

BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

MEETING MINUTES

FROM March 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on March 17, 2022, at the County chambers, hosted by Beaufort County's County Channel.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kraig Gordon, Chairman, Joseph Stroman, Jim Backer, Luana Graves-Sellers, John Glover, Vice Chairman, Mark McCain, Virginia Kozak, Paul Manning, Brian Winslow

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED): J. Craig Forrest

MEMBERS ABSENT (UNEXCUSED):

MEMBERS TARDY:

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Brittanee Fields, CIP Coordinator, Engineering
Ms. Elisabeth Mitchell, Administrative Assistant, Engineering
Ms. Stephanie Rossi, Planning Director, LCOG
Mr. Greg Moore, SCDOT Resident Construction Engineer
Ms. Suzanne Larson, Lowcountry Inside Track
Ms. Carrie Gorsuch, Engineering & Infrastructure Coordinator, City of Beaufort
Ms. Stephanie Rossi, Planning Director, LCOG
Ms. Elizabeth Penn-Sanders, SCDOT Resident Maintenance Engineer
Mr. Richard Turner, SC Program Services Lead, AMT Engineering

Notification. A recording of this meeting is available from the Beaufort County's County Channel. Power Point presentations provided to the BCTC are also available from the Beaufort County Capital Projects Department.

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.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Introductions and Public Comment.** No public comment.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Meeting minutes from the January 19, 2021, meeting. It was moved by Mr. Winslow seconded by Mr. McCain that committee approves the January 19, 2021, meeting minutes. The Vote: YAYS: Joseph Stroman, Jim Backer, Luana Graves-Sellers, John Glover, Vice Chairman, Mark McCain, Virginia Kozak, Brian Winslow 7-0
5. **Old Business.**

A. SCDOT FY 2021 & 2022 UPDATE

Mr. Greg Moore, SCDOT Resident Construction Engineer

The list of active projects in Beaufort County remains unchanged. The safety improvements on US 278 are currently ahead of schedule with a completion date in June 2022. There will be a crosswalk added near the Walmart parking lot entrance with the addition of two detectable warning services. Once that portion of the project is completed the job will close. S 406 E Road Rehabilitation is complete in Beaufort County leaving the remaining work in Jasper

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County. The work in Jasper county is currently in the close out phase. The projects off of Sea Island Parkway had a short delay at the beginning of the year, the expected completion is in July of 2022. Road improvements on Drayton Drive and Boundary Street are projected to be completed in the next two months. Upcoming projects include the US 278 Toll Road Conversion, US 278 Corridor Improvements and Resurfacing, and the Sea Island Parkway at Fripp Island Bridge improvements.

B. DIRT ROAD PAVING CONTRACT #52 & #53 UPDATE

Ms. Brittanee Fields, CIP Coordinator, Engineering

Dirt Road Paving Contract #52 includes Harrison Island, David Green, Wickecliff, and Wright Place. At this time all permits have been applied with exception of Wickecliff. Wickecliff will start work within the next two weeks. Contract #53 includes Twickenham, Northview and Rainbow Road. The recommendation of award will be presented at the public facilities meeting March 21, 2022 and then to County Council March 28, 2022.

C. RETREAT WORKSHOP REVIEW

Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman

February 16, 2022, the CTC hosted a Retreat at the Buckwalter Recreation Center in Bluffton, SC. There were about 30 people in attendance. Mr. Gordon thanked all of those who attended the retreat, and a brief discussion was held on the topics presented. Overall the retreat went well and there was much useful information presented by each of the groups in attendance.

D. SC 170 UPDATE

Ms. Brittanee Fields, CIP Coordinator, Engineering

The department is currently working on six projects along the corridor from 462 to US 278. Each of these segments have been submitted to SCDOT and are awaiting comments. The solicitation for this project is projected for early Summer 2022.

E. STATUS OF RESURFACING YR. 5 & STATE SECONDARY COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

Ms. Brittanee Fields, CIP Coordinator, Engineering

APAC Atlantic was the only bidder for Road Resurfacing Year 5 & State Secondary. Their bid came in at \$2,220,051.00. The county recommends that there be a 10% contingency added for full depth patch bringing the total to \$2,442,0656.00. For Year 5 Rejuvenator Pavement Technology was the only bidder at \$41,457.00. The county recommends a 10% contingency for this project as well bringing it to a total of \$45,602.00. The department is currently working through the contract execution phase. The pre-bid meeting and notice to proceed will be out by the end of April.

F. STATE SECONDARY < 500 ADT. UPDATE

Mr. Richard Turner, AMT Engineering

AMT Engineering received their notice to proceed in February. Since then, there was a kick-off meeting held where the treatment types and plans of execution were discussed. Mr. Turner gave a brief presentation of what was discussed and their plans going forward. 75% of these roads will be treated based on the condition of the road while 25% will be paved based on the land characteristics of roads surveyed throughout the county. The surveys should be completed no later than April 1st and from there it should take a week to analyze the data collected. In a few weeks the recommendations for treatment will be available.

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6. New Business.

A. RECURRING LEGISLATIVE DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Two weeks prior to the meeting Chairman Gordon was provided a hypothetical distribution of funds spreadsheet from Mr. Eric Greenway and Mr. Joe Passiment. The spreadsheet shows that of \$250 Million dollars distributed amongst the CTC's of each county, Beaufort County is predicted to receive \$5.8 Million for roads that don't necessarily meet SCDOT's standards for pavement rehabilitation. At this time Beaufort County is the only county with a program specific to those roads.

B. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. Stephanie Rossi, Planning Director LCOG

The Long-Range Transportation Plan identifies the current and future transportation needs and provides multi-model strategies and projects to address these needs. Over a 20-year horizon the LRTP acts as a guidance document for fiscally constrained transportation projects. This plan is required by all metropolitan and urbanized areas as designated by the census. Ms. Rossi presented the financial analysis and funding strategy from the consultant team there will be a new draft available in April for public comments for 30 days. This new plan will be adopted May 13th, 2022. Ms. Rossi gave a presentation on the existing conditions of the area to include population, population density, minority population, no vehicle households, daily traffic, congestion, future congestion, crash locations, pavement quality, and bridge conditions. All of these details will be compiled into the final report.

C. GASOLINE TAX ELIMINATED

Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Mr. Gordon informed the committee that there was recent discussion about eliminated gasoline taxes in both Georgia and South Carolina. There is a large opposition to this proposal as it could be detrimental to the funding streams for numerous road improvement projects both now and in the future. Fortunately, because of the management of funds the committee will be okay in the event that this happens.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. BI-MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Jim Backer, Treasurer

8. Public Comment. No public comment.

9. Chairman Comments.

10. Meeting Adjourned. The next regular meeting the BCTC will be May 18, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., held in the County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, Robert Smalls Complex, Beaufort, SC.