

# BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

## MEETING MINUTES

**From November 14, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on November 14, 2018 in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Administrative Complex located at 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Stroman, Mark McCain, Joe DeVito, Kraig Gordon, Craig Forrest, Stephen Hill,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Glover, James Morrall, Christopher England, Bob Arundell

**VACANT DISTRICTS:** N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alice Howard, County Council  
Rob McFee, Engineering  
Suzanne Larson, Lowcountry Inside Track  
Andrea Atherton, Engineering

**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 September 2018 meeting.
4. **Old Business.**
  - A. **STATUS OF BCTC WEBSITE UPDATE:** Chairman Discussed: Copies sent to all and new version does a lot to add to the CTC project work.
  - B. **CONTRACT 50 STATUS REPORT:** McFee discussed: Almond, Mary Smalls, Devonwood were presented with pictures to display work completed and pending punch list, they will be inspected with Public Works and they take them over for maintenance.
  - C. **UPDATE ON 1 CENT TAX:** McFee discussed: Passed with 58% unofficial results, putting together council review probable schedules, design groups. US 278 in the process of an environmental assessment, SCDOT, we have agreement with SCDOT as far as Management process, MEPA process. Good meeting with Public Planning Committee Chaired by Mr. David Ames. Next is US 21 Lady's Island Business Professional Association speaking engagement was discussed the 9 specific projects and their challenges such as: Interconnectivity, Mainline roadway

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improvements, Priority order established by Stantac report, that went through various commissions, council, the City show Mainline improvements 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> place. If possible there is a benefit to clustering projects in order to create maximum benefit with minimum cost. 1<sup>st</sup> project is the Right Turn Lane on South Carolina route 802 significant Utility issues and ROW Acquisition. Conceptual design is completed and cost from an IDC Consultant but ensuring that Council is on board and contracting and design community are all prepared is the plan. The last group of pathway projects there are 24 enumerated projects we need to design logical project groups for Council and move those into the design process. There will be ROW acquisition and jurisdiction issues with Municipalities/SCDOT. Chairman discussed: Sidewalk program discussed with Stu Rodman and at this time he is unsure where to go. Municipalities need to be involved to maintain the sidewalks. A possibility of ROW donations was suggested. McFee discussed: We need further guidance on how Staff needs to move forward with the policy of the various boards to have ROW donated.

- D. STATUS OF RESURFACING YEAR 1 & RESURFACING YEAR 2 BID: McFee discussed: Year one images displayed for Beach City, Bluffton Pkwy South of Hampton, retrofit repair on Bluffton Buckingham, minor settlement made for a rough ride. McCracken, pavement quality was very poor and localized water was taken care of. On budge on time for YR 1. YR 2 - 2 Bids received PMI and Lane Construction – grand totals without allowances were: PMI - \$2.66M Lane - \$3.206M administration has not discussed the splitting of funds between CTC and TAG funds. We are not ready to present at this time.
- E. CLARENDON ROAD UPDATE: Have received easements but the question at hand is how their easements with DOD will affect are relocated road. Pending evaluation and write up from the caretaker and the real estate manager.

#### 5. New Business.

- A. 2018/2019 BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Mr. McCain discussed: proposed plan to be sent to SCDOT in January 2019 – only mods were annual allocation found on page 6, increase on Donor and Annual allocation. Administrative item for an annual January review in with SCDOT office in Charleston projects coordination. Final document that goes to SCDOT in Columbia will have the five-year work program, latest roster and all necessary supportive documents for citizens to make requests for improvements and additions to roadways. Chairman called for motion to approve: motion carried.
- B. SUPPORT LETTER FROM GOVENOR MCMASTER TO SIB: Chairman discussed: Mr. McFee's letter to request support of the US 278 widening pending any assistance.
- C. NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS & REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairman discussed the members continuing to serve on the committee and gave thanks. Encouraged CTC to reach out to the newly appointed County Council Member and help them get on board for transportation.
- D. VEGETATIVE MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE CONTRIBUTION FOR STATE OWNED HIGHWAYS FOR 2019: Chairman discussed: Propriety of what might be suggested and requesting SCDOT legal input. McFee discussed: Does not share the Chairman's concern and it is a system maintenance cost not technically a legal issue. Citizen feedback has continued to rise, partly because SCDOT has a vegetative maintenance policy that covers 46 counties, Beaufort County has a 51 week growing season in a year, with 4 cycles in that policy (6 on the interstate/Beaufort sans interstate) 4 cycles does not meet community expectation. The

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discussion and in an effort to try to solve this issue is to purchase additional cuttings on the Primary system for Beaufort County. Funding brought forward by Beaufort County at the disposal of Beaufort County – an agreement has been made with SCDOT to purchase from their current contractor and those 4 additional passes will cost approximately \$107K/year, spreading the revenue sources to include CTC. A four way split, A Tax, CTC, TAG, H Tax evenly \$30K/Each. Routes include All US/SC routes in Beaufort County – this would apply to 25% Matching Funds with DOT. Concerns discussed: SCDOT funding issues not allocated properly, esthetic issues for citizens, misallocation of growing seasons and cuttings. Mr. DeVito made motion to table until the other committees have reviewed. Motion passed.

#### 6. **Treasurer's Report.**

- A. **STATUS OF C FUND** : Mr, DeVito discussed the project worksheet. Shading of the projects that are completed, received C Fund statement for September with Donor Funding.
- B. **DISCUSS PALMETTO BAY RD**: Chairman discussed: Funding for this was forwarded to SCDOT and we are getting interest on that money. The hope is that in January when we can see the year 2 projects with SCDOT and get Palmetto Bay Rd. done.

#### 7. **Public Comment.**

- 8. **Meeting Adjourned.** The next regular meeting the BCTC will be January 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., in the County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, Robert Smalls Complex, Beaufort, SC.