



Richland County Council
Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
MINUTES
April 22, 2025 – 4:00 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 Cheryl English, Jackie Hancock, Michael Maloney, Kenny Bowen, Kyle Holsclaw, Ashiya Myers, Anette Kirylo, Michelle Onley, Angela Weathersby, Tamar Black, Jennifer Wladischkin, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, and Lori Thomas

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 4:06 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **March 25, 2025** – Ms. Mackey moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Pugh moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**
 - a. **Award of Construction – Resurfacing Bid Package U** – Mr. Michael Maloney, Transportation Director, stated that staff recommends the award of the contract to Armstrong Contractors, LLC. They were the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$2,739,000. This would include a 15% contingency for a total approved amount of \$3,149,850. The projects in the bid are listed on p. 13 of the agenda packet and are in Council Districts 8 and 9.

Ms. Alleyne inquired if the County had worked with Armstrong Contractors and successfully completed projects in the past.

The County Administrator, Leonardo Brown, responded that the County has done work with Armstrong in the past.

Jennifer Wladischkin, Procurement Director, has worked with Armstrong Contractors for many years and was previously part of the Small Local Business Enterprise program.

Ms. Mackey moved to recommend the award of the contract to Armstrong Contractor, LLC, in the amount of \$2,739,000, including a 15% contingency for a total approved amount of \$3,149,850, seconded by Ms. Alleyne.

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

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION** – Mr. Maloney indicated the upcoming Transportation Informational Meetings are as follows:

- April 24, 5:00-7:00 PM, Shop Road Extension (Phase 2), Bluff Road Park, 148 Carswell Drive, Columbia
- May 6, 6:00 PM, Broad River Road Project, Irmo Town Hall, 7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo
- May 19, 2:00 PM, Greenways Commission Meeting, Zoom
- May 19, 4:00 PM, Transportation Penny Advisory Committee, 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia
- May/June 5:00-7:00 PM, Kelly Mill Road, TBD

CURRENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Projects in Construction:

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- Percival Road Sidewalk: Construction started in January 2025 and should be completed in September 2025.
- Resurfacing Package U: The project has been recommended by staff for award and is awaiting Council approval.

Projects in Right-of-Way Acquisition: Mr. Maloney noted there is a shortage of right-of-way acquisition agents and appraisers.

Ms. Mackey inquired if the County needs to bring on more agents and appraisers to help us.

Mr. Maloney responded in the affirmative. He stated they are looking at positions in the upcoming budget to help them.

- Broad River Road Widening: The On-Call Engineering Team (OET) is acquiring Rights of Way and easements for the project. All applicable permits and submittals are proceeding as planned. The project will initially start with temporary signals and a utility move in designated sections.
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covenant on the Vulcan property. Currently working on alternatives to potentially shift the alignment and mitigate the right-of-way issue.

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- Spears Creek Church Road Widening: Received authorization to proceed with right-of-way acquisition from SCDOT. Design modification approved for OET to update SCDOT's bridge drawings in accordance with the 2024 bridge design memos.
- Lower Richland Boulevard Widening: Received authorization to proceed with right-of-way from SCDOT. Target right-of-way completion is November 2025.
- Broad River Road Corridor Neighborhood Improvement Project: Received authorization to proceed with right-of-way acquisition.
- Decker/Woodfield Neighborhood Improvement Project: Performing land acquisition for Brookfield Road and Hunt Club Road. Faraway Road Sidewalk is completed. Construction plans for Hunt Club Road have been submitted to SCDOT.

Projects in Design: See p. 18 of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee agenda for additional information.

Program Planning:

- Transportation Penny staff is starting the project scoring for projects in the 2024 Needs Assessment.
- Transportation will require a consultant to help prepare the project plan for road widenings and intersection improvements.
- Transportation will require another consultant to help prepare the project plan for bike-ped projects.
- There are three areas where government experts are needed for project scoring.
 - Outside funding opportunities: Reginald Simmons, CMCOG-MOP, has offered to help identify funding opportunities.
 - Economic development areas: Economic Development/Planning & Development – Collaboration with County staff and OET.
 - Blight elimination areas: Community Development – Collaboration with County staff and OET.

Mr. Weaver inquired when the 2012 road pavings would be completed.

Mr. Maloney projected the roads would likely be paved in 7-10 years.

Mr. Weaver asked if it would be beneficial to utilize a greenways expert.

Mr. Maloney indicated it is in their budget request for FY25- 26.

6. **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 4:33 PM.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION**

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Transportation Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Mike Maloney, PE	Title:	Director
Department:	Transportation	Division:	
Date Prepared:	March 31, 2025	Meeting Date:	April 22, 2025
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email	Date:	April 14, 2025
Budget Review	Maddison Wilkerson via email	Date:	April 7, 2025
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email	Date:	April 4, 2025
Approved for consideration:		Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM
Meeting/Committee	Transportation Ad Hoc		
Subject	Award of construction - Resurfacing Package U		

RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:

County staff recommend the award of contract to Armstrong Contractors, LLC with the lowest responsive, responsible bid in the amount of \$2,739,000 to include a 15% contingency for a total approved amount of \$3,149,850.

