

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
September 14, 2016

Committee Members

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

Attending: Town Councilmember Ron Williams, Major Matt Davis, Corporal Cameron Mortenson

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

August Minutes: Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the August 2, 2016 minutes. Larry Yon made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Pat Melton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

County Update: There was no report from Lexington County.

Insync Signal: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated Phase 1 has ten additional signals almost ready to activate which includes signals on Sunset Boulevard at Lott Court, Leaphart Road, Cromer Road, the interchanges with I-20, Corley Mill Road, Ginny Lane and Northside Boulevard. They hope to have Phase 1 completed by the end of the year. Work on right of way acquisition is being done for Phase 2 and the contract should be let by summer of 2017.

Vision Plan: Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported the ribbon cutting for the Icehouse Amphitheater is scheduled for October 11. The curbing and sidewalks on South Church Street should be started next week. Power lines are being moved underground.

USDA funding has been approved for clearing debris in the stream bed at the Old Mill and Gibson Pond. Mr. Edwards noted this work should begin soon and will have a 65 day project limit. He added that the information in the local media was not accurate and the construction of a dike on 12 Mile Creek at the Old Mill will aid in redirecting the creek into the former steam bed under US 1. The analysis is nearing completion for the replacement of the dam at Gibson Pond and construction could begin in the spring of next year.

Dan Walker commented that due to construction on I-20, the mowing at the interchange with US 1 will be suspended.

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 design work for the One Way Pair project is at SCDOT for final review.

A SCDOT concept for a solution to the line of sight issue at North Church Street and Butler Street was presented to the Traffic Committee for comments. The design has chevrons painted down the cemetery side of the street and the crosswalk at Butler Street is angled out from the sidewalk. Director Edwards noted there are also stormwater management issues involved at this intersection. Chair Ruinen stated she did not agree with the proposal. The Traffic Committee concurred.

Harmon Street: Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated this intersection is in design phase.

Gateway at Corley Mill Rd: Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported the traffic study at this intersection has been submitted to SCDOT for review. Three smaller alternative projects are also under review. Two projects have been identified for improvements to Ginny Lane traffic and should begin early next year.

Crossroads at US 378 and SC 6: Transportation Director Randy Edwards commented that SCDOT traffic projections showed the roundabout concept design was not valid for a long range plan. He said an increased diameter traffic circle would create some conflicts in right of way acquisition. He added that SCDOT does not support the construction of dual roundabouts due to driver expectancy problems. Other alternative plans at this intersection are being considered.

Major Matt Davis reported traffic counts on Ginny Lane between 7-8 a.m. at Meadow Glen Middle School showed 2082 vehicles outbound before Northside Boulevard. He added officers have been assisting in traffic control at the middle school,

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 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 Rosemary Wilson with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

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