

RICHLAND COUNTY

TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

AGENDA



THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 2023

4:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Richland County Council 2023



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District 2



Jason Branham
District 1



Gretchen Barron
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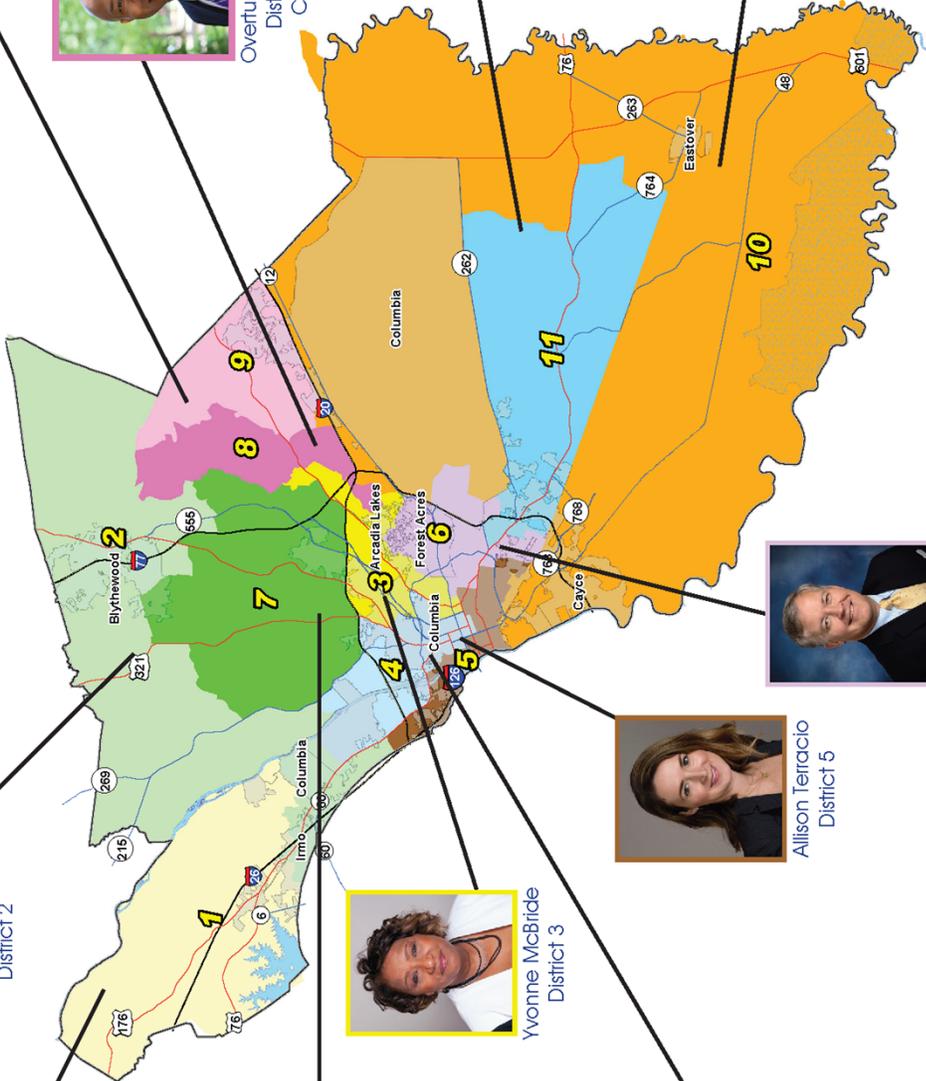
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**Richland County
Transportation Ad Hoc Committee**

AGENDA

December 14, 2023 04:00 PM
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

The Honorable Jason Branham	The Honorable Paul Livingston	The Honorable Don Weaver	The Honorable Overture Walker, Chair	The Honorable Jessica Mackey
County Council District 1	County Council District 4	County Council District 6	County Council District 8	County Council District 9

- 1 CALL TO ORDER** The Honorable Overture Walker

- 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The Honorable Overture Walker
 - a. October 24, 2023 [\[Pages 5-6\]](#)

- 3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA** The Honorable Overture Walker

