

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

S O U T H C A R O L I N A

TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

September 6, 2017
11:45 AM
4th Floor Conference Room

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes (Pages 1-2)**
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 4. Atlas Road Widening Project: Right of Way acquisition^{1,2}
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- 5. First Reading for the Transportation Bond Issuance
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- 6. Broad River NIP: SCDOT Supplemental Agreement¹ (Page 5)**
- 7. Monthly PDT Update at Council Meetings (Page 6)**
- 8. Dirt Road Program Status Update (Page 7)**
- 9. Gills Creek Greenway Project: Funding Transfer¹ (Pages 8-10)**
- 10. Program Status Update (Page 11)**
- 11. Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

¹ *Items that require Action*

² *Items with outside legal counsel*



Committee Members

Jim Manning, Chair
District Eight

Bill Malinowski
District One

Yvonne McBride
District Three

Paul Livingston
District Four

Norman Jackson
District Eleven



Richland County Council

TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

June 20, 2017 – 4:00 PM

4th Floor Conference Room

2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Manning, Chair; Bill Malinowski, Yvonne McBride, and Paul Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT: Calvin “Chip” Jackson, Shawn Salley, Tony Edwards, Roger Sears, Donny Phipps, Quinton Epps and Larry Smith

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. June 6, 2017 – Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski noted for the record he had not received the chart that Ms. Heizer referred to at the previous meeting. In addition, the he does not believe the meeting between the PDT, the Transportation Department and the financial advisors for the County had taken place to date.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Manning suggested adding the two items Mr. Malinowski mentioned (i.e. chart and meeting with PDT) to the agenda.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- a. Chart Request – Mr. Manning inquired as to who was to supply the chart to the committee members.

Mr. Malinowski stated he thought Ms. Heizer was to supply the chart and Mr. Manning stated he was under the impression she had provided it to staff.

Mr. Edwards stated he had a copy of the chart and had planned to supply it to the committee at the work session with the PDT and the financial advisors.

- b. Work Session with PDT/Financial Advisors – Mr. Manning stated introduction to the financial advisors is on the June 20th Council agenda.

4. **CLEMSON/N. SPRINGS INTERSECTION PROJECT** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **SOUTHEAST RICHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT** – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to forward this item to full Council and direct staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session with the stipulation that staff will ensure that final action will be brought back to Council prior to Council's August recess. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Mr. Livingston requested the Chair to schedule a work session to update Council on the status of the PDT and the Transportation Penny projects.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 PM.



4. Atlas Road Widening project: Right of Way acquisition

Discussion Point:

Right of way acquisition for this project is nearing completion. Of the 149 tracts, there are 27 tracts recommended for acquisition under Council authority. Right of way agents have been unsuccessful in concluding negotiations with these tracts. A breakdown of these tracts is as follows:

15 Parcels-unable to clear title (estates, federal and state tax liens, etc.)

9 Parcels-unable to reach agreement

2 Parcels-no response from property owners to offer

1 Parcel-unable to obtain mortgage agreement

27 Parcels

Recommendation:

Staff respectfully requests the Committee to concur with acquiring right of way under Council authority and to forward to full Council for consideration.



5. First Reading of the Transportation Bond Issuance

Discussion Point:

In 2012, Richland County voters approved a referendum establishing the Penny Sales Tax Program. In addition, voters also approved the ability for the County to bond up to \$450 million for the program. n ns as n n t t s ss t ss
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6. Broad River Neighborhood Improvement Project: SCDOT Supplemental Agreement

Discussion Point:

The Transportation Program is the recipient of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant through the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) which is administered through the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). This grant will provide \$180,000 towards the construction of the Broad River Neighborhood Improvement Project. This project is nearing design completion and is anticipated to go to Construction in late 2017/early 2018. To be eligible for the funding, this agreement must be executed by both County Council and the SCDOT Commission prior to Construction.

Recommendation:

Staff respectfully requests that the agreement be accepted and forwarded to County Council for approval and execution.



