

BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

MEETING MINUTES

From September 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on September 19, 2018 in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Administrative Complex located at 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Stroman, John Glover, Kraig Gordon, Christopher England, Craig Forrest, Mark McCain, Bob Arundell, Stephen Hill,

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Morrall, Afif Combs

VACANT DISTRICTS: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Alice Howard, County Council
Rob McFee, Engineering
Suzanne Larson, Lowcountry Inside Track
Andrea Atherton, Engineering
Darrin Shoemaker, Town of Hilton Head Island
Elizabeth Sanders, SCDOT
Jason Ferrel, Lane Construction

Notification. An audio recording of this meeting is available from the Beaufort County Engineering Department. Please contact the department at 843-255-2700 and request an audio copy. Power Point presentations given to the BCTC are available from the Beaufort County Engineering Department also.

1. **Call to Order & Members Roll Call.** Meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Gordon and an attendance roll call was taken. A quorum was achieved for this meeting.
2. **Introductions and Public Comment.** N/A
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Meeting minutes from the July 2018 meeting are pending.
4. **Old Business.**
 - A. **STATUS OF YEAR 1 PAVING PROJECTS:** Resurfacing year one has begun and is underway, moving along, and going pretty well.
 - B. **STATUS OF YEAR 2 PAVING PROJECTS/BID DATE:** Bid advertisement, estimates put us at budget capacity and we may delay award depending on how numbers come back so we can transition into year two without any issue from a fiscal year stand point. Will continue to work with SCDOT's project time lines.
 - C. **UPDATES FOR 2018/2019 TRANSPORTATION PLAN:** In preparation, annual allocation, bonus funds, total miles, if there are additions please send via email. Will be adopted by next meeting if all have reviewed and will be approved to begin January 2019.

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- D. UPDATE ON 1 CENT TAX & ANY ISSUES: Informational pamphlet has been circulated with all County Governments, Libraries and is very descriptive. The website is currently updated with the FAQ's, presentations, pamphlet, meeting updates and such. The Penny Referendum is currently on our main County page.
- E. UPDATE ON POPE AVE, HILTON HEAD ISLAND/PALMETTO BAY RD.: Was put out about a month ago to Bid, Motion was passed to assist with the project. Committee had previously voted and appropriated \$850K and the project ended up \$1.2 Million.
Palmetto Bay Rd. we received \$1.6 million dollars of non-recurring funds in 2016 to be used on State Primary for Federal Routes and it was voted that these funds would be used for Palmetto Bay Rd due the heavy traffic. SCDOT has estimated the project will range from \$3 - \$3.3 million leaving a sizeable gap in the funding. Last summer we received an additional \$677K dollars in non-recurring funds and it was voted and now the end results is that \$ 2.1 million going towards Palmetto Bay Rd. coming from C funds. SCDOT is pending on their future budget to come out and appropriate the funds to complete Palmetto Bay.

5. New Business.

- A. REPORT ON CLARENDON ROAD: Mr. Stoman discussed the history of Clarendon Rd., it is classified as a State Rd., the committee has no jurisdiction on this road. It is a City road, as it is patrolled by the City Police Department. Annexed into the City during the Clarendon annex. There is nothing wrong with the road except that there is a sharp turn and there has been multiple accidents. An engineering firm has been hired and designed a road, taking the turn out of the road. It has been reviewed by the City of Beaufort, it's in their hands. Nothing has come of the approved permitted design the City has submitted and approved by SCDOT. Still pending a partnership with the gated community, State and City's involvement to get this road fixed.
- B. LATS MEETING UPDATE FROM September 7, 2018: Meeting was very short, refer to the handouts, meetings happen every month, provided just as update.
- C. CHANGE IN PROJECT CRITERIA SIB: The main focus of the SIB meeting was to look into updating their ranking criteria as it was their stated desire to mirror the current standards of the SCDOT and Federal Highway. Beaufort County's intention is to submit the application for US 278 Bridge in the amount of \$120 million dollars; we are waiting on the publication of the criteria to happen in the next 30-60 days to complete the application. Currently the application is 50% complete with the Traffic data, cost estimates from SCDOT, public benefit and going through financial plan and this heavily relies on the referendum.
- D. REPORT ON TURN BACK PROGRAM: Vegetative Maintenance outlay would leave us without funds from seed money from DOT to cover other obligations to include resurfacing no outlay for signage, striping, drainage or general liability.
- E. DISCUSSION ON UPDATING BCTC WEBSITE: Project tracking for the annual funding that CTC has spent money on during the year to benefit the County. Would like to see project list and where funds are being used.

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- F. TREASURER REPORT: Joe DeVito, annual submission and how to report more information for our meetings and provide updates for CTC meetings. Thanks to Maggie Hickman for stopping by and helping us with the report.

Non-Recurring funds, not forecasted for the following year 2019.

The reserve fund was voted on; motion was passed to fund the reserve for FY19 in the amount of \$109K.

6. Public Comment.

7. Meeting Adjourned. The next regular meeting the BCTC will be November 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., in the County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, Robert Smalls Complex, Beaufort, SC.