

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
September 13, 2017

Committee Members

Present: Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice Chairman Clyde Smith, Secretary Laura Haney, Bob Ferrell, Mark Churchill, Jerry Teal, Frank Berry, Major Matt Davis, Rosemary Wilson, Jim Wigglesworth, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, Lexington County Public Works Jeff McNesby

Attending: Town Councilmember Ron Williams, Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, Corporal Cameron Mortenson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Third-Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

August Minutes: Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the August 9, 2017 minutes. Mark Churchill made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Clyde Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

County Update: No new information provided

Insync Signals: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated Phase 1 is completed. Crown Castle is putting small cell group antennas on towers to assist in communication between the signals. Phase 2 of the Insync signals are still with SCDOT regarding the road right of way issues that needed to be addressed. Aiming for the end of 2017 if no other issues arise.

Councilmember Ron Williams asked if there was any way to speed up this process. Transportation Director Randy Edwards responded that the land acquisition process has many regulations and specific boxes that must be checked off therefore we are awaiting SCDOT at this point.

Vision Plan: Town Administrator Britt Poole stated at the next upcoming work session in September council will follow up on many items from the council retreat held back in July 2017. Some items will be the Virginia Hylton Park and welcome signs to the Town. The façade improvement area will go through one more reading.

Administrator Poole also added that The Icehouse Amphitheatre *Lexington Live* concert series will begin on September 21 thru October 19, 2017. The Farmers Market will continue through the end of September and they are currently exploring avenues to gain more vendors such as working with the Clemson Agricultural Extension.

Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated this is awaiting SCDOT and still in progress. The Town will ultimately maintain the actual structure and will be looking into different products for chiming/other noises to signal crossing.

Hospitality Projects

One Way Pair: Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported an intent to award was issued to Cherokee Inc and some final terms are being sorted out with the awarded contractor.

Bob Ferrell asked if the bid came in below the estimate and what is the schedule for the project. Mr. Edwards replied that the bid did not come in below the estimate but much of the adaptive work will be done in house and he has been working with the contractor on those aspects. Administrator Poole added that Randy has been negotiating values with Cherokee Inc which will help with cost savings overall. Randy Edwards added the project will take approximately 9 months to complete.

Harmon Street: Transportation Director Randy Edwards informed that 65% plans have been submitted to the SCDOT and we are awaiting their comments.

Gateway at Corley Mill: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated Ginny Lane and I20 have 100% plans submitted to SCDOT making final changes. There were also some utility issues that have come up they are having to consider.

Sidewalks

Duffie Drive: Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported the sidewalk project is in progress and about 80% complete. The road closure to install speed tables will be coordinated accordingly in the coming week.

US 1 & Church St: Director Randy Edwards noted that both are currently delayed with some different requirements being noted with SCDOT.

Clyde Smith asked what the status is on fixing the sidewalk in downtown Lexington in front of Libby's restaurant? Administrator Britt Poole responded that many of those sidewalks are not maintained currently by anyone specifically as they are technically SCDOT streets. To acquire these sidewalks takes a process both strategically and financially but as we gain maintenance of more sidewalks we can begin to look at areas of concern.

**Local Transportation
Improvement Plan:**

Administrator Britt Poole stated the prioritization information will be presented at the next Council work session on September 18, 2017. Council will look at the different priority options and discuss further.

Bob Ferrell asked if staff does a preliminary plan, presents to Council, and then traffic committee gives input or how does that specifically work? Administrator Poole responded that two engineering groups came in and were asked what can reasonably be done at these locations. Traffic Committee may be asked to look at this for review but ultimately that will be a decision for Council.

Chairman Ruinen expressed that she would want to make sure these options are weighted objectively when looking at how to prioritize. Some may be ranked higher than others with the data but we would also want to be looking at exposure and if a reasonable solution can be applied at that time. For example, from living in the Town several accidents occur at Mineral Springs.

Administrator Poole replied that the information being presented does have options weighted differently such as safety, cost, etc. and many of the same ones show up at the top of the list. This will be something we hope to know more about after Council is presented the information and determine the next steps in prioritizing these projects.

Jerry Teal added he wanted to bring attention to the crosswalk at Abbie Lane near the school. Individuals are going extremely fast and sometimes even running the red light. As someone who walks across that intersection to take their child to school, he was wondering if maybe moving the school zone further back is an option.

Chairman Ruinen stated that particular crosswalk was examined some time ago and it is something we can look at again. We can add it to the agenda for the next traffic meeting.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 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 Bob Ferrell and seconded by Clyde Smith. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Haney,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

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