TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017  
4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

NO QUORUM PRESENT

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Derrick Huggins, Philip Simoneaux, Frank Anderson, Malcolm Gordge, Jack Oliver, Virginia Sanders, and J. T. McLawhorn and Councilman Norman Jackson

OTHERS PRESENT: Tony Edwards, Michelle Onley, Brenda Parnell, Roger Sears, and Shawn Salley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:33 p.m.

CITIZEN’S INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

AUDIT UPDATE

The audit of the Transportation Program is ongoing and Administration has not received a final report.

Ms. Sanders inquired as to why the audit has taken so long to be completed.

Mr. Edwards stated he was unsure as to why it has taken so long. He knows the Administrator and Mr. Perry have been in discussion regarding it.

Mr. Huggins stated he would speak with Mr. Perry about obtaining an interim status report for the next meeting.

SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The OSBO Update was included in the agenda packet.
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THE COMET

Mr. Huggins stated the Board is currently negotiating a contract for an Interim Executive Director.

- By June the entire fleet of buses will be replaced.
- 12 shelters and approximately 12 benches have been installed
- Celebrating 125th Anniversary of Transit

Ms. Sanders suggested having the County Council members approach the business owners that are resistant to having shelters and benches placed on their property.

Mr. McLawhorn suggested rallying the people in the neighborhoods to petition these businesses.

Mr. Simoneaux also suggested going to the local media about the need for the shelters at these businesses.

PDT UPDATE

DESIGN:

- Atlas Road – revised 95% Complete Plans under review by PDT
- Bluff Widening Phase 2 – revised 70% Complete Plans to be submitted to SCDOT this month
- North Springs/Harrington Intersection – 30% Complete Plans under review by PDT
- Greene Street Phase 2 – revised 95% Complete Plans under review by PDT
- Clemson Road Widening – 100% Final Construction Plans submitted to SCDOT last month
- Polo Road Shared-Use Path - Right-of-Way acquisition has begun

PROCUREMENT:

- Preparing bid package for May advertisement to include 25 Dirt Roads, Caper’s sidewalk, and Resurfacing Package N
- Reviewing bids for Resurfacing packages I, J, K, L and M
- Reviewing bids for 3 Rivers Greenway

CONSTRUCTION:

- Construction continues on Clemson/N. Springs intersection
- Resurfacing Package H is underway
- Bluff Widening Phase I is underway with curb and gutter in place adjacent to fairgrounds
- Shop Road Extension Phase I has substantially completed clearing and grubbing
- North Main Street road construction to begin in 2 weeks
- Senate sidewalk project is complete
MISC.:  

- Hard copies of the March 2017 Monthly Progress Report and Financial Status Report were distributed. The 2016 Annual Report is available to the public via the website and at the Administration Building.

Ms. Sanders inquired about the value of the bids that will be advertised in early May.

Mr. Beatty stated the bids would equate to approximately $6 million and there will be a SLBE goal.

Mr. McLawhorn inquired if additional funds that are brought into the program are under the PDT’s umbrella.
Mr. Beatty answered in the affirmative.

Mr. McLawhorn then inquired if they follow the same procurement process.
Mr. Beatty again answered in the affirmative.

Mr. McLawhorn inquired as to what happens to extra funding that is received by the Penny Program.
Mr. Beatty stated those funds will be utilized to offset the shortfall on projects.

Mr. McLawhorn inquired if the list of projects can be amended.
Mr. Beatty stated it was his understanding the approved projects have to be fulfilled and then there will be an opportunity to revisit the 2\textsuperscript{nd} grouping of projects.

Ms. Sanders inquired if the TIGER Grant funds are earmarked for specific projects.
Mr. Beatty answered in the affirmative.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Edwards stated the Transportation staff attended the 2017 SC Highway Engineers Conference.

- SCDOT needs $11 billion to bring the overall network up to good conditions
- May 16\textsuperscript{th} Transportation Ad Hoc Committee meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action was taken due to lack of quorum.
OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Norman Jackson stated the Administrator is currently drafting a letter to address the PDT’s concerns with the audit.

Mr. Huggins stated the COMET will provide more information on how they have increased ridership, about the programs that are being put in the “substations” that provide information on diabetes, cardiac health, jobs, etc.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: MAY 22, 2017 – 2020 HAMPTON STREET