

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
October 23, 2012

Committee Members

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Council Liaison; Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Rosemary Wilson; Jay Daniels; Dan Walker; David McGehee; Randy Edwards; Larry Yon; Bob Ferrell; Rosemarie Nuzzo

Attending:

Britt Poole, Chief Terrence Green, Jay Koon, Matt Davis, John Hanson

Call to Order:

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

September Minutes:

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

Relocation Corley Mill Rd:

Britt Poole reported that SCDOT is working on some right of way issues for the improvements project.

Phase 1:

The contract for Phase 1 has been awarded. The contractor will be at the December Town Council meeting to discuss the project.

Insync Signal:

The Town is working to apply \$2 million in guideshare funds to the project. Lexington County has been contacted regarding adding the software to signals near the Town.

Interchange at I-20 and 378:

Plans have been submitted to SCDOT and approval is expected soon.

**SC6/Parker Rd/
Middlebrook/Gibson:**

SCDOT is conducting a traffic study. Dan Walker reported seeing traffic counters on the streets in the area.

Vision Plan:

Hazel Livingston commented that ideas are being considered for making Main Street more pedestrian friendly using improvements like sidewalk planters and wrought iron fencing. Clyde Smith commented that the Main Street Merchants organization is interested in hearing about any plans for Main Street. Hazel commented that she had been in touch with the group and was waiting for them to let her know when they would like her to talk to a meeting.

Mineral Springs Rd: The committee members discussed possible improvements to the Mineral Springs and Powell Road intersections with 378. Claystone Drive off of Powell Road is a private road. There are several small subdivisions on Powell Road.

Old Cherokee Rd: Dan Walker reported that SCDOT has been contacted regarding the speed limit request on Old Cherokee Road. Maintenance on the right of way overgrowth has been done.

Lexington Elementary: Jay Daniels told the committee Lexington Elementary is scheduled for a safety audit on October 31. He said Lexington Middle School is scheduled for December 5. He has been contacted by Pleasant Hill Middle School and will work with them to set up an audit. He said he is working with Joel Carter from Jumper, Carter, Sease; Jeff Salters from Lexington District One and Andy White from the Saluda River Club to develop a trail to River Bluff High School.

Berly Speed Bump: Dan Walker reported a request from residents on Berly Street for an additional speed hump on the West Butler Street end of the street. The request was sent to the Traffic Committee from the Mayor and Town Council. Chief Terrence Green shared the results of two speed studies on Berly Street (attached). After discussion, **Dan Walker made a motion to deny the request for an additional speed hump on Berly Street based on the data provided by the speed studies. Bob Ferrell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.**

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 8:00 AM in the Council Chamber/Courtroom at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bob Ferrell seconded by Larry Yon with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By: _____

Susan Ruinen, Chair

Memo

To: Chief Green
From: Pfc. Whitlock
CC:
Date: September 14, 2012
Re: Speed Count Berly Street

From September 7 – September 12, 2012 a traffic study was conducted on Berly Street before the first speed bump from W. Butler Street. There is a posted speed limit of 15mph on Berly Street. Below are the findings:

Berly Street toward Columbia Avenue

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| Average speed: | 18 mph |
| Total vehicles: | 1424 |
| Number of vehicle between 16-25 mph: | 1165 (81.1%) |
| Percentage of vehicles below 25mph: | 98.8% |
| Percentage of vehicles below 20mph: | 74.4% |
| Percentage of vehicles below 15mph: | 16.9% |

Berly Street toward W. Butler Street

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| Average speed: | 13 mph |
| Total vehicles: | 1594 |
| Number of vehicle between 11-20 mph: | 1000 (62.7%) |
| Percentage of vehicles below 25mph: | 100% |
| Percentage of vehicles below 20mph: | 97.2% |
| Percentage of vehicles below 15mph: | 49.9% |

Memo

To: Chief Green
From: Pfc. Whitlock
CC: Lt. Davis
Date: October 11, 2012
Re: Speed Count Berly Street

From October 3 – October 11, 2012 a traffic study was conducted on Berly Street before the first speed bump from W. Butler Street. There is a posted speed limit of 15mph on Berly Street. Below are the findings:

Berly Street toward Columbia Avenue

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| Average speed: | 20 mph |
| Total vehicles: | 2288 |
| The 85th percentile: | 25 mph |
| Number of vehicle between 16-25 mph: | 1886 (82.4%) |
| Percentage of vehicles below 25mph: | 91.1% |
| Percentage of vehicles below 20mph: | 49.3% |
| Percentage of vehicles below 15mph: | 9.5% |

Berly Street toward W. Butler Street

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| Average speed: | 18 mph |
| Total vehicles: | 2519 |
| The 85th percentile: | 22 mph |
| Number of vehicle between 11-20 mph: | 2115 (84.0%) |
| Percentage of vehicles below 25mph: | 99.3% |
| Percentage of vehicles below 20mph: | 77.8% |
| Percentage of vehicles below 15mph: | 15.4% |