

**Traffic Committee
MINUTES**

May 25, 2022, 8:00am

Committee Members

Present:

Chair Susan Ruinen, Vice Chair Rosemary Wilson, Julie Bartels, Lisa Gibson, Bill Lafferty, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, and Transportation Admin Laura Hinson.

Attending:

Major Matt Davis, Corporal Grady Johnson, Councilmember Ron Williams, and Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo. Parkside residents Jeff Winiarski and Linda Crapps.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:03AM in the 3rd floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

March 2022 Minutes:

Chair Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the March 2022 meeting minutes. Vice Chairwoman Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Lisa Gibson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

New Committee member:

The committee welcomed new member William Lafferty. Mr. Lafferty stated he was happy to be joining the traffic group to learn more and that he was previously on the board for building codes with the Town.

Vision Plan Update:

Councilmember Ron Williams advised that the bid opening for Virginia Hylton Park renovations were being held the next day and that the council retreat had been held in April to go over all the projects in the Town and no major adjustments were made to the plans.

H Tax Projects:

Harmon St/N Lake:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards stated the project is mostly complete but there were around 100 punch list items for the contractor to button up before the project can be labeled officially complete.

N Lake Corridor 2:

Director Edwards reported that this project is set to go out for bid late summer and is currently awaiting a letter from SCDOT and then we can proceed with bid documents.

Sunset Split/Corley Mill:

Director Edwards advised this project is on a hard pause with the SCDOT as a lot of moving parts are coming together to provide them all the information requested but we hope to hear back from SCDOT sometime this summer. Councilmember Ron Williams added that there was recently a meeting with State Legislators and many municipalities in which this

project along with others were brought up so hopefully some movement will take place.

Old Cherokee/378:

Director Edwards stated this project involves a gas line needing to be relocated and acquiring right of way so once that is finalized, we hope to bid out this project in the summertime.

SC 6 @ Old Cherokee:

Director Edwards reported that since there have been some changes to this intersection and will be more tweaks to the signal with the addition of the new middle school it will be best to see after that time if this area has improved. Chair Ruinen added this is an item best to table and then get more detailed data after these adjustments are made.

Adaptive Signals:

Director Edwards updated the committee that all signals should be adaptive by June 6, 2022, as the only area not currently turned on is US 1 which we are working towards. Vice Chair Rosemary Wilson added that she often still sees the flashing yellow causing issues for example, people waiting at the flashing yellow in the intersection to turn left onto Old Cherokee. Director Edwards added the flashing yellows are mandated and have been around for some time now and we have done many educational videos on the flashing yellow. Committee member Julie Bartels added it really seems to be an issue with educating drivers on this subject. Councilmember Ron Williams added we can ask about posting the flashing yellow educational video again on social media.

Other Business

Parkside HOA concerns:

Parkside HOA president Jeff Winiarski presented two letters to the committee for consideration (attached). Mr. Winiarski added that in summary many of the concerns are safety at the intersection of Park Road and Dupre Mill Road, speeding, mailboxes being taken out due to speeding and asked what can be done for safety.

Director Edwards went over the most recent speed study provided by the Town Police Department (attached). Director Edwards noted that the last speed study showed 85th percentile of individuals going 30mph and the posted speed limit is 25mph, so the data does not currently indicate a speeding issue but there could be other factors to look at in this area.

Parkside resident Linda Crapps asked if a four-way stop at Dupre Mill Road and Park Road could slow the cars down. Director Edwards replied that the four-way stop is not a traffic calming measure and can give an artificial sense of safety. Director Edwards added that in his opinion it could be an area fit for an elevated intersection but that the roads in discussion are owned and maintained by Lexington County so they would have to be

involved in any changes. Resident Linda Crapps also mentioned the current STOP sign did not look to meet current standards in size. Director Edwards responded he will take a look at the stop sign. Mr. Winiarski also asked if more signage would be helpful for example the “children at play signs”. Director Edwards reported “children at play” signs are found to be ineffective as children are not supposed to play in the road, and it does not follow the Federal manual on signage, so many subdivisions end up taking these signs down.

