



Richland County Council  
Transportation Ad Hoc Committee  
**MINUTES**  
September 26, 2023 – 4:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Chair; Paul Livingston, Don Weaver, and Jesica Mackey

NOT PRESENT: Jason Branham

OTHERS PRESENT: Cheryl English, Derrek Pugh, Michelle Onley, Michael Maloney, Angela Weathersby, Anette Kirylo, Patrick Wright, Kyle Hosclaw, Leonardo Brown, Quinton Epps, John Thompson, Ashiya Myers, Susan O’Cain, Chelsea Bennett, Thomas Gilbert, Lori Thomas, Stacey Hamm, Tamar Black, Wayne Thornley, and Jennifer Wladischkin

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Overture Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.  
Mr. Walker noted Mr. Branham would not attend today’s meeting due to a business engagement.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. June 27, 2023 – Mr. Livingston moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Weaver moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Mackey

In Favor: Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEM FOR ACTION**

- a. Excess Mitigation Bank Credit Sales Process – Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, stated this item concerns time sensitivity. He noted at times, staff receives a request to sell mitigation credits, and based on the timing of the request, the timeline may not allow for the Committee-Council approval process. Staff’s request is to consider allowing that item to go directly to Council through the Administrator’s Nomination process.

Ms. Mackey inquired if consideration was given to scheduling an additional committee meeting.

Mr. Brown responded that since there are regularly scheduled Council meetings, bringing the item to Council seemed simpler than getting the committee to schedule an additional meeting.

Ms. Mackey inquired if this would mean the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee would no longer review mitigation credit sale requests.

Mr. Brown replied, in essence, that is the request.

Mr. Livingston inquired if the vote on mitigation credit items is a one-reading item.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve staff's request that excess mitigation credit sales be presented for approval through the Administrator's Nomination process instead of through the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Livingston, Weaver, and Walker

Opposed: Mackey

Not Present: Branham

The vote was in favor.

- b. Transportation Facilities Plan – Mr. Michael Maloney, Transportation Department Interim Director, stated the recommendation is to award the professional services contract Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. based on the qualifications of the team and proposal received in the amount of \$110,000, with a contingency of 20% for a total approved amount of \$132,000. He indicated this work follows a motion that occurred in July to put this out for bid. The funds are set aside in the budget for the work. The work is to provide a transportation plan that will deliver projects and estimates for areas where the plan we are under has holes or is missing needs. We understand the County has had several areas of growth since the 2008 needs analysis was conducted.

Mr. Weaver inquired if the study will address how the potential end of the penny might affect things.

Mr. Maloney indicated it would not. They will be looking at needs and costs. We did not task them with finding any revenue sources for the future.

Mr. Livingston requested the scope of the proposal be provided.

Mr. Maloney stated there will be a public meeting in each Council District during the needs analysis part of the project. They will meet with the professionals (e.g., SCDOT, CMCOG). They will also be looking at what was planned that we could not get done. The collection of information is comprehensive.

Ms. Mackey requested that Council members be notified before public meetings occur in their districts.

Mr. Weaver moved to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve staff's recommendation to award the professional services contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. based on the qualifications of the team and proposal received in the amount of \$110,000, to include a contingency of 20% for a total amount of \$132,000, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

In Favor: Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Award of Construction – Alpine Road Resurfacing and Sidewalk – Mr. Maloney stated staff's recommendation is to award the construction contract for Alpine Road resurfacing and sidewalk to Palmetto Corp of Conway based on the bid received in the amount of \$3,322,553.52, to include a construction contingency of 10% for a total approved amount of \$3,654,808.87. The bid was approximately 11% above the engineer's estimate and is in our program budget.

The breakdown is as follows:

Fund utilized for design and land acquisition	\$468,000
Fund requested for construction	\$3,654,809
Fund anticipated for professional services during construction	\$150,000
Project total	\$4,272,809
Grant available	\$800,000 (roadway resurfacing)
Penny total contribution	\$3,472,809
Referendum modification request of February 2018 approved amount	\$4,286,088

Ms. Mackey inquired if we have identified the additional funding for the overage.

Mr. Maloney stated we looked at the project as a whole, and it came in at \$4.272M, and the project budget was set at \$4.286M.

Ms. Mackey moved to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the award of the construction contract to Palmetto Corp of Conway based on the bid received in the amount of \$3,322,553.52, to include a construction contingency of 10%, for a total approved amount of \$3,654,808.87, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Livingston moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Livingston, Weaver, Walker, and Mackey

Not Present: Branham

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:19 PM.