

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
August 2, 2016

Committee Members

Present: Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice Chairman Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Bob Ferrell, Larry Yon, Jerry Teal, Mark Churchill, Rosemary Wilson, Pat Melton, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, 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.

June Minutes: Chairman Ruinen noted there was not meeting in July and asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the June 28, 2016 minutes. Bob Ferrell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Clyde Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

County Update: Jeff McNesby told the group that Lexington County Public Works is involved with some issues in the Chapin area. There have been some delays when obtaining encroachment permits from SCDOT. Chairman Ruinen commented that SCDOT has combined the permit approvals process into a single department.

Insync Signal: Transportation Director Randy Edwards noted the bagged signal lights have been unwrapped and activated at the Dreher Street intersection near Lexington Middle School. He added that eight more Insync signals will be activated in the fall.
Larry Yon asked about traffic backups on SC 6 near the courthouse. Mr. Edwards responded that the system favors traffic on US 1 causing occasional delays on SC 6.
Bob Ferrell commented that the new system will help but it is not a panacea and will not solve every traffic problem.

Vision Plan: Town Administrator Britt Poole told the committee that the new Welcome signs have been completed. The sign at Old Cherokee Road and SC 6 will have the Town of Lexington lettering added to the back.

Work is continuing on the amphitheater and the opening event dates will probably be announced after the next Council meeting on August 15. The Snowball Festival will include activities at the new amphitheater with a full calendar of events starting in the spring.

Clyde Smith asked about parking availability. Mr. Poole responded that about 66 spaces would be located near the amphitheater and another 250 to 300 on South Church Street. At the initial events, there are no coinciding events at Town Hall which will allow parking there and in the Lexington County lots.

Transportation Director Randy Edwards noted the replacement dam at Gibson Pond had received approval but was underfunded for changes made by the reclassification from SCDHEC.

Town Administrator Britt Poole added that the Old Mill dam replacement was requested by the Town for FEMA funds. They are investigating possible funding sources for clean up along the stream bed as a stormwater management project.

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 the hiring of a new signal technician who will help with reviews and warrants. The One Way Pairs project is in design phase and 90% complete.

Harmon Street: The Harmon Street/Martel Drive combined traffic study has been done and is at SCDOT for review.

Gateway at Corley Mill Rd: Three small alternative projects are currently being considered for design work. The entire area is part of a large traffic study from Northside Boulevard to Leaphart Road and Ginny Lane to River Bluff High School.

Crossroads at US 378 and SC 6: Transportation Director Randy Edwards said this project has multiple phases in traffic study.

Hope Ferry @ Midway: After some discussion the committee determined there was no recommendation indicated here at this time and the intersection is not inside the Town of Lexington. Chair Ruinen will respond to the inquiry.

Ellis Avenue: A request was received for a No Left Turn sign at Ellis Avenue. A handout was distributed with a traffic count for left turns at US 1 (attached). Chief Green reported one accident record in last three years. Chair Ruinen commented that the line of sight there is not good and the recent improvements to Ellis Avenue encourage drivers to use the alternate route to the traffic signal on US 1.

Corley Street: Town Administrator Britt Poole reported enforcement actions were beginning regarding the neglected property on Corley Street due to safety issues.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 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 Jerry Teal with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

