

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
April 20, 2010

Committee Members

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Tyndall, Council Liaison; Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Dan Walker; Frank Berry; Randy Edwards; Rosemarie Nuzzo; Larry Yon; Bob Ferrell; David McGehee; John Fechtel; Rosemary Wilson

Attending: Randy Halfacre, Ted Stambolitis, Britt Poole, Jay Koon, Johnny Jeffcoat

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

March Minutes: Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the March regular meeting minutes. Rosemary Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. David McGehee seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the March 29 special meeting minutes. Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rosemary Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Update: Susan Ruinen gave a brief report about the March 29 meeting with Kati Holland from SCDOT regarding the Phase 1 Traffic Improvement Plan. Britt Poole commented that the signalization warrant studies have not been completed. There was discussion regarding access to businesses and the possibility of allowing U-turns.

Target/Travinia: There were no new developments regarding the plans at the entrances to Target and Travinia's on US 378.

Golden Hills Left Turn: The results of the accident count for the last two years at the entrance to the Golden Hills subdivision showed a total of 8; 4 within the intersection, 1 turning left into the subdivision, 1 turning left out of the Kohl's, 1 turning right out of Kohl's and 1 turning right into Kohl's. Susan Ruinen commented that those numbers would not meet the warrant for addition of a left turn phase but traffic counts could be a factor. Dan Walker made a motion to send a request for a left turn signal study to SCDOT. Larry Yon seconded. The motion passed with 7 voting in favor, 4 against.

Hope Ferry Improvements: Britt Poole told committee members that the encroachment permit phase of the improvements at Hope Ferry Road and US 378 have been completed. Rosemary Wilson reported that traffic is riding on the median to avoid a storm drain and the rental car business is parking cars in the right of way.

The next phase of construction will close some of the existing access routes and open new ones.

Swartz at US 1: Britt Poole commented that SCDOT engineering is working on the study of the Swartz Road intersection.

Road Widening Projects: Susan Ruinen proposed moving this item to the next meeting. There were no objections.

Schools: Susan Ruinen will invite Mary Beth Hill from Lexington School District One to a Traffic Committee meeting to address traffic issues at new school sites. John Fechtel commented that Lexington County is studying the school traffic for Corley Mill Road.

If the warrant analysis for the Phase I results are received by the end of April, a meeting to consider the findings will be held on May 3 at 4:00 pm.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Larry Yon, seconded by David McGehee with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

Approved By: _____

Susan Ruinen, Chair