

**BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING ON May 20, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on May 20, 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, Scott Marshall, Patti Cowart, Mark McCain, Joseph Stroman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey Gardner Vacant Districts 6-7-8-9-11

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob McFee, Director of County Engineering
Lamar Taylor, City of Beaufort Public Works Director
David Coleman, City of Beaufort Senior Project Manager
Karen Jarrett, Town of Bluffton Traffic Engineer
County Councilman Alice Howard
County Councilman Gerald Dawson
Residents of Sheldon Township
Residents of Butler Farm Road

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

Agenda was reviewed and no additions or deletions were noted.

Motion to approve agenda and Minutes from March 18, 2015 meetings was made and seconded. Motion passed with Mr. McCain abstaining.

Public Comment. Residents from Sheldon Township submitted a petition to request the resurfacing of Keans Neck Road and Big Estates Road. Both roads are SCDOT maintained. Petition was passed to Mr. Mulligan, SCDOT Resident Maintenance Engineer. Residents of Butler Farm Road requested that the roadway be moved up on the County dirt road paving list. Butler Farm Road connects to Jasmine Hall Road which was paved several years ago.

New Business.

SCDOT Road Resurfacing Project ID PO28490 – SCDOT has sent Chairman Campbell a letter requesting an additional \$235,000 to complete the resurfacing of Joe Frazier Road (S-7-40) and Broad River Drive (S-7-287). The BCTC had previously programmed \$1,140,720 for these two resurfacing projects. But, in the C Program Manager's letter of 4/10/15, an additional \$235,000 is needed to move the resurfacing of Joe Frazier Road and Broad River Drive forward. Total estimated budget derived by SCDOT is \$1,375,793.

Motion: Mr. McCain made the motion to approve the additional \$235,000 requested by SCDOT to move forward with the resurfacing. Motion seconded by Mr. Marshall. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Campbell directed the County Engineering Department to process the additional \$235,000 request for resurfacing funds for the C fund 25% allocation to SCDOT. Payment needs to be made to SCDOT C Program by 6/1/15 so the bid advertising can proceed for the resurfacing of Joe Frazier Road and Broad River Drive.

Status of C Fund Construction Projects. Mr. McFee reviewed the C fund construction projects. Huspah Road in Contract 48 has been completed. Wimbee Creek Landing is under construction and paving should start soon. Design on Contract 49 has started. Permit applications for Hobcaw Drive, Major Road, Turtle and Gator Lanes have been submitted. Huspah Court N & S permit application is 85% complete and should be sent in by end of May. The Engineering Department is working with the right of way acquisition attorney to finish up the remaining parcel condemnation approved for Trotters Loop. Johnson Landing Road will also require condemnation of the remaining parcels needed for right of way. The Engineering Department will be presenting a request in June to County Council. Once Johnson Landing Road is

approved for condemnation then Contract 47 can be advertised for bid. Contract 47 will include Trotters Loop and Johnson Landing Road for a total length of ± 2.2 miles.

Mr. Stroman asked when the remainder of Wimbee Landing Road would be paved. The remaining 1.9 miles of Wimbee Landing Road is scheduled for paving in 2017 and would be funded from County TAG Funds. A discussion then continued on the importance of paving the remainder of Wimbee Landing Road. The Engineering Department will review the remaining unpaved sections of Wimbee Landing Road and determine if it could be broken down into shorter sections for paving, ie, from Keans Neck Road to Community Center Road. A recommendation could then be presented to Councilman Dawson's Public Facilities Committee.

SCDOT Report. Mr. Mulligan presented the SCDOT construction update. Mink Point Blvd and Colonial Avenue have been paved. SCDOT is working on resurfacing from Keans Neck Road to Washington Farm Road on US 21. Resurfacing on SC 170 will extend from McDonalds to WK Alston Drive. Keans Neck Road resurfacing has been recommended in the next federal aid resurfacing road grouping. Big Estates Road will also be evaluated for resurfacing recommendation.

Old Business.

City of Beaufort Request for Sidewalk Repair Funding.

Background: At the February 11, 2015 Special Meeting, the BCTC made a 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 by the City then the BCTC would consider funding. Lamar Taylor the City's Public Works Director and David Coleman, City Senior Project Manager presented an update on the repairs at the March 18, 2015 BCTC meeting. Mr. Coleman advised that engineering design with an estimate has not been completed yet. A rough estimate to repair the existing sidewalk would be $\pm \$112,000$. The city would provide demolition, concrete removal & disposal, fill material, barriers, survey and engineering services. The city would like to build back a strong sidewalk with control joints. City's main concern is safety for sidewalk users. Maintenance trucks have parked on the sidewalk when working on the overhead power lines and have caused the concrete to break. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Coleman requested \$56,000 in C Funds to begin the project which was approved by the BCTC. Once the City Public Works Director has gotten a finalized engineering design then he will present completed funding request.

Current BCTC Action: For the May 20, 2015 meeting, the City Public Works Director with assistance from Ward Edwards design engineer presented a completed engineering design & analysis of the repairs to the Southside Blvd sidewalk. The City is requesting an additional \$74,000 from the BCTC to complete sidewalk repairs to Southside Blvd. This will bring the BCTC's funding allocation to \$130,000. Ms. Howard, County Council member for the City of Beaufort indicated that Southside Blvd residents have brought to her attention that the sidewalks need repair and that the sidewalk is a safety hazard. SCDOT will assist with driveway pipe. BJWSA and SCE&G will relocate their infrastructure at no cost to the City. The City will not only provide the services listed above but will also form and pour the sidewalk in some areas.

Motion. Mr. Marshall made the motion to approve the additional \$74,000 in funding for the Southside Blvd sidewalk repair. This will make the total funding from the BCTC for this project at \$130,000. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The cost of the sidewalk repairs on Southside Blvd can be applied to the BCTC's 25% mandated allocation.

Meeting Adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.