



Richland County Council
Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
MINUTES
March 25, 2025 – 3:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Chair, Derrek Pugh, Don Weaver, Tish Dozier Alleyne, and Jessica Mackey

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilwoman Allison Terracio, Councilwoman Chakisse Newton, Councilman Jason Branham, Councilwoman Gretchen Barron, Councilwoman Tyra Little, Jackie Hancock, Michael Maloney, Kenny Bowen, Kyle Holsclaw, Ashiya Myers, Anette Kirylo, Michelle Onley, Angela Weathersby, Tamar Black, Jennifer Wladischkin, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, Stacey Hamm, Maddison Wilkerson, and Lori Thomas

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **February 25, 2025** – Mr. Pugh moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Mackey.
In Favor: Pugh Livingston, Weaver, Alleyne, and Mackey
The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Mackey moved to adopt the agenda as distributed, seconded by Mr. Weaver.
In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Weaver, Alleyne, and Mackey
The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**
 - a. **Transportation Penny Advisory Committee Correspondence: State of the Penny Address Concerns** – Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, stated during the recent Transportation Penny Advisory (TPAC) Meeting they voted to bring to Council their perspective on what the State of the Penny may look like going forward.

Ms. Mackey acknowledged she appreciated the letter from TPAC. She believes having a State of the Penny is important and thinks her colleagues feel the same. Regarding some of the items listed in the letter, Council and staff are open to working with TPAC to deliver a State of the Penny. Her thoughts were to be flexible, not have the same program each year, and be more responsive to what we are hearing from the constituents. In addition, we may not want to always hold the State of the Penny in Chambers (i.e., video or online).
5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**
 - a. **Transportation Needs Assessment** – Mr. Michael Maloney, Transportation Director, pointed out the needs assessment includes the goals, the places where information was gathered, and input from the public. He noted the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) had a list of vetted projects, with original estimates that Stantec reviewed. These projects were included on the maps presented at the community input meetings. Also included are the remaining 2012 Richland Penny Projects and



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March 18, 2025

Transportation Ad hoc Chair Paul Livingston
Transportation Ad hoc Committee Members
County Council Chair Jesica Mackey
County Council Members
Administrator Leonardo Brown
TPAC Membership

Greetings from TPAC!

By a unanimous vote of the members at the TPAC Meeting on March 17, 2025, we present the following on behalf of TPAC:

We are reaching out to express our concerns regarding the proposed format for the 2024 TPAC State of the Penny event currently being handled by the Office of Communications. Our primary concern stems from the significant reduction of TPAC's involvement throughout this process, which undermines the spirit and intent of the event.

The State of the Penny Address is a key responsibility of TPAC. It serves as a platform to highlight the program's progress and achievements, showcasing the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders involved. The 2023 State of the Penny event had a successful format which set a strong precedent by fostering engagement and inclusivity.

According to the County Administrator's Report of Council Actions from September 18, 2012, County Council approved, in part, the following for TPAC:

6. Report of the Joint Transportation Committee: Action below. **ACTION:**
ADMINISTRATION

- a. Oversight/Accountability Committee:** Council approved the following for the Transportation Penny Advisory Committee (TPAC):
- 15 Members
 - Citizens only (ie, no elected officials)
 - Goal of having representation from all 3 transportation modes (Transit, Bicycle / Pedestrian / Greenways, Roadway)
 - Appointments to be made by January 31, 2013
 - A "State of the Penny Address" would occur annually.
 - Members will provide quarterly reports to each respective jurisdiction from which they are appointed.
 - Richland County: 7 (Minimum of 5 from Unincorporated Richland County)



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During the summer of 2023, under the new leadership of Chair John Black, TPAC successfully initiated and delivered the first State of the Penny Address in over a decade. The event was the culmination of months of planning and collaboration, showcasing the collective contributions of TPAC, stakeholders, and county agencies. TPAC's leadership role was critical in ensuring the event was informative, transparent, and reflective of the program's purpose. While presented by Richland County, TPAC's active facilitation was pivotal in engaging the public and stakeholders.

This past June, Chair Black once again initiated planning for the 2024 State of the Penny. While it was initially met with resistance from the Office of Communications, an announcement was made this past July by Susan O'Cain, following discussions with Chair Mackey, that the event would be postponed until early 2025.

It is concerning that the current proposal appears to reduce TPAC's role to a few comments from the Chair. This does not align, in our opinion, with the intended purpose of the event or the collaborative nature we've worked hard to nurture and maintain. It's essential that TPAC's voice and contributions remain a central component of the program, reflecting the committee's leadership and accountability to the community.

