

BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

MEETING MINUTES

FROM March 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on March 19, 2025 at the County chambers, hosted by Beaufort County's County Channel.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kraig Gordon (Chairman), Arthur Handman (Vice Chairman), Jim Backer (Treasurer), John Glover, Charles Perry, Clarence Daniel, Paul Manning, David Johnson, Tim Newman, and Virginia Kozak (online)

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED): Craig Forrest

MEMBERS ABSENT (UNEXCUSED): None

MEMBERS TARDY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris DiJulio-Cook, Business Manager
Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager
Pamela Bernard, Project Manager II
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik
Hannah Nichols, Public Information Officer
Stephanie Rossi, Planning Director, LCOG
Tracy Brewton, Resident Construction Engineer, SCDOT
Mike Healy, SCDOT
Jason Ferrell, Blythe
Libby Gordon, Interested Beaufort County Citizen
Robin Steplitt, New Beaufort County Citizen

Notification. A recording of this meeting is available from the Beaufort County's County Channel. PowerPoint presentations provided to the BCTC are also available from the Beaufort County Engineering Department.

1. **Call to Order & Members Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Gordon and an attendance roll call was taken.
2. **CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call**
 - A. **Introductions**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **Approval of Minutes.** *Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 15 CTC Meeting and the Retreat on February 5, 2025, was moved by Jim Backer and seconded David Johnson. The vote was unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) *No public comment*

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. SCDOT DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Tracy Brewton, SCDOT Resident Construction Engineer

Mr. Brewton reviewed the project slides and provided updates.

B. DIRT ROAD PROJECT UPDATE (#55)

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Rusty Bratz provided updates on the Dirt Road projects.

C. CTC RESURFACING AND PRESERVATION PROJECTS (Year 8)

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Mr. Bratz gave updates on the Resurfacing and Preservation projects.

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D. CTC PAVEMENT REJUVENATOR UPDATE (Year 8)

Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Rusty Bratz provided updates on the Preservation projects.

E. SC 170 & TRIANGLE UPDATE

Mr. Jared Fralix, P.E. Assistant County Administrator

Mr. Jared Fralix provided updates on SC170, 278, and the Triangle projects.

F. HILTON HEAD BRIDGES UPDATE

Mr. Jared Fralix, P.E. Assistant County Administrator

Mr. Jared Fralix gave an update on the Hilton Head bridges.

G. UPDATE STATUS 500-2000 ADT PROGRAM

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Mr. Bratz gave a brief update on the 500-2000 program.

H. BLUFFTON PARKWAY RESURFACING AND 278

Mr. Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager

Mr. Rusty Bratz stated that the projects, having been approved by Council, are now awaiting executed contracts so that purchase orders can be obtained and work can begin.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. LATS ROADWAY ANALYSIS PROGRAM AND BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Ms. Stephanie Rossi, Planning Director

Ms. Rossi gave a presentation

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. CURRENT FUND STATUS

Mr. Jim Backer provided an update on the current fund status.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) No public comments

9. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Kraig Gordon explained that, it's stated in the Transportation Plan, that between meetings if something comes up that's less than \$25,000, it can be approved by the Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. He went on to detail that a \$4,700 decision to stripe Sand Dollar Lane, on Hilton Head, had been made and he was now asking the Committee to confirm that decision. Mr. Backer made a motion to approve the decision. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Next, Mr. Gordon told the Committee Members that, due to renovations, the meetings would be moving from Council Chambers.

Finally, Chairman Gordon announced that the Clerk to Council would be purchasing new shirts for each member of the Committee, with embroidered County logos on them.

10. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the BCTC will be held on May 21, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. the location is to be determined.