



Richland County Council

TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

May 16, 2017 – 3:00 PM

4th Floor Conference Room

2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Calvin “Chip” Jackson, Greg Pearce, Dalhi Myers, Michelle Onley, Shawn Salley, Tony Edwards, Rob Perry and Roger Sears

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Mr. Manning thanked Mr. Perry for his service to the County.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. March 28, 2017 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 3:04 PM and came out at approximately 3:35 PM.

4. **CLEMSON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT: RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to support staff’s recommendation and proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **CLEMSON ROAD AND SPARKLEBERRY LANE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT: RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION** – Mr. N. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **GILLS CREEK A GREENWAY: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to support staff’s recommendation to concur with the recommendations in the Executive Summary, which are as follows:

- a. Proposed Termini – Begin project at Ft. Jackson Blvd./Crowson Road and end project at Bright Avenue unless existing funding allows ending at Timberlane Drive
- b. Location – Locate the Greenway on the west (South Beltline Blvd.) side of Gills Creek for its entire location
- c. On-going Coordination – Coordinate with City of Columbia regarding

- Collaboration with the October 2015 flood mitigation issues specific to Timberlane Drive
- Variable 10' – 12 ' typical section width
- Dedicated public safety
- Long-term maintenance
- Lighting

Mr. Pearce stated this project became controversial last year due to a series of misunderstandings. There have been approximately 500 people attend community meetings regarding this matter. He thanked the members of the PDT for their patience.

Mr. Pearce further stated he is uncomfortable with the City of Columbia's involvement at this time. There is a letter from the City, but there is not a vote from the City to provide funding for maintenance and security for the greenway. Since there is not funding in the Transportation Penny Program for the long-term maintenance and security, the responsible course would be not to expend any additional funding for construction or engineering until the City provides assurance they will cover the costs of maintenance and security.

Mr. Pearce stated there is about 50 citizens that reside in the neighborhoods bordering the VA Hospital that do not trust the project will be constructed on the west bank or there are going to be crosswalks built across the swamp to the public parking. He has spoken to Mr. Smith about the County signing a MOU with the Homeowners Associations stating the greenway will be on the west bank in perpetuity.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 3:45 PM and came out at approximately 4:00 PM.

7. **STATUS OF PDT CONTRACT MODIFICATION** -- ??
8. **MITIGATION BANK: EXCESS CREDIT SALES** – Defer to the next committee meeting.
9. **BLUFF ROAD WIDENING PROJECT** – Defer to the next committee meeting.
 - a. Options for reducing termini
 - b. Updated utility undergrounding estimate
 - c. Estimate for roadway lighting
10. **PROGRAM INTERNS: OVERVIEW** – Defer to the next committee meeting.
11. **OTHER BUSINESS** – No other business was taken up.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM.