. Another crosswalk is planned near the SC Works office and at the maintenance shed. He added the mid-block crosswalks are planned to be constructed as speed tables suitable for speeds up to 20 mph. He noted there would be good interconnectivity between parking lots and ball fields. Town Administrator Britt Poole added that

Lexington County Recreation purchased property on Barr Road with plans for additional ball fields and a gym. There are plans to interconnect the parking and fields.

**Local Transportation
Improvement Plan:**

Town Administrator Britt Poole told the committee that the Town is formulating an itemized list to identify and prioritize projects in a ranked order. Mr. Edwards said a number of areas have been identified for review and evaluation. Mr. Poole added that this list would contain projects that are not currently under study to identify potential low cost improvements at specific locations with dedicated funding every year or two. There is a procedure and scoring matrix with cost estimates to establish ranking. The Traffic Committee is asked to contribute with any comments or observations. Mr. Dipak Patel, currently retired from SCDOT, will assist with the audit and add comments. Mr. Poole stated the list will help to identify potential impact areas for future development planners. He added more projects could be completed if developers assisted with projects. Mr. Edwards will forward the initial list of projects to Karen Hanner for distribution to the committee.

Median US378 & Hope Ferry:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards noted the plan for improvements at the right in right out access on US378 at the Walgreens on Hope Ferry Road includes a planted median. Mr. Poole added the contractor on the Lowes Grocery project will be doing the construction work and the Town will maintain the landscaping. Mr. Jerry Teal asked how long the median would extend down the block and if this would be an obstacle for emergency vehicles. Mr. Edwards said it would only extend in front of the right in right out access and the Insync system can pre-empt traffic signals to create a green tunnel for emergency vehicles. He added that the funding to do a Traffic Study on the relocation of Mineral Springs Road at US378 had been approved by Council. Mr. Poole stated this could serve to provide a shovel ready project which could be quickly started if funding becomes available.

TIF: Town Administrator Britt Poole stated he would have the information commercial describing the project shown at the next Traffic Committee meeting.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 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 Dan Walker and seconded by Rosemary Wilson. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By: _____
Susan Ruinen, Chair

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