

**TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015
2020 HAMPTON STREET, 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**



**Richland County
TRANSPORTATION PENNY**

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, Bill Wiseman, Natalie Britt, Dorothy Sumter, Trevor Bowers, Derrick Huggins, Bobby Williams, Councilman Paul Livingston and J. T. McLawhorn

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilman Torrey Rush, Rob Perry, Chris Gossett, Tony McDonald, Shawn Salley, Justine Jones, Quinton Epps, and Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:38 p.m.

SLBE UPDATE

Ms. Jones stated the numbers reflected in the report are not an indication of the efforts of the SLBE Office. The office initially cast a wide net to capture potential businesses to be certified, but it wasn't the most effective one. The office then stepped back and took a more strategic and individualized approach. They accessed a number of databases to identify the businesses that were best suited for working on road projects. The office will continue with more traditional outreach and recruit efforts and pursue less traditional approaches in order to increase the numbers of businesses certified.

Ms. Jones also stated that an additional employee has been added to the SLBE staff.

Ms. Jones stated the businesses are somewhat intimidated by the program, they are reluctant to share their financials and experiences they have had in the past working with Richland County.

Presently the office is not able to provide technical assistance to the businesses.

Ms. Jones stated the program has utilized the City of Columbia's disparity study.

Mr. Livingston stated a part of the problem is persons not having the necessary skills to complete the jobs. In an effort to assist with this hurdle, Councilman Livingston, Chairman Rush, representatives from

the City of Columbia and Program Development Team met with the Midlands Technical College's Executive Council to discuss the significant needs in the County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 23, 2015 – The minutes were approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Ms. Kososki moved, seconded by Mr. McLawhorn, to nominate Ms. Virginia Sanders for Secretary. The vote in favor was unanimous.

MOTION: TO GIVE TPAC AUTHORITY SIMILAR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Livingston stated the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee took up this item at their March 10th meeting. The Committee recommended not making any changes to the duties and responsibilities.

Ms. Kososki requested a process for receiving information prior to it being presented to Council be drafted and implemented.

FINANCIAL AUDIT (COUNTY AND CMRTA)

Mr. Hack McGill stated he was on hand to field any questions from the committee regarding the audit.

PROJECT UPDATE

☀ Monthly Progress Report

- Transportation Department has been working with the Program Development Team to develop a monthly progress report.
- The report will be available on the County website.

☀ Blythewood Projects

- Council approved the changes proposed by the TPAC and Transportation Ad Hoc Committee

☀ Resurfacing Package C

- Council approved contract award to Carolina Bridge.
- 10.2% DBE participation in the contract

☀ **Green Street Phase I**

- Council approved contract award to Ladd
- Contract will be going to legal for review and approval
- The project is a “road diet”. It will add sidewalks, greenway landscape, and bikeways.

Ms. Kososki stated that the “Greenway Committee” met on March 18th. Easements in unincorporated areas are still a concern with the committee.

TPAC RECOMMENDATION

☀ **Identify and publicize all Penny-priority projects that have been or are being funded and completed by entities other than Richland County, thereby making it unnecessary for such projects to be funded by the Penny.**

- Mr. Gossett stated some of these projects have been identified.

☀ **Calculate and publicize the total authorized Penny funding for projects that have been, or are being, funded and completed by entities other than Richland County, thereby making it unnecessary for such projects to be funded by the Penny**

☀ **Develop a policy to review and determine the priority of new transportation improvement projects that will be funded by the Penny funds that have become available because they are no longer needed for projects that have been, or are being funded and completed by entities other than Richland County**

Ms. Kososki moved, seconded by Ms. Sumter, to forward the TPAC Committee’s amended recommendations to the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Livingston stated his expectations of the TPAC Committee members were for them to talk with residents in the areas they represent and bring back any ideas/concerns to Council.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 AT 5:30 PM – 2020 HAMPTON STREET

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:34PM