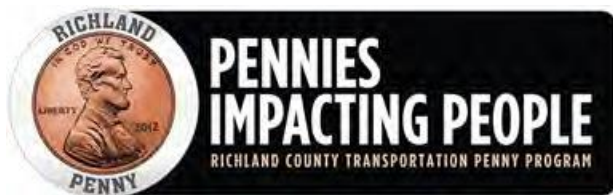


**TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015
2020 HAMPTON STREET, 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**



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, Trevor Bowers, Councilman Paul Livingston, Virginia Sanders, Todd Avant, Carol Kososki, Natalie Britt, Derrick Huggins and J. T. McLawhorn

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Gossett, Tony McDonald, Shawn Salley, Michelle Onley, Tony Edwards, Cheryl Patrick, Brenda Parnell, and Kristen Hutto

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 27, 2015 – The minutes were approved unanimously.

THE COMET UPDATE

No report was given.

AUGUST 2015 PROGRESS REPORT: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Gossett stated:

- ✦ Atlas Road is currently under design
- ✦ Bluff Road Widening Phase I, which is from George Rogers Blvd. to Rosewood Drive and then Rosewood Drive to the SC State Fair entrance. Staff is still negotiating the contract, but should be able to issue a Notice to Proceed by October 1st. Staff will update the TPAC Committee regarding the contract at the next meeting.
- ✦ Bluff Road Widening Phase II will be negotiated once Phase I has been completed.
- ✦ Clemson Road Widening – Public Information meeting is being held tonight. The Program Development Team is doing the 30% plans for this project. Once the comment period has been completed, a contract will be negotiated with one of the on-call firms.

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- ✦ Hardscrabble Road Widening – At the September 25th meeting with SCDOT, it was relayed to staff that the project had been pulled from the December letting due to right-of-way issues. The projected date for receipt of bids is now June 2016.
- ✦ North Main Street – (Phases I, II and III) are in right-of-way now; 33 of 55 tracts have been acquired in Phase III; working with City on railroad permit
- ✦ Pineview Road Widening – Civil Engineering Consulting Services has been awarded the design contract; are currently in survey and starting the design process
- ✦ Shop Road Widening – The Program Development Team is developing plans; concept report due mid-December
- ✦ Design Build Intersection Program (6 projects) – C. R. Jackson has been awarded the contract for the project; pre-construction conference is scheduled for October 8th; the plans for Summit Ridge Dr. and Summit Parkway have been submitted and are currently being reviewed; construction on this project is slated to begin by year's end; Construction on the 5 remaining projects will begin in 2016; the remaining 5 projects are as follows: (1) Broad River Rd. and Rushmore Rd. Intersection, (2) Clemson Rd. and Rhame Rd./North Springs Rd. Intersection, (3) Farrow Rd. and Pisgah Church Rd. Intersection, (4) Kennerly Rd. and Coogler Rd./Steeple Ridge Rd. Intersection, and (5) North Springs Rd. and Risdon Way Intersection
- ✦ Clemson Road and Sparkleberry Lane Intersection – Meeting with SCDOT is being scheduled to discuss concepts for this project
- ✦ Riverbanks Zoo Project – Council approved a construction change order to Rodgers Builders, who has a contract with the Riverbanks Zoo, to move forward with reimbursing the zoo to build the pedestrian bridge over the railroad at the zoo entrance.
- ✦ Greene Street Phase I – Under construction; LAD Construction has that contract
- ✦ Greene Street Phase II – Working with USC and City on the aesthetics of the bridge; Greene Street will extend over the railroad track and out to Huger Street.
- ✦ Broad River Neighborhood Improvements – Parrish & Partners has completed Phase I of the design; staff has received the concept report and their recommendations to move forward with streetscape and sidewalk projects; Phase II scope has been submitted for review; a contract for Phase II design plan will be negotiated with Parrish & Partners; the recommendation to move forward includes: streetscape design of Gibson Street and McRae Street, and sidewalks on Hart Street and Pearl Street; neighborhood adamantly opposed to pedestrian crossover to the Riverwalk.

