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MINUTES

MEETING : Charleston County Transportation Committee

PLACE : Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building
4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, South Carolina

DATE : April 12, 2005

PRESENT : Howard R. Chapman, Chairman
James Armstrong
Laura Cabiness
Michael Dalrymple
Joel Ford
Willie Frazier
James Hutto
Brien Limehouse
David Purcell
Joe Qualey

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. Chairman Chapman introduced and welcomed Mr. Joe Qualey, the newest member of the Charleston County Transportation Committee. Each of the committee members introduced themselves to the public. Mr. Chapman presented the invocation and informed attendees that he had been advised by Nicole Staubes, Public Works Administrative Assistant III, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting had been mailed to all news media and persons requesting information.

Brien Limehouse motioned to approve the March 15, 2005, minutes. Willie Frazier, Sr., seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

Susan Ruinen, The LPA Group, presented the Committee with a synopsis of information and comments collected at the February 15, 2005, public meeting regarding the Harbor View Road Traffic Study. The current project schedule has all traffic counts completed by mid-May with a report and recommendation to come in July. Chairman Chapman reiterated to the Committee and citizens that the final decision regarding Harbor View Road lies with Charleston County Council. The CTC can make a recommendation to Council, but the ultimate decision lies with County Council.

The Selection Committee: Jim Armstrong, Laura Cabiness, Mike Dalrymple, Brien Limehouse, David Purcell, and Steve Thigpen; will meet April 28, 2005, to review and make a recommendation on the Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services.

Steve Thigpen, Pavement Manager, Charleston County Public Works, addressed the Committee regarding the South Carolina Department of Transportation's (SCDOT) Special Resurfacing Program. Staff recommends that the Committee take advantage of this match program to resurface Seewee Road, Awendaw; and Bears Bluff Road, Wadmalaw. After discussion, **Brien Limehouse motioned to use \$1.25 million from the FY 2006 Resurfacing plan to resurface 7.28 miles of Seewee Road and 8.98 miles of Bears Bluff Road. Jim Armstrong, Construction Contracts Manager, Charleston County Public Works, seconded. The motion was approved by all members.**

New Business

Steve Thigpen requested that the Committee transfer approximately \$475,000 left over in the 2003 Resurfacing account into the 2004 and 2005 Resurfacing accounts. It is requested that \$250,000 be placed into the 2004 RISE Resurfacing account and the remaining balance be transferred into the 2005 Resurfacing account. These transfers will cover the cost of rising gas prices. **David Purcell motioned that the Committee transfer approximately \$475,000 from the 2003 Resurfacing Account into the 2004 and 2005 Resurfacing accounts by a split of \$250,000 into the 2004 RISE Resurfacing account and the remaining balance into the 2005 Resurfacing account. Jim Armstrong seconded and all members approved the motion.**

Chairman Chapman opened the floor to public comments.

Council Member Robert "Bob" George, City of Charleston, handed out a packet to the Committee members and noted the large percentage of growth on the major James Island thoroughfares. He believes that improvements on Folly Road will help alleviate some of the traffic problems on other roadways. He requests help due to the large growth and urbanization of James Island.

Dr. John Thomas, resident of James Island, requests that the Committee look at the intersection of Camp Road and Folly Road as a way to lessen the impact of traffic on Harbor View Road. He also stated that he is against commercialization of Harbor View Road.

Joe Qualey, speaking as a resident of James Island, requests that all meetings regarding Harbor View Road be scheduled at a time that allows more residents the opportunity to attend. He believes that traffic counts are not going to be accurate due to the enormous growth on James Island.

Robert Kline, 661 Fort Sumter Drive, passed out a petition, map, and letter to the Committee members opposing widening of Harbor View Road from the James Island Connector (Route 30) to Fort Johnson Road. He would like to see nothing more than turn lanes added to the road in an effort to keep Harbor View Road residential and prevent it from becoming commercial.

Jamey Nelson, 686 Fort Sumter Drive, handed out a copy of an email sent to staff to the Committee members. He believes that the true problem lies with Folly Road and that widening Harbor View Road to a four lane roadway would encourage more cut-through traffic and a commercialization of this current residential road.

Randy Houser, 755 Clearview Drive, believes the number one problem is Folly Road. He would like to see the Committee develop an island-wide approach to fixing the traffic problem. He would like all comments from the February meeting be made public.

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Ivy Stanger, James Island resident, believes Folly Road is the true problem, and it is not just a James Island problem.

Garrett Milliken, 762 Fort Sumter Drive, believes that Folly Road is the true problem.

Chairman Chapman clarified to the citizens that the Committee is the one who gave the directive so that The LPA Group would study Harbor View Road from North Shore to Mikell Drive.

Joel Ford, Town of Mount Pleasant, questioned whether there was a county-wide transportation study that was going to be developed in an effort to take into account the traffic on Folly Road instead of putting the burden of cost back on the Transportation Committee.

Jim Hutto, Director, Charleston County Public Works, clarified that an RFQ will close May 6, 2005, for an administrator for the County's half-cent sales tax program.

Lynny Woods, 692 Harbor View Road, echoed comments made by other citizens.

Joe Qualey, stated that growth on roads off of Folly Road will only add to the current situation.

Council Member Bob George, reiterated that Folly Road is the main problem facing the residents along Harbor View Road. He believes that the completion of Interstate 526 will help traffic.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Chapman closed the floor.

After some discussion over the scope of the Harbor View Road project, **Jim Armstrong moved to adjourn. David Purcell seconded, and, with all members in favor, the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.**

Recorded by: _____
Nicole Staubes
Administrative Assistant III