Request for Council Reconsideration: ☒ Yes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

The bid comes in below the engineer's estimate of \$3,818,425.10. The savings will allow the Penny to fund additional resurfacing projects.

Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:

Fund: 1332 Transportation Tax Roadways

Cost Center: 9950 Capital Projects

Spend Category: Construction

Project: Resurfacing Package U

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:

On February 11, 2025, bids were received for solicitation RC-698-B-25 Resurfacing Package U. There were four (4) submittals which were reviewed and found to have no discrepancies. Procurement recommends award to Armstrong Contractors, the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

None applicable

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IMPACT:

Project Referendum:	2012 Transportation Penny		
Project Name:	Resurfacing Package U		
From:	District 8	To:	District 9
Project Category:	Resurfacing		
Project Services:	Construction		
Project Type <small>(2024 Referendum Only)</small>	Click or tap to enter a date.		

Transportation Project Budgetary Impact:

Total Project Budget:	\$6,500,000
Requested Amount:	\$3,149,850
Remaining Project Budget:	\$3,350,150

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The thirty six roads in the Resurfacing Package U bid package provide almost eight miles of restored roads. The pavements have a rating that requires restoring the roads from existing poor conditions to excellent conditions. The existing Pavement Conditions Index (PCI) values range from 30 to 52; 100 is excellent. The work needed includes pavement and base rehabilitation, replacement of curb and gutter, milling, full-depth patching, and resurfacing of approximately 7.91 miles of roadway located in Richland County.

ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INITIATIVE:

Goal: Plan for growth through inclusive and equitable infrastructure

Objective: Create Excellent Facilities

SUMMATIVE OVERALL COUNTY IMPACT:

- This project was anticipated with funding from the 2012 referendum for a Sales and Use Tax.
- The roads involved help balance the Penny expenses in the Council District prorata.
- The work involved restores the drivability and walkability of the roads involved.
- This project received a bid lower than the engineer's estimate.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Recommendation Letter
2. Listing of Roads

**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

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Attachment 1



February 12, 2025

To: Mr. Michael Maloney, Director of Transportation

From: Deramus Forrester, Contract Analyst

CC: Mrs. Jennifer Wladischkin, Director of Procurement, Dr. Ali Eliadorani, Project Manager

Re: RC-698-B-25 Resurfacing Package U

On February 11, 2025, bids were received for solicitation RC-698-B-25 Resurfacing Package U. There were four (4) submittals which were reviewed and found to have no discrepancies. The bids received were as follows:

Resurfacing Package U Project - BID RESULTS SUMMARY	
BIDDER	SUBMITTED BID
Armstrong Contractors, LLC	\$2,739,000.00
Blythe Construction, Inc	\$3,346,173.26
Palmetto Corp of Conway, Inc	\$3,930,301.35
Truerock Construction, LLC	\$4,943,353.05

Further review shows that Armstrong Contractors, LLC. is duly licensed in South Carolina to perform this work. A copy of their license is attached.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference was held at 10 a.m. on January 23, 2025, during which attendees gained information and bidding directives for the project. See the attached sign-in log.

Attached is a final bid tab sheet for your reference which indicates Armstrong Contractors' bid is 28.3% lower than the Engineer's Estimate of \$3,818,425.10, dated December 17, 2024. There was not a SLBE goal established for this project.

It is Procurement's recommendation that a contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Armstrong Contractors, LLC to include a 15% construction contingency of \$410,850.00.

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING
2020 HAMPTON STREET, SUITE 3064, COLUMBIA, SC 29204-1002

Project #: RC-698-B-25	Project Name: Resurfacing Package U	Date: 1/23/2025	
		Time: 10 am	
COMPANY NAME	REPRESENTATIVE	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE/FAX
Palmetto Corp of Conway	Lou Almonte	lalmonte@palmettocorp.com	843-365-2156
Armstrong Contractor's	Erik McDonald	erik@armstrongcontractors.com	
Richland County	Tamar Black	black.tamar@richlandcountysc.gov	803-576-2132
Richland County	Ali Eliadorani	eliadorani.ali@richlandcountysc.gov	
Richland County	Deramus Forrester	forrester.deramus@richlandcountysc.gov	803-576-2133
	Parker McInnis		

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Board: Commercial Contractors

ARMSTRONG CONTRACTORS LLC

600 LONGTOWN ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29229-0018
(803) 788-1190

License number: 107878

License type: GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Status: ACTIVE

Expiration: 10/31/2026

First Issuance Date: 01/28/2003

Classification:

Asphalt Paving-AP5

Water & Sewer Lines-WL5

Qualified By: Financial Statement

President / Owner: MICHAEL ARMSTRONG

[Click here for Classification definitions and licensee's contract dollar limit](#)

Supervised By

ARMSTRONG MICHAEL (CQG)

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Board Public Action History:

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No Orders Found

		Armstrong Contractors	Blythe Construction Inc	Palmetto Corp of Conway	Truerock Construction LLC
RC-698-B-25	Total Cost	\$2,739,000.00	\$ 3,346,173.26	\$3,930,301.35	\$ 4,943,353.05
Resurfacing Package U					
Due Date 2/11/2025 at 2 pm					

RESURFACING PACKAGE “U”

SCOPE

Milling, full depth patching, and/or resurfacing of approximately 7.91 miles of roadway located within Richland County.

