

## Traffic Committee

### MINUTES

November 17, 2009

#### Committee Members

##### Present:

Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Dan Walker; David McGehee; Frank Berry; Randy Edwards; Rosemary Wilson; Rosemarie Nuzzo; Sandy Paavel; Bob Ferrell

##### Attending:

Britt Poole, Jay Koon, Terrence Green, Leah Youngblood, Brad Cunningham

##### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

##### October Minutes:

Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the October minutes. David McGehee made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rosemary Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

##### Update:

Britt Poole gave a brief report on the recent Washington DC trip. Funding earmarks are to be determined.

##### Gateway to Lexington:

Britt discussed plans regarding gateways into Lexington. The intersection of 378 and I-20 is being considered. Comments should be emailed to Hazel Tyndall.

##### Swartz @ East Main:

Terrence Green reported that five accidents were recorded between Taylor Drive and Swartz Road on East Main Street within the past two years. Susan Ruinen commented that the wall along East Main at that intersection creates a limited sight distance. Randy Edwards said that Swartz Road had been studied for a possible realignment but the results showed no significant improvement in sight distances. Susan Ruinen proposed that the committee table the consideration of restrictions on a left turn from Swartz Road to East Main Street and monitor the intersection for problems. Rosemary Wilson noted that future improvements on East Main Street will include that intersection.

##### Coventry Lake Drive:

There was discussion regarding the request for an all-way stop at the intersection with Bluebill Court. Sight distances measured 150 feet from the top of the hill and 220 feet from the bottom of the hill. The posted speed limit is 25 mph. Randy Edwards observed that the speed study showed excellent compliance. **Dan Walker made a motion to deny the request for an all-way stop at that intersection. Bob Ferrell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.** Dan Walker said he would contact the resident who made the request.

##### Mineral Springs Road:

SCDOT and CMCOG are continuing to investigate proposed improvements at the Mineral Springs road intersection with 378.

**Cross Walk on Main St:** Susan Ruinen led a discussion regarding pedestrian crossing signage at the mid-block of Main Street. Randy Edwards reported that there are specifications in the federal requirements. Susan agreed to check regarding standards and report at the January meeting.

**Traffic Counts:** There was discussion regarding the speed limit along East Main St/US 1. SCDOT evaluated the traffic counts and did not recommend a change at this time.

**Main Street Project:** The Traffic Improvement Plan Phase I is at the stage of acquiring right of way. Britt Poole invited committee members to come by his office to review the plans.

**Target/Travinia driveways:** Britt Poole reported that discussions are ongoing between Edens&Avant and the business owners regarding improvements to the entrance across from Target on 378.

**Hess at US 378:** After reports of drivers turning left out of the Hess station across four lanes and through a median onto 378, the Lexington Police Department reviewed accident data. Jay Koon reported no accidents at that location in the past two years. After some discussion, the committee members agreed to monitor the area and take no action at this time.

Dan Walker commented on the hazardous intersection on South Lake Drive at Middlebrook Drive and Parker Street. Left turns are hazardous due to limited line of sight and vehicles passing on the right of a vehicle waiting to turn left off of South Lake Drive. This issue will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Rosemary Wilson observed that the new traffic signals at the I-20 exit ramp onto 378 seem very close together. Susan Ruinen will add this to the January agenda.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 8:00 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 Clyde Smith, seconded by Randy Edwards with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Susan Ruinen, Chair**