

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
March 16, 2010

Committee Members

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Tyndall, Council Liaison; Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Dan Walker; Frank Berry; Randy Edwards; Rosemarie Nuzzo; Larry Yon; Wally Bledsoe; Bob Ferrell; David McGehee

Attending: Randy Halfacre, Ted Stambolitis, Britt Poole, Jay Koon, Terrence Green, Brad Cunningham, Dennis Jones

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

February Minutes: Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the February 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 commented on the February 18 Public Meeting with SCDOT regarding proposed improvements to US 378, US 1 and West Butler Street. Kati Holland from SCDOT will present a summary of comments collected at that meeting to the Traffic Committee on a date to be determined.

Ted Stambolitis expressed concerns regarding the raised median on 378 the effect on access to businesses, the use of the term “suicide lane” and the impact of construction being done during daytime hours.

Hazel Tyndall remarked that the proposed improvements are designed to facilitate the flow of traffic.

Britt Poole reported that Kati Holland stated she would be able to do a presentation for the Traffic Committee on the 17th at 10 am, the 18th at 2 pm, or the 22nd at 10 am or 2 pm. Dan Walker made a motion that the committee hold the additional meeting for the presentation on Monday, March 22 at 2 pm. Randy Edwards seconded the motion. All members were in favor, none opposed.

Brad Cunningham commented that public notice would need to be posted no later than Friday, March 19.

Target/Travinia: Britt Poole reported that SCDOT is working with the property owners at this location on 378 regarding right of way for sidewalk improvements. A possible realignment of the access is being included in those plans.

Golden Hills Left turn: Terrence Green will research the accidents at the intersection of US 378 and Scotland Drive. Britt Poole will send a letter regarding a left turn lane on Scotland Drive.

Hope Ferry Improvements: Britt Poole discussed plans for a turn lane on Hope Ferry Road to provide access to the Walgreens. Future improvements will include two lanes turning in and two lanes turning out at Hope Ferry Road and 378.

Swartz at US 1: Terrence Green distributed copies of photos of the intersection at Swartz and US 1. He reported a one week traffic count from Swartz Road at 1452. He proposed a no left turn sign from Swartz Road onto US1. Susan Ruinen said SCDOT would need to do a sight distance and turn analysis study. Randy Edwards suggested obtaining more detailed traffic counts over a longer period of time.

Road Widening Projects: Bob Ferrell discussed the Central Midlands Council of Governments Columbia Area Transportation Study and funding options to support projects. Mr. Dennis Jones was introduced by Larry Yon. He expressed concerns regarding the plans for construction of new schools at Corley Mill Road. Randy Halfacre suggested that the Lexington District One offices could provide details about traffic planning for that project.

SCDOT meeting: Susan Ruinen told committee members that the distributed handout with the summary list of comments from the Public Information Meeting on Phase I would be discussed at the special Traffic Meeting with SCDOT.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 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 Larry Yon, seconded by Bob Ferrell with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

Approved By: _____

Susan Ruinen, Chair