

# BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

## MEETING MINUTES

**From March 20, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on January 16, 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, Craig Forrest, Stephen Hill, Christopher England

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark McCain , James Morrall, Afif Combs

**VACANT DISTRICTS:** N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alice Howard, County Council  
Suzanne Larson, Lowcountry Inside Track  
Andrea Atherton, Engineering  
Neil Desai, City of Beaufort County  
Lisa Schwartz, ICE  
Jared Fralix, ICE  
Darrin Shoemaker, Town of Hilton Head Island

**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.**
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Meeting minutes from the January, 2019 meeting.
4. **Old Business.**
  - A. **UPDATE ON POPE AVE:** Mr.Shoemaker was tardy and provided information. Resurfacing of Pope Ave is on contract and is underway, the Town of Hilton Head has identified area where full depth patching in advance of resurfacing, that is complete. There is some surface crack sealing and will be completed end of the month March 2019. Pavement expected and placement of surface bearing course will begin first of April. Checklist much of the information will be provided in final form soon. Part of the checklist was sent in February. In the original design, were the lanes 11 foot wide or 12 foot wide? Actually, there is an improved shoulder on both directions of Pope Ave. that was included in the resurfacing, the inner lanes are 12 foot wide and outer lanes are 11 foot wide and there is an improved shoulder that varies from 4-5.5 feet wide that shoulder was included in the estimate so the width to which the lanes were replaced, striped did not have any bearing to the

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estimate. Chairman asked about a communication from SCDOT about 12 foot lanes. SCDOT would not endorse 11 foot wide lanes but they would allow what is there now. The communication indicated that the outer lane will have additional width should go to the outer lane. Jeff Buckelew was sent the letter with the checklist as a requirement from SCDOT.

- B. STATUS OF WADDEL RD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT / DOCUMENTATION REVIEW:  
Van Willis sent comments to present status. The two-year time span to gain access pending the Naval Hospital, the project is on hold.
- C. UPDATE ON RESURFACING YR 2: Contract Awarded to PMI, start date pending, NTP March 8, 2019 to begin spring of 2019.
- D. STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION FROM MUNICIPAL MATCH PROGRAM PROJECTS: CTC Liaison Diana Telford presented the status of the municipal match programs via an Excel sheet for comments and revisions based on the annual review requirements and criteria. The Chairman clarified that the CTC is governed by SCDOT regulations, not County regulations. CTC is reviewed and has to provide the same documentation to staff in order to process the reimbursements to the municipalities per those regulations.
- E. STATUS OF JENKINS ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS: The County has been under some stress in regards to Jenkins Island, three years ago there were improvements that were going to happen all before the 2016 Tax increase per the 1 Cent Sales Tax. Design had begun and SCDOT made a statement that if the design did not include the 3 lanes in each direction that it would be torn out and so the design was revamped to include the removal of the drainage system. The system would be put in with the bridges and the same area would be taken care of. SCDOT has this under review for formal approval and Engineering will put out shortly.

#### 5. New Business.

##### A. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- a. FISCAL YEAR ROAD EVALUATION COMMITTEE: Appointing: Mark McCain, Chris England and Steve Hill.
- b. STREET FLOODING SUB COMMITTEE: John Glover brought forward the street flooding issue in his district. The understanding is that the Governor put together a select committee which Mr. Paul Somerville is representing County Council on street flooding. What the Chairman is asking is that all the members look at flooded streets in their district and bring those street names forward. The Chairman appointed John Glover to be the Chair of that sub-committee and to update everyone with where he is. Mr. Glover spoke to the high tides and king tides and Warsaw Island the Causeway to the island being underwater. Mr. Glover was given the task a month ago and has spoken to various individuals to gain information on the topic. This high tide situation is also affecting Charleston. There was a study done in 2017 different land use study. Asked what has done since the study. Director of Planning for the Low Country Council of Governments and the Director of Transportation for the Low Country Area Transportation Study, Ginnie Kozak, who was present at the meeting said this was done part of the land use study especially the Military. One of the issues that came up with the Military for them to complete their missions. The study began in 2015-2017 and was not completed till 2017 the Secretary of the Airforce recently called regarding rebuilding and wanting data on our studies. Improvements are needed, there used to be funding for a continued study to review what to do. A lobby group out of DC made up Retired Generals and Admirals concerned about the bases. It's

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an issue that will cause grave issue to the economy in this area if we can't keep the bases open. We used to have Coastal Flooding once a year now it's twice a month.

- B. TWICKENHAM RD COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT: Pave or stone the road and part of the Community Block Grant.
- C. DIRT ROAD REVIEW FINDINGS: Table to the next meeting, TAG funds used to evaluate Roads and will be presented. This year was probably the last year we will do Dirt Roads.
- D. SCDOT CURRENT FY PROJECTS / NEW YEAR PROJECTS: Elizabeth Sanders, spoke to the slurry seal going on SC 128 portion of US 21 and SC 170 and preservation on S 50. Mast arms on 21 and S 483, 21 Business and 62 and US 21 and 170. Resurfacing coming up in Beaufort, S 68, 100, 102, 105, 250, 385, SC 46, S 29 May-August 2019. Thermoplastic and Rumble Strips are various projects also being done.
- E. LATS TRAFFIC STUDY / AECOM: Meeting Minutes provided for last month's meeting, AECOM has gone out and gotten Traffic Counts, and accidents based on SCDOT study that 186 accidents were reported from the Burger King to US 278. Hope to have this wrapped up by July.
- F. FEB 11, 2019 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES: Informational only, County Council meeting well received.

- 6. Treasurer's Report. Discussed C Fund Balance, current, committed, uncommitted, non-recurring funds.
- 7. Public Comment.
- 8. Meeting Adjourned. The next regular meeting the BCTC will be May 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., in the County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, Robert Smalls Complex, Beaufort, SC.