- 4 ITEMS FOR ACTION**
 - a. Sunset Drive Sidewalk Project Award of Construction
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- 5 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** The Honorable Overture Walker
 - a. Transportation Penny Campaign

- 6 ADJOURNMENT** The Honorable Overture Walker



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Richland County Council
Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
MINUTES
October 24, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Chair; Jason Branham, Paul Livingston, Don Weaver, and Jessica Mackey

OTHERS PRESENT: Cheryl English, Derrek Pugh, Gretchen Barron, Michelle Onley, Michael Maloney, Angela Weathersby, Anette Kirylo, Patrick Wright, Leonardo Brown, Ashiya Myers, Susan O’Cain, Chelsea Bennett, Stacey Hamm, Tamar Black, Dale Welch, Zachary Cavanaugh, Ashley Fullerton, and Jennifer Wladischkin

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Overture Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. September 26, 2023 – Mr. Livingston moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Weaver moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEM FOR ACTION**

a. Award of Construction – Dirt Road Package O – The Interim Transportation Director, Michael Maloney, stated this project is taking Dirt Road Package O to construction. Staff is recommending the award of the contract to Cherokee, Inc. based on the bids received in the amount of \$1,359,494.45. This will include a construction contingency of 10% for a total approved amount of \$1,495,443.90. He noted another bid was received, which was \$400,000 higher than Cherokee, Inc.’s bid. The budget is ready for this project, and potentially two more in the next year. This project will pave Howard Coogler Road (District 1), Sara Mathews Road (District 7), Nathan Ridge Lane (District 10, and Jackson Road (District 10).

Mr. Weaver moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to award the construction contract to Cherokee, Inc. based on the bid received in the amount of \$1,359,494.45, to include a construction contingency of 10% for a total approved amount of \$1,495,443.90, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

Mr. Livingston inquired about how many miles we will be paving.

Mr. Maloney responded this is approximately a mile of road.

Mr. Walker inquired if there was any effort on the part of the Transportation Department to ensure the public is aware, especially those in these respective districts, that roads are soon to be paved.

Mr. Maloney replied in the past, the Transportation Department has not. He acknowledged they need to notify the residents who have been a part of the consent/denial and land acquisition processes that we are ready to go to construction. The residents are on the list to inform, but that is as far as they have gone.

Mr. Walker stated in recent weeks, he has had conversations with County residents, and there is this perception the Penny is felt in certain communities and not others. A lot of it is that people are oblivious to what is in the Penny ordinance. Then you some that were expecting a road to be paved. What he would like to see happen is to get the word in the community-at-large about what is happening. If there is a way to let residents know we are not only working on the big projects, like widenings, but also the smaller projects are happening in the communities.

Mr. Brown indicated as a part of the process of informing and educating individuals throughout the County about the projects, there will be a "roadshow" so individuals will have an understanding within their area of livability and what the County has done by way of investments through the citizens' votes during the referendum for the Penny. We will have to talk about how many opportunities we will have to do that.

Mr. Pugh inquired about how the projects were chosen.

Mr. Maloney responded the projects were funded by the population living on the road. The higher the density, the higher the score. They were also given credit for churches and other things on the road. These specific roads were chosen from the funding list because they were available. We either had the right-of-way or the ability to get it quickly.

Mr. Weaver recalls Council discussing the signage at the Strategic Planning Forum in January. It was noted that we could not pay for signage out of the Penny funds. He inquired as to why we could not pay for the signs ourselves.

Mr. Brown noted the Transportation Department will be doing signs.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Mackey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:13 PM.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION**

2020 Hampton Street, Suite 4069
Columbia, SC 29204
803-576-2050



Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Michael Maloney, PE	Title:	Interim Director
Department:	Transportation	Division:	
Date Prepared:	November 20, 2023	Meeting Date:	December 14, 2023
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email	Date:	November 28, 2023
Budget Review	Abhijit Deshpande via email	Date:	December 4, 2023
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email	Date:	December 6, 2023
Approved for consideration:	Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCEM	
Meeting/Committee	Transportation Ad Hoc		
Subject	Sunset Drive Sidewalk Project Award of Construction		

RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends award of the construction contract to the lowest price, responsive, and responsible contractor, Cherokee, Inc in the amount of \$5,132,709.77 with a 10% construction contingency for a total approved amount of \$5,645,980.75.

