

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*February 23, 2010*

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Dan Walker; Frank Berry; Randy Edwards; Sandy Paavel; Rosemary Wilson; Rosemarie Nuzzo; Larry Yon; Wally Bledsoe; Jay Daniels

**Attending:**

Randy Halfacre, Britt Poole, Jay Koon, Terrence Green

**Call to Order:**

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

**January Minutes:**

Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the January minutes. Dan Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jay Daniels seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Public Meeting:**

Randy Halfacre reported to committee members that the turnout was good for the public meeting held by SCDOT regarding the Phase I Traffic Improvement Plan on February 18. Riley's Drug Store and Dr. Davis's office at the intersection of Columbia Avenue and West Butler Street/Reed Avenue were notified that those buildings would be acquired for right-of-way. Britt Poole distributed handouts showing planned changes to the roadway and sidewalks. (attached) He said there are copies of the plans in his office for anyone who wanted to see more detail. Comments on the plan will be collected until March 5. Susan Ruinen proposed inviting Kati Holland from SCDOT to a Traffic Committee meeting after the comments are compiled.

**Target/Travinia driveways:**

Britt Poole reported that SCDOT is looking at the turning conflict at Target on 378 as part of the planned sidewalk project. He added that the sidewalk project for George Street is at the engineering stage.

**.Middlebrook @ SC 6:**

Wally Bledsoe reported that it was legal to pass a vehicle waiting to turn left on Highway 6 at the intersection with Middlebrook Drive on the roadway. After an informal survey of the residents in Middlebrook showed many did not support changes, the committee agreed to not recommend any modifications to the intersection at this time.

**Golden Hills Left turn:**

The president of the Golden Hills Homeowners Association requested consideration of a left turn signal arrow at Scotland Drive. Randy Halfacre commented that there is only one access for the residents and the visitors at the country club. Susan Ruinen commented that the committee needed to look at the accident counts.

**Hope Ferry Improvements:**

Britt Poole reported discussions with the project developers about access at Hope Ferry Road. He noted that the project is bonded.

**Road Widening Projects:** There was a general discussion about several issues in Lexington County. No recommendations were made by the committee.

**Longs Pond Road:** Randy Edwards spoke about planned improvements in Lexington County south of I-20 including a roundabout at Nazareth Road.

Terrence Green asked that the committee look at the intersection at Swartz Road and East Main Street again in view of some recent accidents.

Larry Yon told committee members to that the Census for Lexington County is still trying to find recruits especially for the rural areas.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 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 Rosemary Wilson with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Susan Ruinen, Chair**