

BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

MEETING MINUTES

FROM March 15th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on March 15, 2023, at the County chambers, hosted by Beaufort County's County Channel.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kraig Gordon (Chairman), Jim Backer (Treasurer), Craig Forrest, Arthur Handman, John Glover (Vice Chairman), Paul Manning, Luana Graves-Sellers, Virginia Kozak, and Clarence Daniel Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED): Brian Winslow

MEMBERS ABSENT (UNEXCUSED): Mark McCain

MEMBERS TARDY:

OTHERS PRESENT: Ciara Hall, Sr. Administrative Specialist, Engineering
Eric Claussen, Director of Engineering
Bryan Bauer, Transportation Construction Manager
Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator, Engineering Division
Stephanie Rossi, Planning Director, LCOG
Carrie Gorsuch, Engineering & Infrastructure Coordinator, City of Beaufort
Suzanne Larson, Lowcountry Inside Track
Elizabeth Penn Sanders, R.M.E, SCDOT
Jeff Buckalew, Town of Hilton Head

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.
A. **Introduction** – New Member Clarence Daniel Sr.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

3. **Introductions and Public Comment.** No public comment.

4. **Approval of Minutes.** *Motion to approve meeting minutes from the January 18TH, 2023 CTC Meeting was moved by John Glover (Vice Chairman) and seconded by Brian Winslow. VOTE: YAYS: (8) Jim Backer, Craig Forrest, Arthur Handman, Paul Manning, Luana Graves-Sellers, Clarence Daniel Sr., and Virginia Kozak/NAYS: (0)*

Motion to appoint a Secretary for CTC was moved by Jim Backer and seconded by John Glover (Vice Chairman). VOTE: YAYS: (8) Craig Forrest, Arthur Handman, Paul Manning, Luana Graves-Sellers, Clarence Daniel Sr., and Virginia Kozak/NAYS: (0). Kraig Gordon (Chairman) appointed Luana Graves-Sellers as CTC Secretary.

5. **Old Business.**

A. **SCDOT DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE**

Dan Burton, SCDOT Resident Construction Engineer

Dan Burton provided updates on SCDOT projects in Beaufort County area.

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B. DIRT ROAD PROJECT UPDATE (#53 In-Design)

Mr. Bryan Bauer, P.E., Transportation Construction Manager

Bryan Bauer reported Dirt Road Paving Contract #53 includes Twickenham, Northview, and Rainbow are currently in design and waiting on permitting from DHEC to start construction. Will start in a couple of months with construction starting next Spring with the complete by the end of the year.

C. CTC RESURFACING PROJECT (Year 6 Bid Report & Status)

D. CTC PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT (REJUVENATOR UPDATE)

E. CTC STATE SECONDARY PROJECT UPDATE < 500 ADT. UPDATE

Mr. Bryan Bauer, Transportation Construction Manager

Bryan Bauer reported that Year 6 projects including Resurfacing, Rejuvenator, and Preservation were approved by County Council and are currently working on contracts for the three projects with the Purchasing Department. Mr. John Gloved (Vice Chair) asked about JD Washington status. It is currently on Year 5 projects which will be in bid and design next fiscal year. State Secondary roads are included in Year 6 projects. Currently working on a contract at this time to get bid out at the beginning of the fiscal year June/July 2023.

F. SR 170 & TRIANGE UPDATE

Mr. Eric Claussen, P.E., Director of Engineering

Eric Claussen reported the department is currently working with AECOM on the plans along the SC 170 corridor from US 278 to SC 462. The updated plans have been resubmitted to SCDOT and the final bid package for this project is ready and awaiting those final comments. In addition, AECOM is working on an access management analysis for US 278, which is the next step in the Triangle project. The Triangle project includes US 278 from Argent to SC 170, SC 170 from US 278 to Argent, and Argent Boulevard. County is working with AECOM for the study and waiting on final comments for the overall project.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. RETREAT FEBRUARY 15th, BUCKWALTER RECREATION FACILITY COMMENTS

Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Chairman Gordon provided a summary of the CTC Retreat on February 15, 2023.

B. CTC STATE SECONDARY DISUSSION 500 < 2000

Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Chairman Gordon provided information about the history on State Secondary roads.

C. BRIDGES UPDATE

Mr. Eric Claussen, P.E., Director of Engineering

Eric Claussen reported a brief update summary on the Bridge project. The department is currently working with KCI, the designer on the Bridge project. The County and the Town of Hilton Head discussed getting another independent review completed for recommendations for the Bridge project. The Country issued an RFQ and CBB was selected for the consultant. CBB is currently working on processing data collection for the independent review and recommendations on US 278. In addition, the Town of Hilton Head has a separate independent review in progress currently. The Country is looking to start the Bridge project in fiscal year 2028.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Year To Date Status & Preparation

Mr. Jim Backer, Treasurer

8. PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

9. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the BCTC will be held on May 17, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. held in the County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, Robert Smalls Complex, Beaufort, SC.