

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA



TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

February 14, 2017
3:00 PM
Admin 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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to add the Election of the Chair to the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to nominate Mr. Manning as Chair. The vote in favor was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 6, 2016 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

FOR ACTION

The committee went into Executive Session at approximately 3:04 p.m. and came out at approximately 3:18 p.m.

Clemson Road and Sparkleberry Lane Project: Right of Way Acquisition – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Broad River Road Widening Project: Concept Report Executive Summary – Mr. Perry stated concept reports on major projects are presented at an initial public meeting. Based on the public input, as well as, engineering and environmental input, a recommendation is made to Council on which alternate to go with.

Council Members Present

Jim Manning, Chair
District Four

Bill Malinowski
District One

Yvonne McBride
District Three

Paul Livingston
District Four

Norman Jackson
District Eleven

Others Present:

Calvin "Chip" Jackson
Rob Perry
Shawn Salley
Tony Edwards
Michelle Onley
Sandra Yudice
Roger Sears

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The Broad River Widening Project is 1 of 14 widening projects included in the referendum. In December, a public meeting was held and the recommendation from the Executive Summary is to go with Alternate C.

The project description in the referendum started at Royal Tower Road and took it all the way up I-126 almost to I-26. However, the recommendation is to modify the project limits to end at the intersection of Broad River Road and Dutch Fork Road, but to contact SCDOT and the Central Midlands Council of Governments (COG) to request that they partner with the County to continue the project.

Mr. Livingston inquired if Mr. Malinowski had been contacted for feedback on this project.

Mr. Perry stated he contact Mr. Malinowski to inform him about the Executive Summary.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to accept the concept report and to contact SCDOT and the COG to request they partner with the County to continue the project.

Mr. Manning inquired about when this item will be taken up by TPAC.

Mr. C. Jackson stated he had been contacted by a few of the TPAC members that have terms expiring to inquire if the process for replacement had begun.

Mr. Perry stated this item will be placed on the TPAC's next meeting agenda.

Mr. Manning asked for clarification on Mr. Livingston's motion as follows: "If the TPAC approves the concept report then this item will be forwarded to Council; however, if the TPAC has questions, then the matter will be brought back to the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee."

Mr. Livingston suggested the item go straight to Council and if TPAC has concerns then the concerns should be noted for Council to address.

The vote in favor was unanimous to accept the concept report and to contact SCDOT and the COG to request they partner with the County to continue the project.

Pineview Road Widening: Utility Undergrounding Cost Estimate – Mr. Perry stated Council directed staff and the PDT to bring back utility undergrounding estimates for all the major projects. As projects are developed and get to that stage, the estimates are brought forward for consideration. Most of the road widenings do not have utility undergrounding in their original estimates from the Transportation Study. The North Main Widening, Innovista projects and some of the neighborhood improvement projects do have utility undergrounding in their estimates.

The 2012 referendum funding available to Pineview Road was \$18.2 million. The estimate to underground utilities for the 2.9 miles would be an additional \$8.1 million add to the project. At this time, there is not any outside funding available to cover the costs of undergrounding.

Mr. Manning stated where possible the utilities between I-77 and the University of South Carolina football stadium are being undergrounded due to the large number of persons traveling through this "gateway" to Richland County for the football games.

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Mr. C. Jackson inquired if there was any discussion with the China Jushi representatives to provide additional funding for utility undergrounding during the negotiations with the County.

Mr. Livingston stated he does not believe there were any conversations with the China Jushi representatives regarding this matter.

Mr. Manning suggested the Economic Development Director consult with the Transportation Director in the future to inquire if there may be upcoming transportation projects located close to potential Economic Development sites.

This item was received as information.

Mr. Perry introduced the new Transportation Department employee, Roger Sears, to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:40 PM

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council