

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
April 22, 2008

- Committee Members:** Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Leggett-Tyndall, Council Liaison; Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Dan Walker; Rosemarie Nuzzo; Bob Ferrell, Rosemary Wilson, Wally Bledsoe, Jim Starling, David McGehee
- Present:** Britt Poole, Jay Koon
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Ruinen at 8:15 AM. Extra copies of the agenda were distributed.
- March Minutes:** Susan asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the March minutes. Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Dan Walker seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- Update:** Hazel Tyndall reported to committee members on applications for matching funds to acquire right-of-way for the Traffic Plan. During Work Session, Council discussed creation of a right-of-way preservation corridor. The new setbacks will improve the Town's priority rating in the CMCOG ranking system for projects.
- Publix Update:** The cost estimates for the intersection improvements on US 378 at Publix 378 have been completed. (handout attached) The original plan was modified to include a landscaped median and a slightly changed curve on the turn. Britt told committee members that the Town is working on agreements with Publix and SCDOT. Susan Ruinen commented that a plan for education of the public about the change should be started. Britt stated that plans include flyers to the businesses about the construction project and intersection changes. The Lexington Police Department will support an enforcement campaign for the change.
- SAFE Federal Update:** Improvements are almost complete at the SAFE Federal Credit Union intersection with US 1.
- New Phases for Traffic Plan:** Britt Poole distributed copies of the Preliminary Right of Way study for the Traffic Plan. (attached) Hazel Tyndall asked committee members to consider ways to communicate with the businesses affected by the changes. Right-of-way donations should be encouraged with explanations of the advantages such as tax write offs and public acknowledgements of contributions. Susan Ruinen commented that details including sidewalks and curb cuts would need to be clarified before presentations could be done.

Britt explained that this plan is preliminary and SCDOT would like the Town of Lexington to approve before the plan is revised and finalized. Dan Walker made a motion that the Traffic Committee supports moving forward with the plan. David McGhee seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 8:15 AM in the Eli Mack Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bob Ferrell, seconded by Clyde Smith and unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair