

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
June 28, 2016

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Secretary Karen Hanner, Bob Ferrell, Larry Yon, Mark Churchill, Rosemary Wilson, Pat Melton, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Lexington County Public Works Jeff McNesby

Attending:

Town Councilmember Ron Williams, Chief Terrence Green, Major Matt Davis, Town Administrator Britt Poole, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Lieutenant Thomas Stowe

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

April Minutes:

Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the May 17, 2016 minutes. Bob Ferrell 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 stated construction is continuing on the mast arm installations.

Vision Plan:

Town Administrator Britt Poole reported the truss section of the amphitheater is being welded together this week and the crane that will lift it into position is due to begin work on Thursday.
The landscaping around the welcome signs is almost complete. The sign at the intersection of SC 6 and Old Cherokee Road will get some additional sod and decorative stone installed soon.
Mr. Poole commented on an article in today's newspaper about continuing problems with Carolina Water Service.

Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd:

There is no new information regarding this intersection.

Gibson Road at S Lake:

There is no new information regarding this intersection.

Hospitality Projects

One Way Pairs:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported that the project design is 90% complete. A mid to late fall start is expected. There was a good attendance at the June 2 Public Information meeting.

Harmon Street:

The Harmon Street project is in design phase.

Gateway at Corley Mill Rd: The Gateway project report is at SCDOT under review. Mr. Edwards said there are two smaller projects in design which will be improvements at this intersection. The first one would add a concrete median to eliminate the current weave movement at the traffic signal. The second would improve a section of Ginny Lane to five lanes down to Saluda Point Drive and provide a double right turn. These projects will fit into the planning for the Gateway project design options.

Crossroads at US 378 and SC 6: Director Edwards said the traffic study at this intersection is due today and design work is expected to take six months.

SC 6 at Old Cherokee: Director Edwards said a left turn arrow from Old Cherokee Road to North Lake Drive towards Lexington is not warranted at this time.

SCDOT Items

Fence at Butler Street: Improvements planned for this intersection under the One Way Pair design will help with the issues created by the new fence.

Lexington Heights: Chief Green reported the results of the requested speed study in this subdivision (attached). On Saks Avenue the posted speed is 25 mph. The average speed incoming was 15 mph with the 85th percentile at 21 mph. The average speed outgoing was 10 mph with the 85th percentile at 16 mph. On Heights Avenue the posted speed is 25 mph. The average speed incoming was 13 mph with the 85th percentile at 19 mph. The average speed outgoing was 10 mph with the 85th percentile at 14 mph. He added there did not appear to be a problem with speeding in the neighborhood. Director Edwards will respond.

Administrator Poole commented on a request for a three way stop on Hope Ferry Road at Midway Road. He stated he drives on Hope Ferry Road frequently and the only time it seems to be a problem is at Christmas when people stop to see the decorations or walk across the road. Rosemary Wilson added that when turning left the line of sight is bad from the angle of the hill and traffic seems worse when school is in session.

Ms. Wilson noted there is a problem with shrubbery at Aldi's blocking line of sight when turning right from Hope Ferry Road onto Sunset Boulevard.

Chair Ruinen commented on the issue at SAFE Credit Union and Cedarcrest Road. She noted the alignment of the intersection is off when exiting from SAFE and facing traffic from Cedarcrest Road. Director Edwards noted it could qualify as one of the smaller improvement projects that would be part of the Towns Local Transportation Improvement Plan. Administrator Poole added the Town will contract

with a firm to study local intersections and identify small projects with a cost/benefit ranking. Hospitality Tax funds could be used to fund smaller projects and developers could be informed about issues which may be impacted by a project.

Chief Green reported the speed monitor trailer is on Corley Street. Director Edwards added the request for pavement markings on Corley Street is on the SCDOT Work Order list.

Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported a request to place a No Left Turn sign at Ellis Avenue and West Main Street. The issue will be added to the next Traffic Committee agenda.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 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 Bob Ferrell and second by Dan Walker with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

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**Lexington Police
Department**

Memo

To: Chief Green
From: Pfc. Whitlock
CC: Lt. Stowe
Date: May 31, 2106
Re: Speed Count Saks Avenue

From May 31-June 10, 2016 a traffic study was conducted on Saks Avenue at the request of Randy Edwards. There is a posted speed limit of 25mph on Saks Avenue. Below are the findings:

Saks Avenue toward Dead End

Average speed:	15 mph
Total vehicles:	835
The 85th percentile:	21 mph
Number of vehicle between 16-25 mph:	487 (58.3%)
Percentage of vehicles below 20 mph:	78.44%
Percentage of vehicles below 25 mph:	97.60%
Percentage of vehicles below 30 mph:	99.76%

Saks Avenue toward Heights Avenue

Average speed:	10 mph
Total vehicles:	861
The 85th percentile:	16 mph
Number of vehicle between 6-15 mph:	448 (52.0%)
Percentage of vehicles below 20 mph:	96.98%
Percentage of vehicles below 25 mph:	99.76%
Percentage of vehicles below 30 mph:	100.00%

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Memo

To: Chief Green
From: Pfc. Whitlock
CC: Lt. Stowe
Date: May 23, 2106
Re: Speed Count Heights Avenue

From May 6 – 23, 2016 a traffic study was conducted on Heights Avenue at the request of Randy Edwards. There is a posted speed limit of 25mph on Heights Avenue. Below are the findings:

Heights Avenue toward Saks Avenue

Average speed:	13 mph
Total vehicles:	2845
The 85th percentile:	19 mph
Number of vehicle between 11-20 mph:	1331 (46.8%)
Percentage of vehicles below 20 mph:	86.04%
Percentage of vehicles below 25 mph:	98.24%
Percentage of vehicles below 30 mph:	100.00%

Heights Avenue toward Old Chapin Road

Average speed:	10 mph
Total vehicles:	2792
The 85th percentile:	14 mph
Number of vehicle between 6-15 mph:	1590 (56.9%)
Percentage of vehicles below 20 mph:	96.52%
Percentage of vehicles below 25 mph:	99.53%
Percentage of vehicles below 30 mph:	99.67%