

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
January 26, 2016

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Mark Churchill, Rosemary Wilson, Pat Melton, Larry Yon, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Lexington County Public Works Engineer Jeff McNesby, and Planning Commission Liaison Frank Berry

Attending:

Town Councilmember Ron Williams, Town Administrator Britt Poole, Chief Terrence Green, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe, Major Matt Davis

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

November Minutes:

Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the November 17, 2015 minutes. Larry Yon made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rosemary Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Insync Signal:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported that the five intersections in the initial installation are running and have shown improvements in traffic flow. The system is continuing to gather data. He added that they are looking at the intersection of Columbia Avenue and Butler/Reed Avenue. Data collected will be sent to SCDOT for a left turn signal phase.

Town Administrator Poole added there would be a Press Release issued on Wednesday January 27 to announce the improvements seen by bringing the first five signals online.

Chair Susan Ruinen noted the new flashing left turn signals and the changes on timing some signals for the left turn phase.

Chief Terrence Green commented that the cameras cannot be used for traffic enforcement. Mr. Poole added that the retention time for video is very short.

Councilmember Ron Williams asked if the system could control traffic flow in unusual situations. Mr. Poole responded that there can be pre-set designs in the event of something like a detour due to I-20 being closed or a road race.

Vision Plan:

Administrator Poole reported work is continuing on the Ice House Project site with some delays due to rainy weather.

The 100 block of Main Street is scheduled to have improvements beginning soon to replace some of the trees and install raised planters.

Construction has begun on two new Welcome signs on SC 6 and US 1. They will be similar to the sign on 378 but smaller. Both will have a water feature, one with the fountain sprays and one with the waterfall.

The Old Mill Trail project is on hold while repairs to the dam are being studied. The Town is pursuing FEMA assistance because there was a public purpose related to the dam.

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: Town Administrator Britt Poole reported he met with County Administrator Joe Mergo regarding the crossing problem and provided some details about the proposed mid-block gate.

Fence at Butler St: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated SCDOT has acknowledged the problem at this intersection and has not yet proposed any modifications. Chief Terrence Green said there have not been any accidents reported due to visibility issues and the fence.

Hospitality Projects: Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported design work continued on the intersection of Highway 378 and Corley Mill Road. Options for improvements at Ginny Lane are being considered for a faster implementation.

Mr. Edwards stated construction on the one-way pair plan could begin by late summer and should take no more than six months to complete. A mast arm will be installed at the intersection with Maiden Lane to control the split of traffic.

Town Administrator Britt Poole told the committee that a Memo of Understanding has been signed with SCDOT so that construction can begin as soon as a plan has been approved.

No Left on Taylor: SCDOT is studying this intersection.

Hope Ferry Rd Speed Study: Chief Terrence Green reported the results of the speed study done between November 20 and 28, 2015 on Hope Ferry Road near the Hope Ferry Plantation subdivision. Traffic going towards Sunset Boulevard measured 49 mph in the 85th percentile and traffic going towards Midway Road measured 48 mph in the 85th percentile with an average speed in both directions of 43 mph. He added that there have not been a significant number of accidents at the intersection of Hope Ferry Road and Hickory Meadow Road. Rosemary Wilson commented that the line of sight has improved since construction in that area has been completed.

SCDOT Items

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

Park Rd No Right on Red: Transportation Director Randy Edwards commented that this intersection shows a low pedestrian call and they should be able to collect data from the Adaptive system to support a warrant for a signal.

Town Administrator Britt Poole reported that work is continuing on improvements to Ellis Avenue. After petitioning the County for a grant and working with the property owners to have the private drive turned over to the Town, construction has begun. Transportation Director Randy Edwards added that there will be curb connections with Park Road and updated signage at the Post Office.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 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 Pat Melton with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By: _____
Susan Ruinen, Chair