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- ✦ Gills Creek Greenway – Holt Consulting is under contract for this project; received the concept report; public information meeting is to be held in mid-November; once comments have been obtained a meeting will be held with the Watershed Association to present the public input.
- ✦ Lincoln Tunnel Greenway – Bids have been received and the lowest bid was significantly over the amount of funding available; the Penny has \$839,000 in funding and there is a \$98,850 grant from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for a total of \$991,850; currently in negotiations with the City to see if they will cover the additional funding to have everything built the way the plans call for; if the City is unwilling to cover the additional costs, the project could be bid again and/or elements of the project could be removed
- ✦ Three Rivers Greenway Extension – Met with Mike Dawson and Kenneth Simmons and their plans were presented; outstanding land agreements are in the final phases of being worked out; Army Corp of Engineers, SCDOT and land disturbance permits still need to be acquired.
- ✦ Sidewalk Projects – Being designed in-house; all of the sidewalk packages will be advertised as shelter market projects under the SLBE program
- ✦ Dirt Road Paving Project – There is one road project that has been designed that will be advertised as a sheltered market project under the SLBE program; the engineer’s estimate has been sent over to the OSBO Office and we are currently awaiting a % goal of SLBE participation for the project.
- ✦ Mr. McLawhorn inquired about the letter on p. 19 of the agenda regarding the “Proposed Pedestrian Bridge at Riverbanks Zoo Project” from Ms. Tanner.
- ✦ Mr. Gossett stated Ms. Tanner looked at the efforts of Rodgers Builders to include SLBE participation and in her opinion they did not make a good faith effort to include SLBEs. All of the information was presented to Council with the goal and participation that Rodgers was able to obtain. Council approved moving forward with the contract.
- ✦ Mr. Livingston stated it was more cost effective to negotiate with them to try to do the project. Rodgers was given a goal of 20%. They came in with a percentage lower than 20%; therefore, they were asked to revisit the goal. The SLBE that was slated to do 32% of the work was unable to do so due to the unique nature of the bridge work.
- ✦ Ms. Patrick stated 16-18 local businesses came in to the office to discuss this project. Rodgers continued their outreach to those businesses throughout this project. Two of those firms bid on the project. One of the businesses was awarded the concrete foundation contract for \$250,000 and will be assisted by Rodgers. The other company, Corley Construction, is doing erosion control and will receive \$76,000.

- ✦ Mr. Livingston stated he feels it important for TPAC members to attend the public meetings on the various projects.
- ✦ Mr. Gossett stated the “Special Projects Category” include the Shop Rd. Extension, Kelly Mill Rd., Innovista Transportation Projects, Riverbanks Zoo, Neighborhood Improvement Projects, Commerce Dr. and Assembly St. Railroad.

SLBE PROGRAM UPDATE

- ✦ Currently have 71 SLBE Certified Firms
- ✦ Mr. Mizell requested a list of each firm that has been awarded a contract and how much they were awarded per contract
- ✦ Of the 71 certified firms 24 have received contracts
- ✦ 34% of SLBE firms are participating in a Richland County contract

COUNCIL ACTION UPDATE

- ✦ Design-Build Intersection Construction Contract – C. R. Jackson
- ✦ Three Rivers Greenway Design – Kenneth Simmons
- ✦ Hardscrabble Road Supplemental IGA (SCDOT) – IGA between Richland County and SCDOT which outlines the roles and responsibilities of both entities in producing the project. Also, details the financial participation of Richland County. Council approved IGA on July 21, 2015.
- ✦ On Call Engineering – CECS – Pineview Road – \$2.18 million contract
- ✦ On Call Engineering – Mead & Hunt – Sidewalk – \$1.1 million contract; 30% SLBE/30% DBE participation in contract
- ✦ Resurfacing List Approval – List of roads to be completed in the next 2 years were included in the agenda packet; 36 miles of roads; map of roads is on the Penny website

DIRT ROAD PROGRAM UPDATE

- ✦ Joster Road – Sheltered Market Project – Will be awarded to a SLBE firm
- ✦ Progress Report – List of all dirt roads in the County currently being worked on was included in the agenda packet; those items that are highlighted in green have been completed; Dennis

Corporation has reviewed the roads with the 30% plans and made any adjustments necessary to move forward into right-of-way and construction plans.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mizell inquired if a response had been forwarded in regards to Forest Acres Mayor's letter to County Council.

Mr. Livingston stated he will follow up with the Chair regarding the response.

Mr. Gossett stated it is his understanding the response letter has been drafted by the Clerk's Office and is awaiting final approval by the Chair.

Mr. Gossett stated at the last meeting with the Department of Revenue, it was stated the State's audit of the Transportation Penny should be completed by the end of October.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015 AT 5:30 PM – 2020 HAMPTON STREET

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20PM