

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*April 17, 2012*

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Council Liaison; Susan Ruinen, Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Randy Edwards; Rosemary Wilson; Jay Daniels; Dan Walker; Frank Berry; Bob Ferrell; Rosemarie Nuzzo

**Attending:**

Britt Poole, Jay Koon, Matt Davis, two visitors

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

**March Minutes:**

Susan Ruinen asked members if there were any corrections or additions to the March minutes. Bob Ferrell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Frank Berry seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Update:**

Hazel Livingston reported on a visit to Columbia County, Georgia for a look at the INSync system they are installing there for traffic signal optimization. The company reports obtaining at least a 30% increase in efficiency for traffic flow using their system. The cities of Mount Pleasant and Aiken have installed this system. Britt Poole commented that the system uses a combination of cameras, magnetic strips and CPU processors which communicate with each other to control traffic signals. Hazel commented that the company sells the system directly making it more affordable. Britt added that it is early in the process of evaluating the feasibility of obtaining this system. He will have more information about possible funding options after meeting with SCDOT tomorrow regarding the Phase I project.

**Relocation Corley Mill Rd:**

*(Jay Daniel stated that residents in the Saluda River Club subdivision have talked to officials with Lexington One Schools about a walking trail to the new high school. An existing power line right of way could be utilized to help create the walking trail as opposed to a walkway beside the road.)*

**Corrected paragraph:**

Jay Daniels mentioned that in May of 2010, Jumper, Carter, Sease Architects made a presentation to the Traffic Committee where they mentioned that the Saluda River Club residents had asked for a trail between the school and the subdivision. In a recent Traffic Committee meeting, the traffic flow plans were being reviewed and Jay noticed that there did not appear to be a trail included within the plan. He contacted Joel Carter with the architect firm and they met

with Lexington School District One to explore a potential trail between the two entities. A utility easement exists that may be a possible route. Jeff Salters with Lexington One talked with the developer and they are interested in a trail but one that will be closer to Corley Mill Road. Conversations are still on-going.

**Signal Timing Old Cherokee:** Britt reported no new information.

**Interchange at I-20 and 378:** Britt Poole stated the interchange plan was approved. Future grant applications will be submitted for the intersection of US 1 and I-20 followed by Highway 6 at I-20.

**Compilation of Plans by COG:** Britt commented that he will be in a meeting soon and will inquire about the compilation.

**Middle School Pedestrians:** Susan Ruinen commented that the school speed zone ends before the intersection of North Lake Drive and Northwood Road where students are crossing. Jay Koon observed that the new middle school will be open for the next school year which should reduce the number of students at the current middle school. After some discussion, Britt Poole suggested that the topic should be tabled until after the start of the next school year.

**Gibson Road:** Dan Walker reported receiving another request for a traffic signal at Gibson Road and South Lake Drive. Britt Poole commented that SCDOT has done two warrant studies within the last few years and denied it twice. Randy Edwards noted that sight distance improvements could be done. Susan Ruinen requested a report on accidents at South Lake Drive intersections with Gibson Road, Parker Street and Middlebrook Drive.

**Sidewalks on Old Chapin Rd:** Susan Ruinen stated that she has received a request for a recommendation from the committee for Old Chapin Road to be added to the list of sidewalk projects being considered for funding. The next project is the second phase of South Church Street. After some discussion, **Randy Edwards made a motion to add Old Chapin Road to the list of sidewalk projects. Jay Daniels seconded the motion. All members in favor, none opposed.**

**The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dan Walker, seconded by Jay Daniels with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Susan Ruinen, Chair**