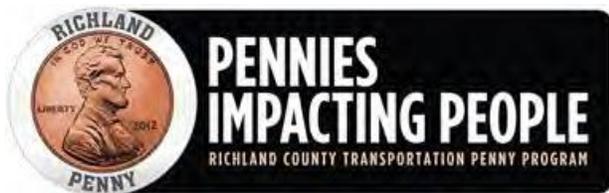


**TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015
2020 HAMPTON STREET, 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**



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, Todd Avant, Carol Kososki, Natalie Britt, J. T. McLawhorn, Bill Wiseman and Dorothy Sumter

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Perry, 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 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 28, 2015 – Mr. Bowers moved, seconded by Ms. Kososki, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SLBE/OSBO PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Patrick stated there are now 79 certified SLBEs.

THE COMET UPDATE

Dr. Schneider stated of the approximately 1,200 bus stops, 486 do not have lighting. That equates to approximately 1/3 of the stops. When choosing a stop location lighting is very important and is one of the criteria taken into account.

- 2.1 million passenger trips
- 35% increase in ridership for the past 6 months
- More than doubled ridership since 2012
- Working to engage millennial ridership (i.e. colleges, Columbia Housing Authority)
- DSS has increased their purchases
- Introduced ½ pass program (½ price for Seniors, Medicaid recipients, etc.)

OCTOBER 2015 PROGRESS REPORT: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Gossett stated:

- ✦ Council approved the typicals for Atlas Rd., Bluff Rd. and Clemson Rd.
- ✦ Council approved design contracts for Bluff Rd. Phase II. It is a \$1.3 million contract with Parrish & Partners, which is a SLBE. The contract has 22.1% DBE participation and 82.3% SLBE participation.
- ✦ Contract signed with Holt Consulting for the design of the Clemson Rd. Project. Holt is also a SLBE. The contract is approximately \$900,000 with 18.9% DBE participation and 56.8% SLBE participation.
- ✦ Bids have been received for Joustler Rd., which is a sheltered market project. The recommendation to award letter from PDT will be forwarded to Council next week.
- ✦ Bids have been received for sidewalk project S-1, which is also a sheltered market project. The recommendation will go to Council for approval next week.
- ✦ The Dirt Road Management Team, Dennis Corporation has identified 7 dirt roads in the program that do not need any right-of-way. Those dirt roads will be advanced to the head of the design list to get them under construction.

Ms. Kososki stated she was thrilled to hear the Lincoln Tunnel is moving ahead.

STATE OF THE PENNY

The State of the Penny will be on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 in Council Chambers.

- ✦ Mr. Perry, Mr. Mizell and Dr. Schneider will give brief remarks.
- ✦ Invite Economist to discuss the economic impact of the Transportation Penny.
- ✦ Provide benchmarks for the Penny Program and the COMET
- ✦ Financial analysis/report for the public.
- ✦ Dept. of Revenue has conducted an audit of the Transportation Program.

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OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016 AT 6:00 PM – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:01PM