



## Richland County Council

### TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

September 6, 2017 – 11:45 AM

4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Calvin “Chip” Jackson, Dalhi Myers, Shawn Salley, Tony Edwards, Roger Sears, Michelle Onley, Gerald Seals, Larry Smith, Sandra Yudice, and Stacey Hamm

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at approximately 11:46 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. June 20, 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 Mr. Livingston, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski stated there were typographical errors on Items #5 and #8.

Item #5 should read: 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. Bond counsel has been invited to the ad hoc meeting to discuss the required readings prior to the issuance of bonds.

Item #8 should read: ....Due to substandard performance and delivery, the options for years 3 and 4 were not exercised. Administration has approved the Transportation Program’s request to move forward with the five On-Call Consulting Teams completing years 3 and 4 of the dirt road program.

4. **ATLAS ROAD WIDENING PROJECT: RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION** – Mr. Edwards stated Ms. Myers had requested the following tracts be deferred, so that she could meet with the property owners in an effort to prevent having to go through the condemnation process.
  - a. Tract 94
  - b. Tract 141
  - c. Tract 142
  - d. Tract 181
  - e. Tract 185
  - f. Tract 204
  - g. Tract 213
  - h. Tract 216
  - i. Tract 174
  - j. Tract 176

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to approve staff's recommendation to proceed with condemnation.

Mr. Malinowski requested an explanation of the "Miscellaneous Notes" for the various tracts, especially the "To clear Title heirs".

Mr. Edwards stated a title opinion is requested for each property before contact is made to ensure who the true owner is. The title opinion lists the liens and judgments. The reason they are not waited on is because there is an indefinite timeframe on when the liens and judgments will be cleared.

Ms. Myers stated she will be meeting with the community in the near future and will be sure all possibilities have been exhausted.

Mr. Edwards stated even though we are going through condemnation there are still opportunities for it to go through the estate or heirs process and be cleared up prior to condemnation being completed.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **FIRST READING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUANCE** – Mr. Manning stated he requested this item be placed on the agenda due to the pending timeframe for issuing bonds.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to forward this to Council with a recommendation for approval by title only. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **BROAD RIVER NIP: SCDOT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to forward to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **MONTHLY PDT UPDATE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – Mr. Manning suggested having the PDT do a brief monthly update to Council.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to have the PDT to make a presentation to full Council.

Mr. Livingston suggested having a report by the PDT at every committee meeting and Council bi-monthly or quarterly.

Mr. C. Jackson stated he would suggest giving the PDT longer than the standard 5-minutes to make a presentation.

Mr. N. Jackson inquired if there is a weekly or monthly update in the Administrator's Report.

Mr. Edwards stated that is a weekly report.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to direct the PDT to give an update at every committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to direct the PDT to give an update bi-monthly to full Council beginning in October. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. C. Jackson requested to ensure that the presentation will be up to 10 minutes.

Mr. Livingston accepted that as a friendly amendment to his motion.

8. **DIRT ROAD PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE** – Mr. Manning stated the Dirt Road Paving program is currently in the third year of development. To date, 31 dirt roads have been paved. 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. Administration has approved the Transportation Program’s request to move forward with the five On-Call Consulting Teams completing years 3 and 4 of the dirt road program.

Mr. Malinowski requested a breakdown of how the roads will be divided up by the On-Call Consulting Teams.

Mr. Edwards stated each On-Call team has been given 10 roads. When the 10 roads are done, then they are eligible to receive additional roads. Of the 5 primes, 4 are SLBEs.

Ms. Myers inquired if the On-Call teams will be working in a roughly contiguous area of the County.

Mr. Edwards stated it is the Transportation Program’s intent to break up the roads geographically.

Ms. McBride inquired if there is a process to add additional roads to the list.

Mr. Edwards stated at this time we are using the roads that have been determined. Anything was not approved on the referendum cannot be added.

Ms. Myers inquired since many of the residents have not agreed to paving of their roads if substitute roads could be proposed.

Mr. Manning stated not at this time. He stated there were actually 3 tiers of roads. Once everything in tier 1 has been paved, then the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee and the TPAC will review the other tiers.

Mr. Livingston stated he would like to see staff apply the criteria to the proposed roads in the event funding becomes available.

Mr. C. Jackson stated his comment has to do with quality control and accountability to prevent a replication of what happened before. He inquired if there was going to be a process to make more immediate adjustments put into place to monitor and determine if the On-Call teams are delivering on time.

Mr. Edwards stated they are in the process of developing the process.

9. **GILLS CREEK GREENWAY PROJECT: FUNDING TRANSFER** – Mr. Manning stated 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.