7. Monthly PDT Update at Council Meetings

Discussion Point:

This is a discussion item requested by Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Manning concerning the Program Development Team providing updates to County Council.



Discussion Point:

Of those 31 roads, 30 were designed by CECS, Inc. to begin the program. Subsequently, the county procured Dennis Corp to design and secure right of way under a 2 year contract with optional extensions for years 3 and 4. Due to substandard performance and delivery, the option for years 3 and 4 were not exercised. The minimum state approved Transportation Programs minimum at that time was a contract with four five On-call minimum Teams to complete years 3 and 4 of the program.

9. Gills Creek Greenway Project: Funding Transfer

Discussion Point:

A majority of the Gills Creek Greenway Section B is proposed to be located along Kings Grant subdivision and along Fort Jackson according to the 2012 referendum. The Kings Grant Homeowners Association has stated their opposition to Gills Creek Greenway Section B being built in and around their neighborhood, as shown in the letter below. Additionally, it has been our experience that coordinating with federal governmental agencies, such as Fort Jackson, would take a significant amount of time and effort with no guarantee of approval.

As a result of the two public meetings held for the Gills Creek Greenway project, and as approved by Council at the June 6, 2017 meeting, Section A was modified to delete the segment from Kilbourne Rd. to Fort Jackson Blvd. and start at the intersection of Fort Jackson Blvd. and Crowson Rd. The removal of the Kilbourne Rd. to Fort Jackson segment eliminates the direct connection from Section A to Section B.

The referendum amount identified for Section A (\$2,246,160) is estimated to construct the greenway from the Fort Jackson Blvd/Crowson intersection to near Bright Ave. By reallocating Section B funds (\$2,785,897) to Section A, it is likely that Section A could be extended from near Bright Ave. to the near Lantana Dr.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends funding from Gills Creek Greenway Section B be reallocated to Gills Creek Greenway Section A, thus removing Section B from the Penny Program.



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November 16, 2016

Mr. Rob Perry, PE
Richland County Director of Transportation
2020 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Gills Creek B Greenway (Wildcat Creek to Leesburg Road)

Dear Mr. Perry,

The King's Grant Home Owners Association (KGHOA) represents 414 homes consisting of approximately 1800 Richland County residents. Many of the residents of King's Grant and board members attended the open house at Brennen Elementary School on February 11, 2016 where maps depicting locations and typical sections of the proposed greenways were on display. After much discussion, the KGHOA Board voted in favor of opposing the proposed Gills Creek B Greenway (Wildcat Creek to Leesburg Road) project. As such, please accept this letter as the neighborhood's official opposition to the project. Two major concerns include the following:

- 1) The King's Grant neighborhood was developed with a very distinct feature of security which includes borders with Fort Jackson and Interstate 77. If the border with Fort Jackson is breached via the public greenway, neighborhood security will be compromised.
- 2) The Palmetto Trail is already in place inside Fort Jackson along Semmes Road and connects Gills Creek at Kilbourne Road with Jackson Boulevard and Leesburg Road. We recognize that this trail is located on Fort Jackson property and may have some restrictions for use. However, if the Gills Creek B Greenway is developed it will become by default a leg of the Palmetto Trail by virtue of being a more direct route. This scenario would allow even more traffic by use of the trail by hikers and campers from other counties and out-of-state leading to more security concerns.

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The above concerns coupled with many others relating to maintenance of the greenway, trash, and parking to access the trail support our opposition to the project. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Gills Creek B Greenway (Wildcat Creek to Leesburg Road) project be removed from further studies, design or funding.

Sincerely,



Aylan Brown, President
King's Grant Home Owners Association Board of Directors

cc: Mr. David Beaty, PD
✓ Program Manager

Mr. Gearald Seals
Richland County Administrator



10. Program Status Update

Discussion Point:

The monthly Progress Report is produced each month and provides a status of where projects in development currently stand. This report is available on the Richland Penny website at <http://www.richlandpenny.com/budget-info/reports/>. In addition, this report will be provided for Transportation Ad Hoc committee members with each monthly meeting of the ad hoc.