

# **RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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District 10

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District 6

Damon Jeter, Chair  
District 3

Doris Corley  
District 1

*June 28, 2005  
6:00 PM*

**Richland County Council Chambers  
County Administration Building  
2020 Hampton Street**

## **Call To Order**

**Approval of Minutes** – May 24, 2005: Regular Session Meeting [Pages 3 – 4]

## **Adoption of Agenda**

## **Presentations**

**A. North East Columbia Soccer Association – Mr. Ron Tryon**

## **I. Items for Action**

**A. Statler Road Drainage Project**  
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**B. Northeast Transportation Study (Deferred from April D&S Committee Meeting)**  
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## **II. Items for Information / Discussion**

**A. Department of Public Works: Burdell Fuller Road**

## **III. Items Pending Analysis**

There are no items in this section.

## **IV. Executive Session**

### **A. Acquisition of Land to the North of the Richland County C&D Landfill**

## **Adjournment**

Staffed by Joe Cronin

MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005

5:00 p.m.

*In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Member: Bernice G. Scott
- Member: Joyce Dickerson
- Member: L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

**Members Absent:** Damon Jeter and Doris Corley

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Kit Smith, Joseph McEachern, Paul Livingston, Valerie Hutchinson, T. Cary McSwain, Milton Pope, Kendall Johnson, Joe Cronin, Chris Eversmann, Chief Harrell, Marsheika Martin

**CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Scott called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 26, 2005** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to adopt the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**PRESENTATIONS – Mayor’s Commission on Homelessness – Dr. Moss Blachman**  
Dr. Blachman gave a brief report regarding the City of Columbia’s 10-year plan. This involved segments of consolidated plans from Richland and Lexington Counties.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

**Department of Public Works**

**Purchase of Replacement Clamshell Truck** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**2005 Roadway Resurfacing Project** – Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Traffic Calming Standard** – Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to send this item to Council without a recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

There were no items for discussion.

**ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS**

There were no items pending analysis.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Damon Jeter  
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin

# Richland County Council Request of Action

**Subject:** Statler Road Drainage Project

## **A. Purpose**

County Council is requested to approve the award of a construction contract to A. P. Bowden Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of the Statler Road Drainage Project as designed by the contracted engineering firm, Wilbur Smith Associates. Bowden Construction has been recommended to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder by Wilbur Smith Associates.

## **B. Background / Discussion**

At its meeting of April 1, 1997, the County Council approved a storm drainage improvement program for construction of 15 drainage projects in the unincorporated portion of Richland County. These projects were funded or to be funded by the issuance of the now depleted Storm Drainage Bond. One of the 15 projects approved for funding is the Statler Road Drainage Project.

The Statler Road Drainage Project will be performed in an effort to stabilize a drainage channel, improve stormwater quality, and reclaim eroded residential property. Primarily, the project will extend from the upstream at Statler Road, through the rear of several residential properties, and to tie into exist system at Bakersfield Road.

## **C. Financial Impact**

The construction for this project has been bid by the recommended Construction Company to be \$675,740. This can be funded from the Stormwater Management Special Revenue Fund 3007.5321 with a carry-over of FY05 funds (\$587,976) and a portion of FY06 funds.

### Bid Tabulation of responsive and responsible bidders

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Mabus Brothers | \$678,196.52 |
| A. P. Bowden   | \$675,740.00 |

## **D. Alternatives**

There are two alternatives that exist for this project and are as follows:

1. Approve the award of a construction contract to A. P. Bowden Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of this drainage project.
2. Do not approve the award of contract to A. P. Bowden Construction Company, Inc. and forfeit the opportunity to construct these drainage improvements.

**E. Recommendation**

It is recommended that County Council approve the award of contract to A. P. Bowden Construction Company, Inc. as recommended by Wilbur Smith Associates.

**Recommended by:** Christopher S. Eversmann, PE  
**Date:** 06/17/05

**Department:** Public Works

**E. Reviews**

**Administration**

Reviewed by: Tony McDonald

Date: 6/24/05

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

## Richland County Council Request of Action

**Subject:** Northeast Transportation Study

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is requested to adopt the Northeast Transportation Study. The Northeast Transportation Study is intended to identify improvements to accommodate current and long-term travel demands within the northeast area of Richland County.

### **B. Background / Discussion**

The Northeast Transportation Study was performed by the LPA Group, Inc. (LPA). The study area is bounded by Fairfield County to the north, I-20 to the south, Kershaw County to the east and North Branch Creek to the west. The study includes both the I-77 Corridor and the Northeast Panning Area.

The study was divided into the following five major tasks:

1. Collect information on area transportation
2. Conduct field inventory
3. Analyze the area transportation system
4. Evaluate potential improvements
5. Develop an improvement plan

LPA assisted Richland County in developing a project evaluation and ranking system to prioritize the transportation improvements. Improvements include roadway improvements such as widening existing roads and paving new roads. Also included are intersection improvements such as adding turns lanes and realignments.

The study identifies the current Level of Service (LOS) for the major roads within the northeast area, the LOS in the year 2025 with no improvements and the LOS in the year 2025 with all improvements. Please refer to the attached copy of the Northeast Transportation Study (previously provided to all County Council Members).

Richland County Council, Richland County Planning Commission, and the Richland County Transportation Committee provided input into the ranking procedure. The same ranking procedure will be used to evaluate and rank projects in future studies for the South and Northwest areas of Richland County.

The Northeast Transportation Study was sent to the Development & Services Committee (D&S) on May 25, 2004. The D&S Committee recommended that County Council adopt the Northeast Transportation Study. On June 1, 2004, Council deferred the item; therefore, no action was taken.

### C. Financial Impact

There are no immediate financial impacts associated with adopting the study. Projects of this magnitude are funded by State and Federal construction funding obtained through the COATS process. Please refer to the provided copy of the Northeast Transportation Study for order-of-magnitude cost estimates prepared by LPA.

### D. Alternatives

There are two alternatives that exist for this project and are as follows:

2. Adopt the Northeast Transportation Study and commit to the future transportation needs of the northeast area of Richland County.
2. Do not adopt the Northeast Transportation Study at this time.

### E. Recommendation

It is recommended that County Council adopt the Northeast Transportation Study and commit to the future transportation needs of the northeast area of Richland County.

**Recommended by:** Christopher S. Eversmann, PE      **Department:** Public Works  
**Date:** April 12, 2005

### F. Reviews

#### Finance

Reviewed by (Budget Dir.): Daniel Driggers      Date: 4/12/05

Recommend Council approval       Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: We have not reviewed the study therefore are unable to make a recommendation. There are a few questions that are created from the Financial Impact section of the ROA: It states there are “no immediate financial impacts.” What are the long-term costs associated with the study? At this point have State and/or Federal construction funding been committed for these projects? Is the project list tied to the State/Federal commitment of funds? Is there an alternative plan for funding if those funds are not available?

#### Legal

Reviewed by: Amelia R. Linder      Date: 4/15/05

Recommend Council approval       Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: It is my understanding that by accepting this study, County Council is committing to a long-term policy of traffic improvements in the northeast portion of the county (as identified in the study), not only by acknowledging the current traffic problems, but also by setting forth their priorities for improvements once funding becomes available. Upon approval, this plan will be sent to the Central Midlands Council of Governments for COATS funding.



Disapproval of this plan (or any alternative plan) will delay the County's ability to obtain funding; therefore improvements will be delayed and traffic congestion will continue as reflected in the study.

**Administration**

Reviewed by: Tony McDonald

Date: 4/20/05

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Recommend that the Council adopt the Northeast Transportation Study as a systematic approach for addressing future transportation needs in the northeast portion of the County. Similar studies are to follow for the south and northwest portions of the County.