Project Length: ~7.9 mi

District: 8 and 9

PM: Ali Eliadorani

Road Name	District	Length (mi)	Road Name	District	Length (mi)
Castleton Ln	8	0.07	Blue Bill Ct	9	0.02
Fishers Wood Ct	8	0.04	Camp Creek Dr	9	0.95
Fishers Wood Dr	8	0.21	Coach Trail Ct	9	0.05
Laurel Ridge Dr	8	0.06	Dibble Ln	9	0.19
London Ln	8	0.09	Gracewood Dr	9	0.08
Muirfield Ct E	8	0.14	Greenglen Dr	9	0.14
Old Park Cir	8	0.09	Holliday Rd	9	0.45
Ridge Point Dr	8	0.04	Hunters Hill Dr	9	0.29
Rose Creek Ct	8	0.20	Mallet Hill Ct	9	0.26
Rothberry Ct	8	0.07	McNeely Rd	9	0.17
Shadow Grey Ct	8	0.10	Miles Park Dr	9	0.08
Springbrook Rd	8	0.20	N Lake Pointe Dr	9	0.47
Troon Ct	8	0.05	Old Clemson Rd	9	0.41
Unnamed St No 3 (CR-104)	8	0.18	Rivkin Blvd	9	0.43
Wild Rose Ct	8	0.03	Roseberry Ln	9	0.05
Worthington Pkwy	8	0.32	Silver Lake Rd E	9	0.27
			Tallawood Ln	9	0.51
			Tamwood Ln	9	0.37
			Wildewood Park Dr	9	0.18
			Woodchase Ln	9	0.14

PUBLIC STATUS: Closing date for the bid to award the contract for construction was on 2/11/25. The lowest bidder has been determined and Transportation is waiting to receive the official results from the Procurement Department.

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Informational Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Michael Maloney, P.E.	Title:	Director
Department:	Transportation	Division:	
Date Prepared:	April 16, 2025	Meeting Date:	April 22, 2025
Approved for consideration:		Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCM
Meeting/Committee	Transportation Ad Hoc		
Subject:	Transportation Updates		

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 24	5:00-7:00 pm	Shop Road Extension Phase 2 Public Information Meeting	Bluff Road Park 148 Carswell Dr, Columbia, SC 29209
May 6	6:00 pm	Update Irmo Town Council Broad River Road project	Irmo Town Hall 7300 Woodrow St, Irmo, SC 29063
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Projects in Design

Bluff Rd Improvements, Phase 2	Final ROW plans and comments submitted to SCDOT for review in November 2024.
Polo Rd Widening	Design review and adjustments are occurring based on SCDOT comments.
Blythewood Rd Area Improvement	For McNulty Road - Awaiting ROW plans approval for ATP into ROW acquisition. The encroachment permits for Creech Road have been approved. Creech Road is underway with ROW acquisition.
Shop Rd Widening	Hydro response and updated ROW plans were submitted to SCDOT on 3/7/24. Expected to receive ATP for ROW from SCDOT.
Clemson Rd & Sparkleberry Ln Intersection	Awaiting SCDOT approval for ROW plans.
Kelly Mill Rd Special Project	SCDOT reviewed the 30% design. ROW plans have been submitted to SCDOT. Planning the Public Information Meeting for May or June.
Shop Rd Extension Special Project Phase 2	Preliminary design/concept has commenced for support in upcoming public meetings.
Crane Creek Greenway	In the process of obtaining and finalizing the City's flood permit, land disturbance permit and navigable water permit. Easement documents being prepared.
Gills Creek Greenway	Completing the design and acquisition process. Meeting set up in April 2025 with City of Columbia regarding the location of alignment along Crowson Rd.

Jackson Creek (Columbia Mall) Greenway	A public information meeting is expected to schedule soon.
NIPs	Trenholm/New Castle, Crane Creek, and SERN phase 2 are all awaiting an encroachment permit from SCDOT.
Dirt Road Paving Program	Several projects are in design and land acquisition.
Three Rivers Greenway Phase 2	The Penny will bid the project out to contractors. Finalizing the project manual.
Bikeways	Awaiting a request from the City of Columbia for the funds for eight bikeways.

Program Planning

Transportation Penny staff is starting the project scoring for projects in the 2024 Needs Assessment.

Transportation will require a consultant to help prepare the project plan for road widenings and intersection improvements.

- Photos of projects
- Maps images of projects
- Prepare project descriptions
- Analyze traffic accident reports
- Sub consult to a traffic counting firm
- Document roadway lane needs thru 2050, and preliminary warrant analysis for intersections.

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- Photos of projects
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- Analyze neighborhoods in need of connection to schools, parks, shopping.
- Analyze fitment and conditions for bike traffic
- Compare to local studies/plans.

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