

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*November 16, 2010*

**Committee Members**

**Present:** Susan Ruinen, Chair; Clyde Smith, Co-Chair; Karen Hanner, Secretary; Randy Edwards; Bob Ferrell; Rosemary Wilson; Larry Yon; Wally Bledsoe; Sandy Paavel, Frank Berry; Dan Walker

**Attending:** Britt Poole, Leah Youngblood, Terrence Green, Jay Koon, Laura McMahan, Chris Ellisor, Adrienne Bazemore

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM in the Eli Mack Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

**October Minutes:** Susan Ruinen asked committee members if there were any corrections or additions to the October minutes. Larry Yon made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rosemary Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Update:** Britt Poole reported that the pavement markings on the intersection of Meetze Avenue and Columbia Avenue should be done soon. He is still waiting to hear back from Ed Sawyer on the question about trucks turning at Main and South Lake or Church Street.

**Lexington Middle School:** Terrence Green told the committee members that a two week observation was completed at the intersection of Northwood Road and North Lake Drive in front of the Lexington Middle School (attached). Very few students crossing there were observed in the morning. In the afternoon, 335 students were counted crossing during the two week observation period with no problems noted.  
Susan Ruinen commented that a traffic study at the middle school was done by SCDOT in 2006 which produced several possible alternatives to traffic flow problems. The school can request a new study from SCDOT. She will provide contact information to the school.  
Laura McMahan reported that the number of students increased with the move from Lexington Intermediate to Lexington Middle which contributed to an increase in the number of buses and traffic. Dan Walker commented that the dirt lot on Dreher Street is private property and not under control of the Town.  
Britt Poole commented that the re-routing of Dreher Street is part of the second phase of the Traffic Improvement Plan.

**Trucks on Main St:** Britt Poole stated he had not yet received a response to his inquiry regarding restrictions on turns from Main Street onto Church or North/South Lake Drive. There is no alternate route available if those turns are eliminated.

**CVS, Walgreens, Jersey Mikes:** Dan Walker reported that the new No Left Turn signs are ready and will be mounted at an angle. The sign post is already in place on the pork chop island. The work should be completed soon.

**Complete Streets:** Jay Daniels can provide a Continuing Education presentation for Council members. Britt suggested a February date.

**Target/Travinia's:** Randy Edwards reported an experience at the signal exiting the Target shopping center onto 378. The left turn signal was not timed to allow very much traffic to turn out. Susan Ruinen reported that SCDOT was working on signal timing in Lexington.

Susan reminded committee members about the Boards and Commissions Dinner scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Center at the Lexington Municipal Complex.

**The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 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 Clyde Smith, seconded by Wally Bledsoe with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner, Secretary.

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

**Susan Ruinen, Chair**

