

Traffic Committee  
MINUTES  
November 8, 2017

Committee Members

Present: Chair Susan Ruinen, Vice Chairman Clyde Smith, Bob Ferrell, Frank Berry, Major Matt Davis, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, Rosemary Wilson, Jim Wigglesworth, Jeff McNesby, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker

Attending: Councilmember Ron Williams, Chief Terrence Green, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, Kenneil Mitchell from USC

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

**October Minutes:** Chair Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the October 11, 2017 minutes. Rosemary Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Clyde Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Insync Signals:** Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported a plan to advertise Phase 2 of the Insync Signalization in January or February. Councilmember Williams asked if the plan was to work with one contractor. Director Edwards confirmed that was the intent.

He added they are making minor adjustments to the Adaptive System between grouped signals. He noted the backups that occur on US 378 at North Lake Drive are being corrected.

Rosemary Wilson asked about the camera on US 378 at the Hobby Lobby and Hope Ferry Road. Director Edwards explained that the camera is currently operating for detection and that the intersection has a loop system. There is no green arrow for a left turn phase, only the blinking yellow. Chair Ruinen added SCDOT wants left turn operations to meet warrants for a green arrow phase. Director Edwards added that Adaptive will detect vehicles at the stop bar. If vehicles are in the center of the intersection waiting for a gap to turn left, the camera interprets the vehicle as making it through that intersection.

Jim Wigglesworth asked if the Pilgrim Church Road intersection with North Lake Drive was in Town. Director Edwards said it was not and the signal is handled by SCDOT but it will be included in the Adaptive system. Radio signals are used to feed data from the intersections at Andrew Corley and Pilgrim Church Roads.

**County Update:** Jeff McNesby reported improvements have been done by Lexington County to realign the intersection of Lee Kleckley Road and Corley Mill Road which has improved sight distance.

**Vision Plan:** Councilmember Williams reported that Council approved an update to the Town's Vision Plan at their meeting on November 6. One project will be the renovation of Virginia Hylton Park.

Clyde Smith asked about the new parking areas on South Church Street and the wetlands areas. Councilmember Williams stated the parking areas were designed around the wetlands. Director Walker added that sod has been installed and irrigation is in place. Councilmember Williams added the medians in the parking area will be landscaped. Director Edwards commented it should be ready for use in time for the Spring Concert Series at the Icehouse Amphitheater. Clyde Smith stated Alodia's was planning for a January opening. Councilmember Williams commented there are 65 parking spaces at Alodia's and another 500 in the Lexington downtown area.

**Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd:** Director Edwards reported a permit for the crosswalk has been approved by SCDOT and the Town is working with the apartment complex and SCDOT to install a flasher sign.

#### Hospitality Projects

**One Way Pairs:** Director Edwards told the committee that the construction signs for the One Way Pair Project are up and work is beginning on South Church Street. Councilmember Williams commented regarding the caution signage along South Church Street. Director Edwards stated they hope to complete the Church Street sidewalk work to allow for pedestrian traffic at the Snowball Festival on December 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. He added the sidewalk at Alodia's should be done first to accommodate their January opening.

**Harmon Street:** Director Edwards stated the planning is 65% complete with comments from SCDOT sent back for approval. He said construction should begin in the summer of 2018 and will dovetail with the One Way Pair Project.

**Gateway at Corley Mill:** Director Edwards said the project is still in the early stages but is making progress.

**Sidewalks:** Chair Ruinen commented the Duffie Drive project appeared to be complete except for signage.

Director Edwards noted that the US 1 near Woodcreek and Church Street to Gibson Road sidewalk projects were not yet let but planned for February.

Mr. Frank Berry reported a pedestrian crossing signal at the intersection of Cedar Road and Dooley Road with US 1 but no sidewalks. Director Edwards noted the crossing is a Federal dictate installed with the intersection upgrade.

Councilmember Williams reported a Dead End sign on Corola Lane in Woodcreek that is a long way from the end of the street. Chair Ruinen commented that the signs are not necessary inside a subdivision. Frank Berry noted developers are required by Lexington County to install them. Councilmember Williams noted the Woodcreek Homeowners Association requested it. Director Edwards stated he would take care of it.

**Local Transportation  
Improvement Plan:**

Director Edwards reported a presentation on the LTIP will be given to Council at the November Work Session. He added it was close to being ready to go with traffic counts underway today.

Chief Green reported a traffic concern in the 5200 block of Sunset Boulevard. Traffic in the left turn median for Lowe's is conflicting with left turn traffic entering the Clean Eatz strip mall. Councilmember Williams suggested a right in right out at the Clean Eatz entrance might be needed. Director Edwards stated future improvements at the Mineral Springs Road intersection could give more room to have the access closer to the property line which would allow more space for left turns from the median. Major Davis noted a similar problem with conflicts in the median at the intersection of North Lake Drive and Round Knob Road. Director Edwards commented the North Lake Drive improvements are in Phase Two of the plan for construction. The plan includes a planted median in front of the middle school. He will talk to the school about the possibility of using bollards at that intersection.

Chair Ruinen reminded everyone that the Traffic Committee will not meet in December. The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 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 8:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

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Susan Ruinen, Chair

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