

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*April 16, 2013*

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Secretary Karen Hanner, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, Parks Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Randy Edwards, Bob Ferrell, David McGehee, Rosemary Wilson, Jay Daniel, Planning Commission Liaison Lisa Gibson

**Attending:**

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Town Police Department Chief Terrence Green, Major Jay Koon and Corporal Doug Lee, and visitor Brian King

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM in the Eli Mack Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

**March Minutes:**

Chair Susan Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments about the March minutes. Dan Walker 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 there are no new developments at this time on the Corley Mill Road realignment plans. Randy Edwards later added that Phase 2 for resurfacing and new lane configurations on 378 at Corley Mill Road is bid and SCDOT plans to be done by the end of the summer

**Phase 1:**

Britt Poole told Committee members that the Traffic Improvement Plan Phase 1 is still on schedule and about 20% complete. The retention design has been approved and construction on that portion of the project will begin soon. Most of the work on Butler Street has been completed and the sidewalk shift along Main Street is underway.

**Insync Signal:**

Britt Poole said the trip to Evans, Georgia last week to see the signal system was very informative. Case studies after implementation of the Insync system showed not only a 30-40% improvement in traffic flow but also a 30% decrease in collisions. Dan Walker commented that this trip was his first sight of the system and he was very impressed. Their bus drove the length of Washington Road during the Masters week with only one stop at a traffic signal. Mr. Poole added that after the study comparing it with another system is completed, the next step would be funding the implementation. He expects a report by the end of April.

**Interchange at I-20 & 378:** Britt Poole reported the project is waiting on SCDOT approval.

**SC6/Parker Rd/  
Middlebrook/Gibson:** Dan Walker stated that SCDOT has not reported on the study of this area.

**Vision Plan:** Susan Ruinen encouraged Committee members to attend the public input session regarding the Icehouse Project today at 9 AM in the Conference Center. Britt Poole stated the Council members voted last night to designate an economic development team for the project.

**Old Cherokee Rd:** Susan Ruinen reported receiving emails from residents on Old Cherokee Road regarding the work being done in the area. SCDOT is completing a safety improvement project with some clearing and moving ditches to the outside edge of the right of way. Britt Poole commented that a similar project was done on a stretch of St. Peter's Church Road to reduce accidents.  
Susan Ruinen commented about development at the intersection of Longs Pond Road and I-20 and the possibility of an added turn lane.

**N Lake No Right Turn:** Dan Walker reported he had requested restricting no right turns at the intersection of North Lake Drive and East Main Street but has not yet received a response from SCDOT.

**Mineral Springs at Cedar Road:** Susan Ruinen stated she drives along this route frequently. The intersection of Cedar Road at Mineral Springs Road becomes congested during rush hours. She thought it would not meet a signal warrant but the intersection might be a good location for construction of a roundabout. Bob Ferrell commented that it appeared to qualify for a safety study. Britt Poole added that a new subdivision is under development on Cromer Road which would increase traffic in that area. Susan Ruinen said she will ask SCDOT about looking at the intersection.

**Roundabouts:** David McGehee reported that traffic delays from the intersection at Old Chapin Road and Old Cherokee Road have improved recently. Britt Poole commented that recent changes in the signal timing may have helped. Randy Edwards shared his concept drawings with the committee and stated a "bow tie roundabout" design could possibly improve this intersection. He has a meeting later this week with Tony Sheppard of SCDOT.

Dan Walker requested an addition to the next month's agenda to discuss any traffic concerns if the new ordinance restricting commercial trash collections next to residential areas until after 7 AM is enacted. Britt Poole stated the Traffic Committee could make a recommendation to the Council on the issue.

**The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 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 Rosemary Wilson seconded by Dan Walker with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

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

**Susan Ruinen, Chair**

