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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 : **May 14, 2024**

PRESENT : Brien Limehouse, Chairman Eric Adams
Bill Hanahan Michael Mathis
Larry Shirley Steve Thigpen
Paul Gawrych Michael Dalrymple
Molli LeMin (proxy for Paul Lykins)

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. Chairman Limehouse gave the invocation and informed attendees that he had been advised by Gabby Gardner, Public Administration Liaison I, that the committee was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and notice of the meeting had been mailed to all news media and persons requesting information.

Chairman Limehouse sought a motion to approve the minutes for February 13, 2024. Paul Gawrych made a motion to approve. Bill Hanahan seconded the motion. All in favor and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Limehouse opened the floor for public comments and public discussion.

George Freeman, from the Community Action Group for Encouragement (C.A.G.E.) of the Seven Mile Community, spoke in support of the petition to build a sidewalk on Old Georgetown Road.

Devri DeToma, of Charleston County, stated the County has been working to get a petition signed to see who would dedicate right of way for the project. Based on responses received so far, DeToma said there are a lot of property owners who will not dedicate right of way for the project. Eric Adams mentioned to Mr. Freeman that the project is in Unincorporated Charleston County, and the County has contacted residents along the road. One option the County has investigated is segmenting the sidewalk to reduce the project cost, there was negative feedback received for this option from the community. The County will summarize their findings and coordinate with Mr. Freeman and the Seven Mile Community to discuss steps forward.

Michael German, from the Snowden Community, spoke on his concerns and the community's needs for sidewalks within the Snowden community on Snowden Road. Mr. German mentioned when Longpoint Road floods it filters more traffic through the Snowden community.

Devri DeToma spoke on how the County has been working with Mr. German to provide funding for the Snowden sidewalk project. To make the entire length of the project more feasible the County has segmented the sidewalk. The County has funded a segment of the project through the Transportation Sales Tax, but due to the high costs of the project the County needs (\$400,000) additional funding to proceed with the project, once this additional funding has been obtained the project can be advertised for construction.

Alex Owsiak, with Charleston County, mentioned the County is looking to pursue a project to add pavement on Longpoint Road to raise the elevation that would help reduce the frequency of flooding on that road that would then reduce cut through traffic in the Snowden area.

Mr. German is requesting the Charleston County Transportation Committee support the continuance of the Snowden community sidewalk.

New Business

Chairman Limehouse opened discussion on Item A – CTC Annual Meeting Update presented by Alex Owsiak from Charleston County.

Please see presentation attached.

Eric Adams, Director of Public Works, said the County has gone through the process and set the rules in place for the cap amount for professional services – an up to two-year renewal process. In the meantime, before the contracts expire and the County renews, the County is in the process of obtaining procurement approval and County Council approval to revise the procurement ordinance to allow a higher threshold for these professional services contracts.

Item B – CTC Pavement Management Update presented by Mackenzie Kelley, from Charleston County. Item C – Use of Contingency Funds presented by Alex Owsiak, from Charleston County.

The County presented the need for the use of contingency funds for the Sanders and Halfshell Sidewalk project. A project for the installation of a 7' wide sidewalk with a raised pedestrian crosswalk connecting Halfshell Lane at Carolina Bay to the sidewalk at C.E. Williams Middle School. The project was advertised for bids, but the lowest bid came in over budget, requiring the approval of use of contingency funds to award the project for construction.

Chairman Limehouse sought a motion to approve the use of contingency funds in the amount of \$75,000. Michael Mathis made a motion to approve. Bill Hanahan seconded the motion and all the members unanimously approved.

Alex Owsiak gave an update on the Maybank Highway and Woodland Shores Complete Streets project. The project was advertised for bids and bids exceeded budget by approximately \$1.3 million. The County is working with the COG to obtain additional federal funds to make up for the budget deficit. The County anticipates readvertising the project once additional federal funds have been secured.

There being no further items, Chairman Limehouse motioned to adjourn. Steve Thigpen and Bill Hanahan seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Reported by: _____

Gabby Gardner

Public Administration Liaison I