Mr. Winiarski asked about having speed bumps installed in the subdivision. Director Edwards answered that with this being a Lexington County Road they do not install speed bumps. Mr. Winiarski asked how best to proceed with bringing this information to the County’s attention. Director Edwards stated that he wanted to be clear we are not pushing off these concerns but with the road being owned by the County we will have to present data to the County that warrants changes and currently the data is not there to support changes. Director Edwards also added that if the Town wanted to consider taking over this intersection that would have to be initiated by Council and specific road standards would have to be met along with budgeting funds. Chair Ruinen stated that with speeding not overly high based on current analysis the County may be hard pressed to look into making improvements here.

Director Edwards also reported that several moving parts need to be investigated to move this further. Chair Ruinen added that ultimately it sounds like more in depth/ recent data will need to be gathered. Director Edwards confirmed that he would talk with Lexington County and request more detailed and updated data. Director Edwards added he will take care of the two signs at the entrance. Mr. Winiarski asked about a “no thru traffic” sign being put up in their place. Director Edwards responded that he cannot put up a “no thru traffic sign” when this area connects two roads. Mr. Winiarski asked to confirm that right now the issue stand that we are awaiting fresh data on speeding and addressing the signs that we can now. Director Edwards confirmed this is correct as current data does not show extreme issues are present. It was the decision of the Traffic Committee to contact Lexington County for more detailed speed and crash data at this location.

In-Closing:

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 8:00 AM to allow for summer breaks and vacations. Meeting will be held in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Gibson and seconded by Julie Bartels. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 9:22AM.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Hinson,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

FOIA COMPLIANCE – Public notification of this meeting was posted in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Lexington requirements.

November 5, 2017

Town of Lexington SC

Mayor - Steve MacDougall
Director of Transportation - Randy Edwards
111 Maiden Lane
Lexington, SC. 29072

Gentlemen

Parkside Community Home Owner Association (HOA) needs your help with speeding on Park Road within our community.

Parkside Subdivision is a Mungo Company, Irmo, SC. development located near the end of Park Road. Parkside Community consists of 198 single family and patio homes. Park Road runs directly through our community with a posted speed limit of 25 MPH. This posted speed limit was established in 2000 by the developer, HOA and local law enforcement.

The 25 MPH speed limit has worked for Parkside Community until recent years. With the continuing development along Park Road, through traffic has increased drastically. With this increase in traffic, so has speeding on Park Road within Parkside. This speeding is becoming a safety issue and needs to be addressed before someone is seriously injured.

The Town of Lexington Police Department has stepped up speed limit enforcement with increased patrols. Unfortunately, the Lexington PD is unable to station an officer within Parkside 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The Parkside HOA would like to suggest two options that we believe would help with speeding within Parkside Community.

- Converting the intersection of Park Road and Dupre Mill Road into a 4 way stop. This added stop sign on Park Road would force through traffic to slow down for the 4 way stop. The added stop signs would also provide Parkside residences with a safe place to cross Park Road.
- Installation of two speed bumps on Park Road within Parkside Community; one near the entrance of Parkside and one near Garden Arbor Drive. These speed bumps would force the traffic to slow down along this stretch of Park Road.

Parkside Community HOA understands either or both options require tax payer's dollars. In the interest of safety, Parkside Community HOA is willing to fund one or both of these projects if approved by the Town of Lexington.

The Parkside Community HOA board is willing to meet with you or the Town Council to discuss our safety concerns.

Thank you for your assistance in addressing this issue.

Thomas Conway
Parkside Community HOA
President

Contact Information: 501 Garden Arbor Lane
Lexington, SC 29072 803-467-3209 cell

May 18, 2022

Traffic Committee
City of Lexington, SC

RE: Parkside Community Road Proposal

Dear Traffic Committee,

My husband and I have lived on Park Road within Parkside since August 2019. In that time, we have witnessed many cars who drive much faster than the posted 25 mph past our home.

