

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*August 20, 2013*

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chairman Clyde Smith, Council Liaison Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Secretary Karen Hanner, Parks Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Lt. Matt Davis, Rosemarie Nuzzo, Rosemary Wilson, Randy Edwards, Larry Yon, Planning Commission Liaison Lisa Gibson

**Attending:**

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Police Department Chief Terrence Green, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM in the Eli Mack Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

**June Minutes:**

Chair Susan Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the June minutes. (There was no meeting in July.) Larry Yon made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rosemary Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**Relocation Corley Mill Rd:**

Chair Ruinen told committee members that improvements to Sunset Boulevard at Corley Mill Road have begun. The lanes on Highway 378 are being restriped and narrowed to add another lane. Lexington County has begun the process of condemning property for the needed right of way to begin the traffic circle phase of the project.

**Phase 1:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston told the committee that the Phase I project is 35% complete and going well. Britt Poole added that work should begin soon on the underground retention planned for the site of the old Riley's Drug Store on the corner of West Butler Street and Columbia Avenue.

**Insync Signals:**

Britt Poole reported on the press conference which was held Monday, August 19, 2013 announcing plans to install the InSync Signaling System. A total of 32 intersections are targeted, 27 in town and 5 out of town. A few additional signals were studied but are spaced far enough apart that the system would not make as much of an impact. The 4.5 million budgeted includes the installation of mast arms for the signals and camera mounts to optimize the view of the traffic which is the best option for over capacity traffic management. Mr. Poole said a new Town Ordinance will be discussed at the next Work Session which will propose that any new signals installed in the Town be on mast arms and compatible with the new InSync system.

Susan Ruinen asked about the use of new high visibility street identification signs. Mr. Poole responded that SCDOT is giving approval for backlit signage.

Clyde Smith asked if any funds left over after the completion of the Phase I Traffic Improvement project would be directed to Phase II. Britt Poole said after the project is finished and the Insync system is operational there will be a re-evaluation process. The new high school and the Insync system will change existing traffic patterns.

**Interchange at I-20 & 378:**

The Interchange Beautification project is waiting on the LPA process and SCDOT approval.

**Vision Plan:**

Britt Poole said the contract for the sale of the Shirey's building on Main Street is expected this week. The Town will advertise for any other offers. A second reading approval of the sale will be scheduled for the September Council meeting.

The rainy weather has delayed progress on the construction of the Lexington Paw Park. Dan Walker stated lighting, irrigation and fencing installations are planned to begin soon.

Hazel Livingston reported bids will be done this week for the Main Street landscaping irrigation improvements.

**Roundabouts:**

Chair Ruinen stated this item will be tabled for later consideration.

**N Lake/Main, No Right Turn:**

Dan Walker said he has not received information from SCDOT.

**Mineral Springs at Cedar Road:**

Chair Ruinen said there is no new information on this intersection at this time.

**Martel Drive at the Old Mill:**

Britt Poole reported speaking to Ed Sawyer of SCDOT regarding planned changes at this intersection. The InSync system will re-work the signaling at East Main Street and Harmon Street.

Dan Walker informed the Committee about the start of the road repair project in the Golden Hills subdivision. Britt Poole added the work schedule on the project will be posted on the Town website and the contractor will notify homeowners of work being planned on their street.

Randy Edwards noted a change at the intersection of 378 at Old Cherokee Road. The *Yield* sign on the right turn lane is not there anymore and traffic is not slowing on the turn making it very difficult for traffic turning left onto Old Cherokee Road to move into the right lane for access to the shopping center. Chief Greene said he would check on any accident reports at that location.

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**The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 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 Rosemary Wilson with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

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

**Susan Ruinen, Chair**