We respectfully propose the following adjustments to ensure a balanced and inclusive event:

1. **TPAC Leadership as Event Moderators;** The event should be opened and moderated by TPAC leadership, not the County Administrator, as Council has previously delegated this responsibility to TPAC as noted above. This aligns with TPAC's role as facilitators of transparency and accountability.
2. **Collaborative Agenda:** The agenda should mirror the previous year's successful format and include presentations from:
 - Richland County Public Works
 - South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT)
 - Richland County Economic Development
 - The COMET
 - Office of Small Business Opportunity (OSBO)

This approach ensures all stakeholders have a platform to share their contributions, maintaining transparency and collaboration.

We believe these adjustments are necessary to uphold the integrity of the State of the Penny Address and TPAC's role in the process. We hope you will support our request for a more



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balanced, inclusive format that reflects TPAC's leadership and commitment to serving the community.

It is our hope that you will allow TPAC to lead this event rather than minimizing our involvement as is currently proposed. It is also our intention to cooperate fully with County Council and staff in planning and executing the event.

Yours in agreement,

John Black

TPAC Chairperson

Eva Prioleau

TPAC Vice Chairperson

Chris Keefer

TPAC Secretary

some changes that Council recently approved. All of the projects will be vetted and scored. One of the project managers has been assigned to vet and score the projects but will need assistance with the intersections from an outside consultant.

Mr. Livingston inquired about how we ensure the public does not perceive the needs assessment as a list of projects that Council has approved for completion based on the referendum. He noted we need to make it extremely clear that this is not a list of approved or prioritized projects but a needs assessment.

Mr. Weaver requested a larger copy of the district map.

Mr. Maloney indicated that the map in the agenda packet only represents the CMOG projects, which have not been ranked. The rankings will be available mid-summer.

Ms. Mackey pointed out the rankings will be reviewed and updated annually.

Ms. Mackey moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the 2024 Transportation Needs Assessment, as presented, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Weaver, Alleyne, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. On-Call Engineering Team—Mr. Maloney stated that the Transportation Department put out an RFP to solicit on-call engineering teams to provide construction and engineering services for Richland Penny. The contracts will be renewed every five years. In addition, they will be putting out an RFP for firms that focus solely on one area (e.g., utility design, inspection, or real estate acquisition).

Mr. Pugh inquired if this would circumvent the bid process.

Ms. Jennifer Wladischkin, Procurement Director, indicated this is the result of the bid process.

Mr. Maloney pointed out that the plan is to go through the entire list of on-call engineering firms rather than pick and choose. Firms that exhibit quality and schedule-driven completion will be granted additional assignments.

Ms. Mackey inquired if there would be an opportunity for additional on-call engineers to be added.

Mr. Maloney responded in the affirmative.

The County Attorney Patrick Wright reiterated the list of on-call engineers can be adjusted anytime.

Ms. Mackey moved to forward to Council to approve the list of consultants who submitted to be a part of the On-Call Engineering Team (OET) for public transportation projects, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Weaver, Alleyne, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Pugh moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Weaver, Alleyne, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:24 PM.



TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, March 17, 2025
2020 HAMPTON STREET, 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Black, Peyton Brown, Chris Keefer, Haskell Kibler, Shirley Robinson, Clint Scoville, Kamal Shlon, Eva Prioleau, Ron Williams, Ashton Williams, and Leroy Faber

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Maloney, Whitney Strother, LaSasha Breland, Jackie Bowers, Ali Eliadorani, Timary Harris, Rosalyn Andrews, David Beatty, Leonardo Brown

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Black.

John Black confirms there is a forum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public comment was submitted. (see attachment).

OSBO UPDATES

John Black calls for OSBO to give their report.

LaSasha Breland gives report for Office of Small Businesses (see attachment).

COMET UPDATES

John Black calls for COMET to give their report.

Rosalyn Andrews gives report for the COMET (see attachment).

TRANSPORTATION PENNY UPDATE

ITEM 6a. Discuss and consider the acceptance of the Transportation Needs Assessment Report

Michael Maloney: reviews the major points of the needs assessment report given the lengthy report.

Maloney: highlights the various input stakeholders and the remaining 2012 transportation projects.

Maloney: reviews projects on the needs assessment. (See attachment).

John Black: ask if the information MM was reviewing was already approved by TPAC.

Maloney: states that the final needs assessment report was never approved by the TPAC committee but they would like to get it approved and get full council vote on it.

Leroy Faber: asked if the projects from the 2012 list would take priority over the new projects.

Michael Maloney: States that yes they do take priority to be launched into design first.

John Black: ask for clarification on if the 2012 projects being transferred over to the new penny a result of inflation and revenue cap.

