

BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

MEETING MINUTES

FROM JULY 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on July 15, 2026, in the County Council Chambers, hosted by Beaufort County's County Channel.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kraig Gordon (Chairman), Arthur Handman (Vice Chairman), Jim Backer, John Glover, Timothy Newman, Clarence Daniel, Charles Perry, Paul Manning (via video conference), David Johnson and Virginia Kozak.

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED): None

MEMBERS ABSENT (UNEXCUSED): None

MEMBERS TARDY: Virginia Kozak

OTHERS PRESENT: Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator
Rusty Bratz, Beaufort County Engineering
Pamela Bernard, Beaufort County Engineering
Libby Gordon, Interested Citizen
Mike Healy, SCDOT
Tracey Brewton, SCDOT
Jay Thompson, ICE
Wei Johnson, ICE
Stephanie Rossi, Low Country Council of Government
Norman Baldwin, Beaufort County Engineering
Alice Howard, Beaufort County Council
Laurie Francis, Beaufort County Traffic

Notification. A recording of this meeting is available from Beaufort County's County Channel. PowerPoint presentations provided to the BCTC are also available from the Beaufort County Engineering Department.

1. **Call to Order & Members Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Gordon and an attendance roll call was taken.

2. **CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call**

A. Introductions

- a. Mr. Gordon requested to make two changes to today's agenda:
 - i. Delete item 6B as the presenter could not make it today.
 - ii. Add Bluffton Parkway in its place.
 - 1. Motioned first by David Johnson and seconded by Clarence Daniel; the approval vote was unanimous.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

4. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 20, 2026, were motioned by Arthur Handman and seconded by Charles Perry; the approval vote was unanimous.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):** No public comments.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. SCDOT DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Brewton reviewed the project slides and provided updates

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B. CTC RESURFACING AND PRESERVATION PROJECTS (Year 9)

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Mr. Bratz gave updates on the Resurfacing and Preservation projects.

C. SCDOT SECONDARY ROADS 0/500 ADT AND 500/2000 ADT UPDATE

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Mr. Bratz gave updates on Roads 0/500 ADT and 500/2000 ADT.

D. DIRT ROAD PAVING UPDATE

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Mr. Bratz reviewed the status of the dirt road paving.

E. HILTON HEAD BRIDGES UPDATE

Mr. Daniel inquired about a pothole behind Battery Creek High School.

- i. Mr. Healy, SCDOT, said that he would check on issue.

Mr. Jared Fralix, PE, Assistant County Administrator

Mr. Fralix gave an update on the Hilton Head Bridges Project.

F. BEAUFORT COUNTY ROAD ANALYSIS UPDATE (Years 10 – 20)

Mr. Jay Thompson, ICE

Mr. Thompson reviewed the status of the road analysis update.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2027 SCDOT ROUTE SELECTION

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Mr. Bratz reviewed the status of this project. Asked for approval for the \$70,000 project cost; it was motioned by Virginia Kozak and seconded by John Glover and the approval vote was unanimous.

B. RECLAMITE RESULTS PRESENTATION – ~~REPLACED WITH BLUFFTON PARKWAY UPDATE~~

Mr. Gordon, Chairman

Mr. Gordon stated that he would like to consider adding another section of Bluffton Parkway to the project.

C. ACT 177, SCDOT MODERIZATION PROGRAM

Mr. Gordon, Chairman

Mr. Gordon mentioned that SCDOT is now going to do in-house what would normally go through the National Environmental Policy Act (federal), which will drop a considerable amount of time for future projects.

Mr. Gordon reviewed the letter that he received from SCDOT about the C Fund program.

- (a) Action Item for Laurie Francis: Public register needs to be made available on the County's website for all committees and their members on its website. **SCCA § 12-28-2740 (C) (2).**

- (b) Action Item for Laurie Francis: Effective July 2027 the following items will be made available to SCDOT:

- (i) **SCCA § 12-28-2740 (C) (3)** Project Selection/Transportation Plan Updates
- (ii) **SCCA § 12-28-2740 (C) (4)** Regional Transportation Plan Updates
- (iii) **SCCA § 12-28-2740 (C) (5)** Administration Expenses
- (iv) **SCCA § 12-28-2740 (C) (6)** FOIA Agenda Requirements
- (v) **SCCA § 12-28-2740 (C) (7)** FOIA Minutes Requirements

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- (vi) SCCA § 12-28-2740 (C) (8) Meeting Frequency Requirements
- (vii) SCCA § 12-28-2740 (N)
- (c) Action Item for Laurie Francis: Have each committee member sign the required FOIA documentation every January.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

A. CURRENT FUND STATUS

Mr. David Johnson

Mr. Johnson reviewed the treasurer's report spreadsheet.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) No public comments

9. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Chairman Gordon stated that regardless of the outcome of the election, he would be stepping down as Chairman of the CTC. His recommended replacements would be Mr. Handman, Mr. Johnson or Mr. Backer.

10. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the BCTC will be held on September 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in County Council Chambers.