

**TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016  
4<sup>TH</sup> 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, Carol Kososki, Murray Coleman, J. T. McLawhorn, Virginia Sanders, Philip Simoneaux, Derrick Huggins, Natalie Britt, Frank Anderson, Dorothy Sumter, Bill Wiseman, Councilman Paul Livingston and Councilman Norman Jackson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rob Perry, Tony Edwards, Shawn Salley, Michelle Onley, Brenda Parnell, and Warren Harley

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Kososki moved, seconded by Mr. Huggins, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**TPAC POSITION RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Seals, Interim County Administrator, designated Mr. Warren Harley to administratively support the TPAC.

Ms. Kososki stated until the committee is provided with an overall statement of the Transportation Penny program they cannot adequately respond to the public.

A subcommittee of Ms. Sanders, Ms. Kososki and Mr. Simoneaux were instructed to meet with Mr. Harley to discuss the specific questions and needs of the TPAC committee. Dr. Schneider and Mr. Harley are also to meet to produce a comprehensive dashboard of the COMET and the PDT.

Mr. McLawhorn stated Council should request the Interim County Administrator to assign someone to provide financial information to the committee.

#### TPAC SLBE REPORTING REQUEST

Mr. Livingston stated this item was discussed at the most recent Transportation Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The item was held in committee for additional information.

#### UPDATE ON COUNCIL ACTIONS

- a) Supplemental Intergovernmental Agreement: Farrow Road and Pisgah Church Road Intersection Improvement – *The agreement allows SCDOT to take the place as condemnor for one tract on the project, and Council approved this agreement.*
- b) Right-of-Way Acquisition: Clemson Road and North Springs Intersection Improvement – *Council approved staff to acquire right-of-way necessary to construct the Clemson Road and North Springs Road Intersection Improvement Project.*
- c) Utility undergrounding estimate: Atlas Road Widening – *Council was provided utility undergrounding estimates for the Atlas Road Widening Project which equated to an \$8 million cost for the County. Council took action not to underground utilities on the Atlas Road Widening Project with transportation funding.*
- d) Utility undergrounding estimate: Clemson Road Widening – *Council was provided utility undergrounding estimates for the Clemson Road Widening Project which equated to a \$5.6 million cost for the County. Council took action not to underground utilities on the Clemson Road Widening Project with transportation funding.*
- e) Construction contract award: Sidewalk package S-5 Senate Street – *Council approved award for construction of the Senate Street sidewalk project to Armstrong Contractors for \$128,344.70 which includes a 10% contingency. This project was advertised as a sheltered market contract exclusive to SLBE's, and Armstrong Contractors is a certified SLBE with the County.*
- f) Mitigation Bank Credit Sales – *Council's agenda included approval of excess mitigation credits for three projects. Staff requested, and Council approved deferral for additional staff review.*

#### AUDIT UPDATE

Mr. Wesley Hill, Finance Department, stated Elliott Davis has had a delay in submitting their final report. They are planning to provide an update at the October meeting.

#### SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Ms. Parnell stated there was no additional information to be provided.

### THE COMET

Dr. Schneider presented the committee with a draft of the ridership dashboard the COMET is presently creating. He gave a brief overview of the information that will be contained in the dashboard.

Dr. Schneider stated there are 6 shelters and 18 benches slated to be installed. Originally there were (8) – 8 ft. shelters; (8) – 16 ft. shelters and 35 benches to be installed, but getting the property rights and acquisitions for the shelters is an ongoing struggle.

Mr. McLawhorn inquired about the safety at the bus stops and on the buses.

Dr. Schneider stated the bus stops are very safe.

Dr. Schneider stated the ridership is consistent Monday – Friday.

Ms. Kososki expressed concern with trash at the bus stops, specifically near Gills Creek.

Dr. Schneider stated they are currently working on recycling, compacting, and trash collecting options.

### PDT UPDATE

Mr. Beatty stated there a few items to note:

- *Clemson Road Widening – Right-of-Way Authorization from the SCDOT has been received and acquisition services have begun*
- *Atlas Road Widening – Right-of-Way activities and final design are underway*
- *Bluff Road Widening Phase II – In an effort to minimize drainage impacts, 65% plans are being modified and the public meeting has been rescheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Olympia Learning School*
- *Pineview Road Widening – 65% Complete Plans scheduled to be delivered for PDT review in October*
- *Greene Street Phase II – 70% Complete Plans have been submitted to the SCDOT for final review and Right-of-Way Authorization*
- *Hardscrabble Road Widening – SCDOT has awarded to Palmetto Corporation in the amount of \$56.4 million. Due to utility coordination, construction activities are expected to begin in December 2016/January 2017*
- *Resurfacing Package H – Approximately 20 miles consisting of 115 roads will be resurfaced beginning in November and extending through 2017*

- North Main Street – *Due to an incomplete bid document by the apparent low bidder and the next bidder exceeding the Engineer’s Estimate, the project is being readvertised on September 26<sup>th</sup>*
- Sidewalks – *The Senate Street contract was approved by Council on September 20<sup>th</sup> and bids were received for Jefferson Street & Franklin Street on September 21<sup>st</sup>.*
- Bluff Road Widening Phase I – *Bids were received on September 7<sup>th</sup> with a recommendation to award made to SCDOT/FHWA*
- Shop Road Extension Phase I – *Bids were received on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Review of bid documents is underway*
- 3 Rivers Greenway – *Plan to advertise in September/October*
- Resurfacing Packages I, J, K, and L – *Plan to advertise in September/October*
- Greene Street Phase I – *Roadway improvements significantly complete and open to traffic. Final completion of all work items not expected until December*
- Riverbanks Zoo Pedestrian Bridge – *Ribbon cutting held on September 7<sup>th</sup>*
- N. Springs/Risdon Intersection – *Project scheduled for completion in late October*
- Farrow/Pisgah Intersection – *Project scheduled to begin in October/November*
- Kennerly/Coogler Intersection – *Groundbreaking held September 15<sup>th</sup>. Final completion scheduled for Spring 2017.*

Mr. McLawhorn inquired about the possibility of implementing impact fees to assist with funding of improvements to the roadways.

Ms. Kososki inquired about the sidewalk project between Forest Drive and Decker Boulevard.

Mr. Beatty stated the PDT is currently negotiating with one of the On-Call Design teams to design the sidewalk.

#### **TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

- Percival Road Sidewalk Project: *This project was presented to the County Transportation Committee (CTC) August 30<sup>th</sup> in the hopes the CTC would provide matching funds for this project. The Richland Penny Program includes \$700,000 towards this project with limits from Forest Drive to Decker Boulevard. The CTC provided preliminary approval to allocate \$2.5 million towards the project to fully fund it under the condition updated project cost estimates are presented during their meeting in October.*

- *North Main Street Widening Project: The program includes \$30 million to widen North Main Street between Anthony Avenue and Fuller Avenue. It also includes an intersection improvement of North Main Street and Monticello Road at \$5.4 million. In addition, the project has additional funding in the form of \$10 million in federal TIGER grant funding, \$1.2 million in federal earmark funding, and approximately \$5 million in City water and sewer funding. It was bid for construction last August, and all bids were above the engineer's estimate. The Federal Highways Administration notified the County the project will receive an additional \$6.6 million in federal TIGER grant funding. This additional funding is the result of reallocation from another TIGER grant funded project that failed to meet prescribed deadlines for funding obligation. The project is programmed for re-advertisement, and if bids are favorable will be presented to Council for award in November.*

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016 AT 5:30 PM**

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.