TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014
2020 HAMPTON STREET, 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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: Hayes Mizell, Carol Kososki, Elise Bidwell, Virginia Sanders, Trevor Bowers, Dorothy Sumter, Jennifer Bishop

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Gossett, Tony Edwards, Tony McDonald, Quinton Epps, Rob Perry and Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 27, 2014 – There was not a quorum present; therefore, approval of the minutes was not taken up at the meeting.

CITIZENS’ INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

UPDATE FROM SLBE PROGRAM

December 8th, 6:00-8:00 PM, Council Chambers: SLBE Public Outreach Meeting
Office of Small Business Opportunity was opened on November 19th
On-line application process is now available

PDT UPDATE

PDT Office is located at 201 Arbor Lake Drive in the Fontaine Business Center. There is presently 25 members of the project staff working from this office and the Construction and Inspection staff will also be housed here.
The project scopes from the original study have been validated and will be posted on the website in the near future.

Cost estimates have been updated by category and will also be posted on the website in the near future.

The project have been ranked by category and approved by Council at the October 7, 2014 meeting. The rankings are on the website.

Two public meetings have been held.

One meeting was held in Southeast Richland County (Southeast Regional Neighborhood Plan) on September 25, 2014. About 40 residents attended. Comments were received and compiled. A meeting with Councilman Jackson will be held in the near future to discuss the comments. The public displays are on the website.

The other meeting was held at the intersection of Kennerly and Coogler in Northwest Richland County.

Postcards were sent to residents and businesses in a ½ mile radius, HOAs were contacted, and media alerts were implemented.

A Utility Coordination Manual to identify and relocate utilities impacted has been drafted. The manual is currently being reviewed by local utility companies.

The Right-of-Way Process Manual can be utilized on both Penny Program projects and other Richland County projects.

The Procurement Manual will outline the process for procuring future contracts.

Project Controls have been implemented including Project Tracking, Cost Tracking, Scheduling and Budgeting and Reporting.

Framework for public involvement is nearly complete. The website went live on November 14th. A Speaker’s Bureau request form is included on the website to request a member of the PDT or County Staff to come to speak to their group. Thus far 3 requests have been received.

Two separate resurfacing packages have been prepared and bids were received on November 20th.

Dirt Road “Package E” was prepared and bids were received on November 4th for 4 roads located in Lower Richland and Construction Management and Inspection for “Package D” is being performed on 3 roads located in the Northeast.

There are 6 Design/Build Intersections: Kennerly/Coogler, Broad River/Rushmore, Farrow/Pisgah, Clemson/North Springs, North Springs/Risdon, and Summit Ridge/Summit Parkway. The Request for Qualifications will be advertised in Mid-December and award of the contract will take place in Spring 2015.

Finalizing 5-year County Transportation Improvement Program (CTIP); anticipate Council approval in early 2015. TPAC requested a timeline presentation of this program.

Review 522 miles of existing County roads and develop a management system for planning and managing improvements.

Resurfacing program will be implemented to distribute $40 million in funding.

Dirt Road Paving Program has been selected and negotiations are ongoing. Program will be implemented to distribute $45 million in funding.

Shop Road Phase I is currently being designed and construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2015.
Green Street Phase I is being designed and advertisement for bid is anticipated in Mid-December and construction beginning in Spring 2015.

Hardscrabble Road is being developed by SCDOT and is scheduled for Fall 2015 letting.

North Main Street is moving into final construction plan design and a portion is scheduled to go to construction in late 2015.

Bikeways Program’s $22 million of funding will be evenly distributed over 9-10 years.

Neighborhood Program will construct 7 separate Neighborhood Plans with an anticipated $63 million in funding. Southeast Richland is scheduled to begin construction in late 2015.

Greenways Program’s $21 million in funding will be evenly distributed over 9-10 years.

Sidewalks Program’s $27 million in funding will be evenly distributed over 9-10 years.

PDT was requested to participate in the State of the Penny to outline the milestones.

Ms. Nicole Smith gave a brief overview of the website. (www.richlandpenny.com).

Facebook and Twitter are being utilized for public outreach.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Sanders inquired as to what purpose the TPAC serves and what information members are to be conveying to the public.

Ms. Sanders suggested that Franklin Lee make a presentation to the committee.

Ms. Sanders sees TPAC as a “rubber stamp”.

Ms. Bidwell stated she was told by a Council member that the members of TPAC were chosen to represent Council.

Ms. Bidwell feels that the doors have been closed. The project management teams have been selected, the money has been voted for, the bonding is taking place and Rob and Chris have been brought on board. There isn’t a lot of room for advocacy for the TPAC committee.

Mr. Mizell stated that the committee needs to be prepared to propose a concrete vision to Council for consideration.

**REMEMBER—NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014 AT 5:30 PM**

Staff is to poll committee members to get a consensus on scheduling a meeting for December 22nd.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35PM.