

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*December 9, 2014*

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, 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

**Attending:**

Chief of Police Terrence Green, Lexington County Sheriff's Department Captain Mark Joyner, Councilmembers Todd Carnes and Ron Williams

**Call to Order:**

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

**October Minutes:**

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

Chairman Ruinen stated that several topics on the agenda will be deferred to the January meeting. There are two new items on the agenda added from requests.

**Shoal Creek Subdivision:**

Chairman Ruinen referred to the email from a member of the Homeowners Association in Shoal Creek subdivision regarding a problem with speeding (handout attached). Chief Green stated a speed study would be done. He added that posting a reduced speed limit to 14 mph would be unenforceable. Mark Churchill commented that parking the speed display trailer in his subdivision had helped to reduce the number of drivers going too fast. Chairman Ruinen asked for the speed study to cover at least five days including a weekend.

**Crosswalk Judicial Center:**

Chairman Ruinen said she had received a request regarding a crosswalk on South Lake Drive (attached). Chief Green introduced Captain Mark Joyner from the Lexington County Sheriff's Department. Captain Joyner described the increased number of hearings now held in the Lexington County Summary Court Center (the old courthouse) and the frequent pedestrian crossings on South Lake Drive. The pedestrians usually do not walk up to the traffic signal to cross. He stated he had contacted SCDOT to request a painted pedestrian crossing on South Lake Drive from the central sidewalk in Lexington Square with a pedestrian crossing sign. SCDOT

would not approve placing a pedestrian crossing mid-block and within 300' of a traffic signal. Chief Green suggested a crosswalk across South Lake Drive from Lexington Square to the northernmost intersection with Maiden Lane. Rosemary Wilson commented that during the recent Mock Trial event with both courthouses in use, pedestrians crossed between Lexington Square and Maiden Lane. Randy Edwards commented that looking at the sidewalk openings in Lexington Square on the attached graphic handout from East Main Street to Maiden Lane as A, B, C or D, the sidewalk in the C position would be best to connect with a crosswalk to Maiden Lane. He suggested a temporary style of pedestrian crossing sign for use in the median on event days which would be more visible and attract attention.

Councilmember Carnes added that Radius Church had asked SCDOT for a painted crosswalk and signage between the church and the Chamber of Commerce across West Main Street. It took several months but it was approved and done. He suggested closing the sidewalk exit from Lexington Square at the "B" location to discourage mid-block pedestrian crossings. Chief Green observed that the additional exits would be needed in the event of an emergency. Randy Edwards commented that a gate would serve the purpose of discouraging pedestrian crossings but still provide access if needed. Councilmember Williams asked if the speed indicator trailer could be parked at the Square during events. Chief Green stated there was not a good location that wouldn't block the sidewalk or interfere with visibility for vehicles.

Chairman Ruinen asked Randy Edwards to contact SCDOT to request a painted crosswalk at the Lexington Square to Maiden Lane location. She asked Captain Joyner to explore ways to obtain a temporary style pedestrian crossing sign to place in the median during events. Dan Walker will research options for placing a gate at the middle sidewalk opening in the fence from Lexington Square.

**N Lake at Roundknob:**

Chairman Ruinen commented that left turns from North Lake Drive onto Roundknob Road seemed to be causing more problems. Patrons of Gold's Gym have learned to use Northwood Road to get access to the traffic signal for left turns. Chairman Ruinen asked Randy Edwards to request a left turn movement study from SCDOT at that intersection.

Rosemary Wilson commented that pedestrian crossings near this intersection at the median for 6 and 378 are also a problem. There is

no crosswalk for someone trying to get from the dry cleaner's shop to the Applebee's on Columbia Avenue.

**US 378 and Ginny Ln:** Rosemary Wilson commented that the road leading into the Wingate from Ginny Lane is confusing with the planted median seeming too far out which blocks line of sight to turn. She added that development of the open lot could help with visibility.

**Phase 1:** (tabled until 2015)

**InSync Signal:** (tabled until 2015)

**Vision Plan:** (tabled until 2015)

**Resurfacing:** (tabled until 2015)

**Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd:** (tabled until 2015)

**George St at W Main:** (tabled until 2015)

**No Parking Signs Waverly:** (tabled until 2015)

Randy Edwards stated there is a problem at the intersection of 378 and Old Cherokee Road which is happening since the removal of the right turn Yield sign. Chief Green will check on accident reports for the last three years at that section of Old Cherokee Road.

**The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 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 Clyde Smith and second by Rosemary Wilson with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

**Approved By:**

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**Susan Ruinen, Chair**

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