

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*October 21, 2014*

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Ariadna Teal, Bob Ferrell, Mark Churchill, Larry Yon, Rosemary Wilson, Lt Matt Davis, Director of Transportation Randy Edwards, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker and Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Frank Berry, Lexington County Public Works Engineer Jeff McNesby

**Attending:**

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Special Projects Manager Wesley Crosby, Chief of Police Terrence Green, Councilmember Ron Williams

**Call to Order:**

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

**September Minutes:**

Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the September 2014 minutes. Rosemary Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mark Churchill seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Phase 1:**

Chairman Ruinen reported that the Phase 1 Traffic Improvements are considered completed.

**InSync Signal:**

Randy Edwards reported the first phase of the signal project is anticipated to be in operation by late summer of 2015. It would include the intersections with existing mast arms. A 15-20% improvement in traffic flow is projected during peak hours especially at the Highway 378, 6 and Dreher Street intersection. Councilmember Ron Williams requested an information link on the Town's web page to show which intersections will have the Insync System installed during the first phase.

**Vision Plan:**

Administrator Poole reported that Council received an update to the Town of Lexington Vision Plan at the Work Session on Monday evening. Information was compiled from the Council/Staff retreat held in July which looked at project timeframes and new directions. Also a study of parking in the Downtown area was reviewed. Within a 1000 foot radius of the 100 block of Main Street, 1600 parking spaces were counted. Mr. Poole said staff looked at a plan for adding parking along South Church Street on property the Town has acquired. The

parking area could hold about 250 spaces and would utilize red gravel like the Palmetto Collegiate Institute lot. A grass lot would be included for overflow parking. The lot would provide parking spaces for the PCI and Virginia Hylton Park in addition to the planned amphitheater and would free up spaces at Town Hall.

Mr. Poole added the RFP for the redevelopment of the Shirey's building at the corner of South Church Street and Main Street is posted on the Town web page.

**Resurfacing:** Chair Ruinen said there was still a problem in Woodcreek. Randy Edwards said he will be meeting with CR Jackson tomorrow.

**Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd:** Dan Walker said the parent company of the apartment complex has not yet responded regarding the sidewalks.

**Penny Tax Projects:** Chair Ruinen reminded committee members to go to the Lexington County Penny for Progress web page for a lot of good information about the Penny Tax Projects. Clyde Smith commented that there are a number of misconceptions being spread in the community. Britt Poole added the project estimates were based on numbers obtained during a recent recession and actual revenue may be more than has been estimated. Clyde Smith said he would be available to conduct a presentation for a group on request.

**US 378 and Ginny Ln:** Chair Ruinen said with the amount of traffic going into Chick-Fil-A and the new Starbucks, this whole area should be studied for any possible improvement. She asked about the possibility of pedestrian access and Dan Walker reported the strip mall and the restaurant are not interconnected. Randy Edwards spoke to SCDOT regarding the No Right on Red at the intersection. They responded that there is limited visibility next to the pedestrian crossing.

**George St at W Main:** (deferred until a later meeting)

**N Lake at Roundknob:** Chief Green confirmed there had been a recent increase in the number of accidents at the intersection.

**No Parking Signs Waverly:** Dan Walker reported a request from the President of the Waverly Place Homeowners Association for No Parking signs along the curve of Barrington Drive near Buckhaven Way. Cars parked on the street are making it impossible for the school bus to go through. Chair Ruinen asked for the HOA to review the Covenants and Restrictions of the subdivision.

Wesley Crosby reported the Park Road sidewalk project is beginning construction and could be extended to the bridge over the creek. He added that the sidewalk on South Church Street will be started soon.

**The Traffic Committee will not meet in November 2014. The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 8:00 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Rosemary Wilson and second by Clyde Smith with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

**Approved By:**

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**Susan Ruinen, Chair**

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