Request for Council Reconsideration: Yes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department’s current fiscal year budget?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

The Sunset Drive Sidewalk budget includes accounts: 13330248/532200 with \$3,489,436.30, as well as 13320003/532200 with \$2,156,544.45 to be transferred in for the remaining construction cost and contingency.

Applicable department/grant key and object codes: 13330248/532200
13320003/532200

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:

Please see the included letter of recommendation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

None applicable

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

There is no associated Council motion of origin

STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The Richland County Transportation Department is initiating the construction of the Council approved project to improve the Sunset Drive corridor for pedestrian travel. The project is about 4,000 feet with retaining walls, clearing, watermain relocation, curb and gutter, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and guard rails.

ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INTIATIVE:

- Goal 4: Plan for growth through inclusive and equitable infrastructure
 - Objective 4.3: Create excellent facilities

Projects like this offer a solution to reduce vehicle traffic, provide a safer corridor, and support alternative travel using connected sidewalks.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

The SLBE goal is 18% for the project. Cherokee, Inc has committed to 20% SLBE participation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Procurement Department Letter of Recommendation

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

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Attachment 1



November 21, 2023

To: Mr. Michael Maloney, Interim Director of Transportation

From: Deramus Forrester, Contract Analyst

CC: Mrs. Jennifer Wladischkin, Procurement Director, Mr. Michael P. Green, Project Manager

Re: RC-616-B-24 Sunset Drive Sidewalk Project

A bid opening was conducted at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, via the County’s online procurement portal. Procurement has reviewed the (1) one submitted bids for the Sunset Drive Sidewalk Project which was submitted via Bonfire and found no discrepancies. The bids received were as follows:

Sunset Drive Sidewalk Project - BID RESULTS SUMMARY	
BIDDER	SUBMITTED BID
Cherokee, Inc.	\$5,132,709.77

Further review shows that Cherokee, Inc. is duly licensed in South Carolina to perform this work. A copy of their license is attached.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference was held at 10 a.m. on November 6, 2023, during which attendees gained information and bidding directives for the project. See the attached sign-in log.

Attached is a final bid tab sheet for your reference which indicates Cherokee’s bid is 18.75% higher than the Engineer’s Estimate of \$4,322,227.50. The SLBE goal for this project is 18%, and Cherokee, Inc. committed to 20%.

Procurement’s recommendation is that a contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Cherokee, Inc.

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING
2020 HAMPTON STREET, SUITE 3064, COLUMBIA, SC 29204-1002**

Project #: RC-616-B-24	Project Name: Sunset Drive Sidewalk Project		Date: 11/6/2023
			Time: 10 am
COMPANY NAME	REPRESENTATIVE	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE/FAX
AOS Specialty Contractors	John Williamson		803-798-6831
Neel-Schaffer CEI	Dennis Townsend		803-929-3656
	Charlton Hickman		
Richland County Transportation	Michael Green	green.michael@richlandcountysc.gov	803-766-5607
Hussey Gay Bell	Rebecca Connelly	rconnelly@husseygaybell.com	
Richland County OSBO	Margaret Jones	jones.margaret@richlandcountysc.gov	803-576-1540
Richland County Procurement	Tamar Black	black.tamar@richlandcountysc.gov	803-576-2132
	Tanner Threat		
Richland County Procurement	Deramus Forrester	forrester.deramus@richlandcountysc.gov	803-576-2133

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RC-616-B-24 Sunset Drive Sidewalk Project
Due Date 11/21/2023 2:00 pm

Total Cost

Cherokee, Inc.

\$5,132,709.77

0

\$ 0

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Board: Commercial Contractors

CHEROKEE INC
6928 CHEVAL STREET
COLUMBIA, SC 29209
(803) 776-4870

License number: 12263
License type: GENERAL CONTRACTOR
Status: ACTIVE
Expiration: 10/31/2024
First Issuance Date: 01/01/1992
Classification:
Grading-GD5
Highway Incidental-HI5
Water & Sewer Lines-WL5

Qualified By: Surety Bond
President / Owner: JOHN R JORDAN JR

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