Michael Maloney: states that is correct. The revenue was captured in 13.5 yrs vs. 23 years due to the cap and the list of projects that are not funded and remaining from the 2012 referendum will be completed in the new penny.

John Black: reiterated that he thought that the TPAC had already approved the needs assessments





Leonardo Brown: TPAC did receive the preliminary needs assessment and what was contained in there at the time. It wasn't the final report, you took that information and made a recommendation given the items that were listed in there.

John Black: Is there a motion to accept this report as presented? Chris Keefer has a hand raised.

Chris Keefer: Mr. Maloney does this report give you and the transportation dept. all the information you need from a needs assesment stand point to do what you need to do?

Michael Maloney: yes ma'am, this report plus the Principles document.

Eva Prioleau: Will this final report allow for additional projects to be recommended/added to this report?

Michael Maloney: I would suggest what you did last month with that process.

John Black: Is there a motion to accept the Transportation Needs Assesment as presented?

Eva Prioleau moved to make the recommendation as a final report. Ron Williams second. **Motion passed unanimous.**

ITEM 6b. Discuss and consider the Special Project, Commerce Drive Improvements with a budget of \$5M for other aviation transportation pavement projects.

Michael Maloney:

The original project was to relocate the Commerce Drive in support of a runway extension. That is not likely to occur at least in a very long time. So we are requesting consideration of up to \$1million of the special project to be reallocated for this transportation use. The use is \$600,000 for non grant eligible driving and parking areas, and \$400,000 for local FAA grant match of aircraft and service vehicle taxiways.

John Black: So this is only a \$1 million request not \$5million?

Michael Maloney: Correct

John Black: Is there a motion approve this request not to exceed \$1million?

Eva Prioleau move to consider up to \$1Mil. to be allocated for the aviation use of Jim Hamilton Airport. Chris Keefer second. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Michael Maloney: gives up to date on citizen call. They continue to work on Sunset Drive to open up the road. There's also a shutdown on Community Road up in Blythewood. He provides update on other projects in construction.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Black discussed the 2025 Annual State of the Penny update. Do we have any kind of update?

Administrator Brown states from his notes that there was a question asked about whether or not the information was reviewed and voted on by the TPAC. To the extend that you did vote on that and approve that, that is something that we would need to get to AD-HOC. An option moving forward could be for your team to take a vote since there is a quorum to get approval.

John Black says feedback was submitted on 12/17/24 and it was emailed and hand delivered to AD-HOC and we never received any feedback.

Administrator Brown states the notes says that there was no formal action that occur on there because there wasn't a quorum at the previous meeting. If the committee is aware of that now you can always consider taking a vote on that if you want to do that today.

John Black reads committee feedback for a vote.





Leroy Faber ask what is the criteria to get a project approved? We are doing a needs assessment in the Town of Eastover. What metrics are you going to use to identify projects that we need in our small town being that we are not able to produce the amount of traffic flow?

Michael Maloney answers saying that the principles document and the traffic flow can affect whether the project is community investment or county advancement. The biggest point is safety and safety isn't always volume driven. It would have to be evaluated. Maybe we can talk to you one on one to give you a rundown and discuss.

Ron Williams ask if John Black ever got a response to the letter he read?

John Black says there was never a response.

Eva Prioleau would like to move forward in making a recommendation to approve the 2025 State of the Penny address response letter with the appropriate revisions to County Council and to the Ad-hoc committee. Ron Williams second it. Motion passed unanimous. We will get this corrected and get it sent out within the next day or so.

ADJOURN

REMINDER—NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025 AT 4:00 PM

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:02PM.





TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Transportation Penny Advisory Committee **AGENDA**

Monday, March 17, 2025 - 4:00 PM via

In person, Zoom, & live on Richland County YouTube

2020 Hampton Street Columbia SC 29203 4th Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order

Mr. John Black

2. Meeting Minutes

Mr. John Black

3. Public Comments

Mr. John Black

4. Office of Small Business Opportunity (OSBO)

Ms. La'Sasha Breland

5. The COMET Program "

COMET

6. Transportation Program

Mr. Michael Maloney

Action Items:

- a. Discuss and consider the acceptance of the Transportation Needs Assessment Report
- b. Discuss and consider the Special Project, Commerce Drive Improvements with a budget of \$5M for other aviation transportation pavement projects.

7. Other Business

Mr. John Black

2025 Annual State of The Penny Update

Next scheduled meeting - April 21, 2025

8. Adjournment

Public Comments:

- Dear Richland County Pennies for Progress Program, I'm writing to ask about progress on the Sunset Drive sidewalk project. Our next neighborhood association meeting is Monday, March 17 and it would be very helpful to be able to give an update on this project. Several residents have asked when it's expected that the project will be completed and the road reopened.