

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*October 20, 2015*

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Mark Churchill, Bob Ferrell, Rosemary Wilson, Pat Melton, Larry Yon, Ari Teal, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker

**Attending:**

Councilmember Ron Williams, Chief Terrence Green, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, and Town Administrator Britt Poole

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 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 22, 2015 minutes. Bob Ferrell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Clyde Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Chairman Ruinen asked everyone to defer the Insync item until later in the meeting.

**Vision Plan:**

Administrator Poole gave a report on Vision Plan projects. He noted that the recent flood event has altered some plans. The Old Mill Trail plans are on hold until a decision is made on the Old Mill and the dam for the pond. Mr. Poole stated that most of the stores had sustained some water damage but were now open except the Old Mill Brew Pub. That part of the building sustained foundation damage and repairs have taken a lot of time but they hope to re-open soon.

Mr. Poole told the committee that the amphitheater site was in good shape and work was underway. The stormwater management for the site held up very well in the storm.

The Fourteen Mile Creek Trail is closed while repairs are being made. There is a plan to remove the bridge near the end of the trail which continues to be a problem. The recent flood pulled the four foot deep footers out. The entire park is in the floodplain and damage is anticipated after heavy storms but the park will re-open as soon as repair work is completed.

The Town has received approval from SCDOT for the new welcome signs and a work order has been signed for the SC 6 and Old Cherokee location.

**Insync Signal:** Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported fiber and camera installation for the Insync system is underway. There are seven mast arm installations planned. The signal controller at Dreher Street will get an upgrade that will function until the new signal is installed on SC 6 when it will be relocated. The Corley Mill intersection signals will change when the roundabout is completed. Until that time, they propose using only one of the mast arms and straight poles for the Insync system. The ROW process for Phase 2 is underway with SCDOT. There are plans to complete a study of existing conditions using data point plotting software.

**Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd:** There is no new information at this time.

**Gibson at S Lake:** There is no new information at this time.

**Crosswalk for Judicial Ctr:** Director Randy Edwards stated that the pedestrian crossing pattern at Lexington Square will change after the completion of the one way pair project. Mark Churchill relayed a message from Larry Yon that last Thursday 174 people were called and on Friday 326 people were called by the Lexington County Court which led to large numbers of pedestrians crossing at various points on South Lake Drive.

**Fence at Butler St:** Director Randy Edwards reported SCDOT is looking at this intersection. Councilmember Williams reported he could not see oncoming traffic on North Church Street from his truck until he eased out into the road.

**Hospitality Projects:** Director Randy Edwards said the design work of collecting traffic data and starting surveys is underway for the projects targeted for proceeds of the Hospitality Tax. He reported they are in the process of completing an Intergovernmental Agreement with SCDOT instead of completing multiple encroachment applications. He would like to arrange for the presentation of a demo showing the function of the one way pairs along Church Street and Lake Drive. The anticipated service life is 20 years and there is a need for a long term improvement plan. Administrator Poole added that would likely mean improvements to existing routes for the west side of Lexington rather than carving out a new route. Chairman Ruinen commented that there are three projects to be completed with this round of the Hospitality Tax. There is a possibility for designating a bigger project with another round.

**SCDOT Items**

**US 378 at Old Cherokee:** There is no new information at this time.

**Park Rd No Right on Red:** There is no sign for No Right on Red at this time.

**The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 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 Bob Ferrell with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

**Approved By:**

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**Susan Ruinen, Chair**

