



Meeting #1 Minutes

Project:	US 278 Corridor Oversight Committee Beaufort County		
Meeting Location:	Webex Meeting		
Meeting Subject / Date:	Meeting #1 January 19, 2021 @ 11:00 AM		
Notes By:	J. Dayton, P. Hutcherson, A. Blum	Job No:	

Meeting Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was to kickoff the US 278 Corridor Oversight Committee.

Attendees:

David Johnson	Oversight Committee	Jared Fralix	Oversight Committee
John Taylor	Oversight Committee	Brittane Fields	Beaufort County
Risa Sreden Prince	Oversight Committee	Elisabeth McMillan	Beaufort County
Scott Liggett	Oversight Committee	Jeff Dayton	HDR
Mike Garrigan	Oversight Committee	Phillip Hutcherson	HDR
Herbert Ford	Oversight Committee	Adrienne Blum	HDR

Summary: This meeting kicked off with introductions. Mr. Fralix then gave an overview of the purpose of the committee meeting and where SCDOT is in the environmental process. The floor was then open for discussion of the important points the committee would like HDR to consider in the oversight review:

- Are there safer alternatives besides expanding pavement and the addition of signals? Should a slower speed limit be considered due to the residential characteristics of the area?
- Crash data will be requested, if HDR does not have it already to determine how safety is being considered. Safety was given by several oversight committee members as a key objective of the project.
- HDR will review the community input summary from SCDOT to note common themes from the comments and determine how they were addressed.
- SCDOT made assumptions on future traffic. HDR will review the growth rate memorandum for assumptions and what factors went into this calculation.
- The traffic model included adding a third lane in each direction on the bridge. What lead to this decision? HDR will gather information on the expected amount of traffic for a 4-lane facility versus a 6-lane facility.
- Once the project is completed, will there be an increased demand? Has this been taken into consideration?
- Will this review talk about impact to the community? Are some communities being impacted more than others? What were the factors used to impact one neighborhood over another?
- How did the 19 alternatives get reduced to 6? What reasons were they eliminated?
- How do the alternatives impact individual properties that are not directly on US 278, such as the removal of left turn lanes and diverted traffic?

- Windmill Harbor has a super street concept, can HDR look at these concepts and analyze the safety?
- What general assumptions used by the SCDOT design team for the project?
- Determine if study included the Cross Island Parkway, and if so, to what extent.

Action Items:

- HDR and Beaufort County will prepare and distribute minutes from the kickoff meeting.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 2nd at 11:00 AM.
- HDR will provide an agenda for the meeting on 1/29/21.