In late 2021, our mailbox was hit by what I assume was a car mirror sometime between 8pm and 8am. The mailbox post was damaged as well as the mailbox itself.

There have been many times that I have been driving home at 25 mph in the neighborhood and have been tailgated at an unsafe distance.

My home office faces the road and my husband and I are often in the front yard working on our flower bed or on another project. More times than not, cars that pass our home are going way over the posted speed limit either coming from the direction of the dirt road or towards the dirt road.

My sister lives by Lexington High School so I often take the dirt road to get to her home. Last month, I went that route around 7:45am and passed 6 cars on the dirt road using it as a thru road. We also frequently see 18-wheeler trucks passing though.

For these reasons, I am an advocate for placing a no thru traffic sign as well as placing a four-way stop at the intersection of Park Road and Dupree Mill Road.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Default Report Title
Use Preferences to Define Titles

Site Code: 00000000
Station ID:
Location 1: 600 PARK ROAD
Location 2:
Location 3:
Location 4:

Comment 1:
Comment 2:
Comment 3:
Comment 4:
Latitude: 33.996227
Longitude: -81.269287

Combined Lanes 7/13/2021 to 7/27/2021

Pace Speed - MPH

Classes Excluded From Pace: None

Speed	Number	Percent
22 - 31	11,312	66.29161%

Percentile Speeds

Percentile	5th	10th	15th	20th	25th	30th	35th	40th	45th	50th	55th	60th	65th	70th	75th	80th	85th	90th
Speed - MPH	17.9	19.9	20.9	21.9	22.9	23.9	24.9	24.9	25.9	25.9	26.9	27.9	27.9	28.9	29.9	30.9	31.9	33.9

Vehicles Traveling Greater Than 50.0 MPH

Total Volume 17,064
Total Greater Than 50.0 4
Percent Greater Than 50.0 0.0%

Mean, Median, and Mode Averages

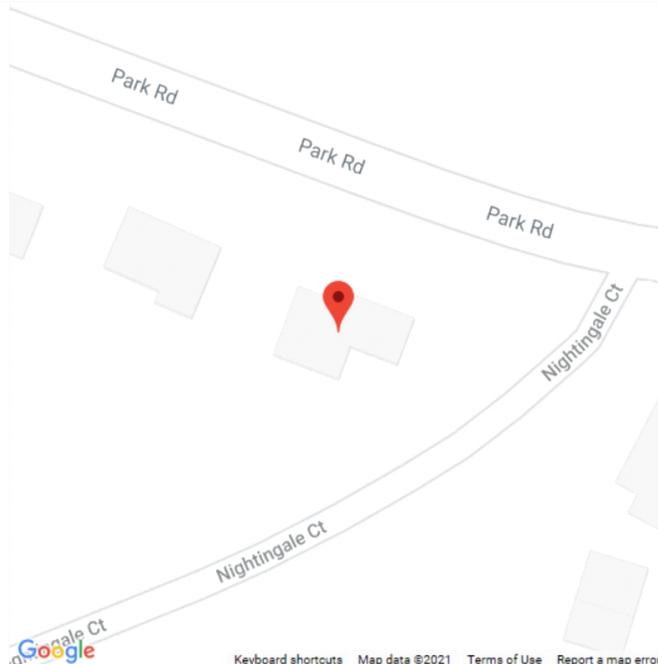
Mean: 26.5
Median (50th %): 25.9
Mode: 26.0

SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

Location



600 PARK ROAD
Latitude: 33.996227
Longitude: -81.269287



Analysis Time Period



Start	End
7/13/2021 3:50 AM	7/27/2021 10:06 AM

Vehicles Analyzed



17,062

Speed Limit



25

Total Enforceable Violations



913

Average Speed



26

% Enforceable Violations



5%

Fastest Speed



58

Enforcement Rating

LOW

Slowest Speed



6