

**BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING ON February 11, 2015**

A special meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on February 11, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Beaufort County Engineering Department located at 104 Industrial Village Road, Building 3, Beaufort, South Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Irv Campbell, Patti Cowart, Jeffrey Gardner, Joseph Stroman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark McCain, Scott Marshall

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Smith, County Construction Manager
Rob McFee, Director of County Engineering
Isaih Smalls, City of Beaufort Public Works Director
Lamar Taylor, City of Beaufort Assistant Public Works Director
David Coleman, City of Beaufort, Senior Project Manager

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Old Business.

City of Beaufort Request for Sidewalk Repair Funding. In November 2014, Mr. Isaih Smalls, City of Beaufort Public Works Director, presented a request to the BCTC for \$36,000 to repair sidewalks along various SCDOT roadways in the City. The BCTC through the 1994-2004 Special Projects Program provided the funding to build the sidewalks that now need repair. Southside Blvd sidewalks with is the most expensive of the repair sites was built with BCTC funds in 1994/1995. Funding for this request was held over to the January 21, 2015 meeting. At the January 2015 BCTC meeting, Mr. Smalls stated that after further inspection of the sidewalks at Southside Blvd, the City would like to make a more permanent repair to the underlying problem with the sidewalk. A better repair would be piping in the existing roadside ditch. Mr. Smalls requested that the \$36,000 be reserved/put on hold until he can get an assessment of the work needed and cost for piping ditch area. Due to the immediate need for an emergency repair, it was decided to hold a February special meeting instead of waiting until next scheduled meeting in March.

In January 2015, the City of Beaufort has hired David Coleman, Senior Project Manager, to administer its capital improvement project construction activities. He along with Mr. Smalls and Mr. Lamar Taylor, Assistant City Public Works Director attended the February 2015 BCTC meeting. Mr. Smalls will be retiring this month and Mr. Taylor will be the interim City Public Works Director. Discussion continued on the right approach to repair the sidewalks on Southside Blvd. City staff indicated that they would like to do a more affective, permanent repair to the sidewalks instead of correcting just the broken sidewalk. A permanent solution would include installing a raised curb with gutter, providing ADA requirements, a 5-foot sidewalk and correcting the drainage with piping. Mr. Coleman estimated that pricing for construction repairs could run from \$115,000 to put back sidewalk in place as it appears now or upwards to \$250,000 for the more permanent construction repairs. Mr. Taylor indicated that the city was requesting the BCTC's general support for the project. The city would complete some survey work, discuss with SCDOT and do engineering estimates.

Ms. Cowart made the motion to extend the BCTC's general support for the more extensive sidewalk repair project at Southside Blvd & once a more permanent price is determined the BCTC would consider funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion passed.

County funding and/or SCDOT funding should be researched by the city.

McGarvey's Corner Lighting Repair. Over 12 years ago, the BCTC funded the installation of the lights at McGarvey's Corner for the intersection of SC 170/US 278. The residents of Sun City had made a request to the BCTC to light the intersection. There has been conduit failure in several locations for the lights and PEC has quoted a price of \$32,030 to price materials for repairs. The expenditure of the \$32,020 can be used as part of the BCTC's 25% mandatory allocation expenditure on SCDOT roads. PEC will do the repair work for free and is requesting only for reimbursement of the

materials. Maintenance costs are not covered by SCDOT at McGarvey's Corner. The County pays for the electricity to the light.

Ms. Cowart made the motion to fund the materials cost for the repairs of \$32,030 for the lighting at McGarvey's Corner. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting is on March 18, 2015.