Mr. Malinowski requested additional information on this item. (i.e. Where is Section A? Section B? What amount of funding is needed for Section A?)

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to defer this item until the next Transportation Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to refer this item to Council without a recommendation.

Mr. Edwards stated Section B is the area of the greenway that goes through the King's Grant subdivision and they expressed interest to not have a greenway go through the subdivision. The HOA letter included in the agenda packet states as such. In order to build the greenway the County would have needed property from the HOA.

Mr. Manning stated if they do not want it in their neighborhood where is the funding going.

Mr. Malinowski stated the funding would be reallocated to Section A.

Mr. Beaty stated the referendum identified \$2.24 million for Section A. There were 2 public input meetings held and the residents of King's Grant attended those public input meeting and stated they did not want the greenway in Section B. The beginning termini for Section A has been modified and based upon the current cost estimates the \$2.2 million will only go 1/3 of the way desired in the referendum. Therefore, the recommendation is to take the \$2.785 million set aside for Section B and reallocate it to Section A.

Mr. Malinowski would like the cost estimates of the original Section A greenway vs. the modified Section A greenway before he can decide if he'll support the reallocation of funding.

Mr. N. Jackson expressed concern the residents of King's Grant do not want the greenway now that the referendum has passed. He also expressed concern with the cost estimate for Section A.

Mr. Smith stated Council has had over a period of time questions regarding adding projects to the list that were not a part of the approved referendum. This issue of reallocating funding to another project from a particular project that was approved was something that was recently brought to the Legal Department for review. It was not clear if the request was coming from Council or exactly what the nature of the request was; therefore, the Legal Department has not begun to look into the matter. Because the projects are tied to the referendum, there may be some issues with what kind of discretion Council has to not do a project and then reallocate those funds.

Mr. Livingston withdrew his substitute motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous of deferring this item until the next Transportation Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

10. **PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE** – Mr. Beaty provided the Transportation Penny Program's monthly report to the committee members and stated this report is also available on the website.

- To date the program has executed construction contracts of about \$150 million.
- Currently procuring and putting the bid packages together for 3 sidewalk projects, a resurfacing package and additional dirt road packages.
- To date \$24 million has been committed to the resurfacing program.
- Projects that are currently experiencing or could potentially experience delays due to utility issues with the City of Columbia;
  - a. Clemson Widening
  - b. Magnolia School House Sidewalk Project
  - c. Greene Street – Phase II Right-of-Way Acquisition

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Mr. C. Jackson stated he specifically inquired at a previous Council meeting about the status of Clemson Road widening and was told there was no delay, but yet they were mentioned today as one of the ones that could be delayed. Why is there a difference of opinion?

Mr. Beaty stated the right-of-way is almost done, and all of the utilities are done with the exception of the waterline with the City of Columbia. The design will take approximately 10 weeks after a firm has been selected, negotiated and a notice to proceed is issued. The only needed from the SCDOT is for them to approve the construction plans. There is one minor issue with a signal, but they won't approve the construction plans until the utility line is done.

Mr. C. Jackson inquired as to who makes the determination about moving forward on the waterlines.

Mr. Beaty stated as he understands it that is a question about the County or City paying for that.

Mr. C. Jackson inquired if the City is not going to pay and we are not going to pay are we at a stalemate.

Mr. Manning stated this is an agenda item for the joint County/City meeting.

Mr. C. Jackson stated he would like to have some clarity before the joint meeting.

Mr. Livingston inquired if there was enough money allocated from the Penny to complete Clemson Road include the utility relocation.

Mr. Beaty responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Livingston stated he would rather pay for the relocation of the utilities and deal with the City later, but not hold up the projects.

Mr. N. Jackson inquired if the County had not questioned the costs if the County would have been paying for something the City is responsible for.

Mr. Beaty responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Myers stated when we looked at the costs of these projects that none of them have come in under budget. She is surprised with this project there is enough funding to complete the project and funding for relocation of the waterline.

Mr. Beaty stated the referendum amounts were estimated at the time of the referendum. The estimate for Clemson Road is approximately \$20 million. Clemson Road is one of the simplest widening projects because there is plenty of right-of-way, no bridges, and only 2 culverts that need to be extended. Therefore, the cost estimate appears to be coming under the referendum amount. The current estimate for the Atlas Road Widening is greater than the referendum amount.

Ms. Myers inquired about how much under the Clemson Road estimate than the referendum amount.

Mr. Beaty stated he does not recall off the top of his head, but he does not believe it is much.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately at 12:58 p.m.