

**TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015
2020 HAMPTON STREET, 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**



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: Hayes Mizell, Bill Wiseman, Trevor Bowers, Bobby Williams, Councilman Paul Livingston, Virginia Sanders, Todd Avant, Carol Kososki and James Faber

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Perry, Chris Gossett, Tony McDonald, Shawn Salley, Quinton Epps, Michelle Onley, Tony Edwards, Cheryl Patrick, and Kristen Hutto

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 18, 2015 – The minutes were approved unanimously.

SLBE PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Hutto stated:

- ✦ 13 applications have been processed since July 1st
- ✦ Of the 13 applications: 1 applicant was determined eligible for SLBE status, 1 voluntarily withdrew and the remaining 11 are still under review
- ✦ OSBO coordinated with the Procurement Department to finalize requirements for SLBE participation
- ✦ Resumed training for B2G Software system
- ✦ The following items were taken up at the July 15th OSBO Ad Hoc Committee Meeting: Quick Pay Program, Mentor Protégé Program Development, Sheltered Market Program and partnering with McCartha-Cobb & Associates for Bonding Program
- ✦ McCartha-Cobb & Associates were approved by Council for the Bonding Program

Mr. Mizell requested a written report prior to the TPAC meeting in the future.

THE COMET UPDATE

Dr. Schneider stated since the last meeting:

- ✦ Board of Director approved service to 11:00 p.m. on the mainline routes beginning September 8th
- ✦ Ridership is 33-38% presently
- ✦ Lower Richland public outreach sessions are ongoing
- ✦ The COMET will take over Eastover bus service on September 8th
- ✦ Lower Richland bus service will end at 7:30 p.m.
- ✦ Working through permitting process to install new shelters
- ✦ Ms. Sanders requested cameras to be installed in the shelters
- ✦ US Senate Transportation & Transit Bill would assist the COMET

JUNE 2015 PROGRESS REPORT: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- ✦ Shop Road Extension Phase I – SCDOT issued Right-of-Way acquisition authorization on June 25
- ✦ Construction Authorization and Permit to Construct are the next steps
- ✦ Design-Build Intersections Project – CR Jackson Construction Contract approved by Council at July 21st meeting
- ✦ The Intersections included in the Design-Build Intersections Project are: Broad River Rd. and Rushmore Rd.; Clemson Rd. and Rhame Rd./North Springs Rd.; Farrow Rd. and Pisgah Church Rd; Kennerly Rd. and Coogler Rd./Steeple Ridge Rd.; North Springs Rd. and Risdon Way; and Summit Pkwy. And Summit Ridge Dr.
- ✦ Clemson Rd. and Sparkleberry Ln. Intersection is a separate project
- ✦ 3-4 Sidewalk/Bikeway Contracts will be put out for bid this fall
- ✦ Lincoln Tunnel is scheduled to be advertised in the near future
- ✦ Three Rivers Greenway slated to go to construction in the spring
- ✦ Gills Creek Greenway public meetings should take place in the next 60 days

RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL CHAIR TO TPAC REQUEST

Mr. Mizell's understanding of the response was Council is open to reconsidering projects based on current needs, but the TPAC has no process or capacity to develop recommendations.

The best course may be to have those with transportation needs to communicate directly with Council.

Mr. Mizell stated the steps need to be formalized to bring transportation needs to Administration and Council's attention.

Mr. Faber stated he does not feel like the TPAC Committee has any role in putting forth any issues to the Council and the role of the committee need to be revisited.

Ms. Kososki stated the request forwarded to Chairman Rush on behalf of the City of Forest Acres is looking for implementation of the study that was untaken on behalf of the City by Boudreaux Architects.

COUNCIL ACTION UPDATE

- a. Hardscrabble Road Widening Project –Supplemental Agreement – The Penny funding is making the widening possible because the SCDOT did not have the federal guide shares to take the project to construction. It is a \$7.2 million widening project from Farrow Rd. to Kelly Mill.
- b. Vista Greenway Phase 2 (Lincoln Tunnel) – Project Agreement – Council approved agreement; project ready to be advertised; \$893,000 in penny funds; \$98,500 in federal grant funding from SC Parks, Recs and Tourism; and will take approximately a year to construct.
- c. Pavement Management Study – Overview and Recommendation – Council approved the pavement management study
- d. Bikeways and Sidewalks Public Involvement Meetings: Summary and Recommendation – Public meetings were held in June; received large amount of comments regarding bikeways from King's Grant
- e. County Transportation Improvement Program (CTIP) Review and Revision – Will be brought back to TPAC in September/October
- f. CECS Service Agreement – Design of Pineview Rd. widening
- g. Mead & Hunt Service Agreement – Design sidewalks

Mr. Perry stated staff had a productive meeting with the State Infrastructure Bank Midlands representative. The recommendation was to split and submit two separate applications.

BLUFF ROAD WIDENING PROJECT – PROPOSED PROJECT EXTENSION

- ✦ SCDOT approached the County with a request to include the sidewalks project on Bluff Road from George Rogers Boulevard to Rosewood Drive in the Bluff Road Widening Project.
- ✦ Council approved the incorporation of the project.
- ✦ Contractor will be requested to put lights up purchased by Fairgrounds

The committee voted unanimously to support Council’s approval of the SCDOT request.

**CITY OF FOREST ACRES REQUEST FOR NEW PROJECT
(INFO ONLY)**

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AT 5:30 PM – 2020 HAMPTON STREET

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:32PM