



Meeting #2 Minutes

Project:	US 278 Corridor Oversight Committee Beaufort County		
Meeting Location:	Webex Meeting		
Meeting Subject / Date:	Meeting #2 February 2, 2021 @ 1:00 PM		
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	Jeff Dayton	HDR
Mike Garrigan	Oversight Committee	Phillip Hutcherson	HDR
Robert Bechtold	Oversight Committee	Adrienne Blum	HDR
Luana Sellars	Stoney Community		

Summary: Mr. Fralix started by reviewing Meeting #1 and then HDR started outlined what research they had gathered in response to the questions and comments mentioned in the first meeting.

Safety -

- SCDOT provided crash maps along the corridor in the March 2020 Phase I Traffic Report. The report highlighted that there were about 800 crashes in the past 5 years. They were not all in one location, but all along the corridor, as well as crashes at key intersections. Some of these maps have been shown to the Gateway Committee previously.
- It is a high crash corridor for that type of facility. There are a lot of rear end crashes indicating congestion. The alternatives proposed by SCDOT are trying to reduce the conflict points and congestion.
- The project will include crosswalks at key intersections for pedestrians and bikes as well as a multiuse pathway across the bridges.

Communities -

- Ms. Sellars spoke about how the native islanders and the Stoney Community have been involved with the public input and have worked with SCDOT to create alternative access to the Gullah Cemetery, more significant signage defining the community, and a Gullah Pavilion. Conversations regarding mitigation continue to occur.

Growth Rate -

- The approved growth rate for the corridor (1.19%) was discussed and appears in line with the current and expected conditions. HDR will look to determine the lowest growth rate needed to require three lanes, and when that number will occur.

Alternatives -

- HDR requested information on reversible lanes from SCDOT and will discuss this option at the next meeting.
- HDR will research further the elimination process of 19 alternatives down to 6, to help alleviate confusion of eliminating alternatives with only the table provided.
- The current \$240 million reasonably available funds were discussed. HDR will evaluate if any alternative was dismissed due to a potential cost constraint
- HDR will evaluate the Synchro models provided for intersection alternatives around Jenkins Island, Squire Pope and Spanish Wells to determine if the models seem reasonable. HDR will evaluate if other alternatives potential alternatives can be studied.

Action Items:

- HDR and Beaufort County will prepare and distribute minutes from the meeting.
- Beaufort County will post the meeting notice on the website.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16th at 11:00 AM
- HDR will provide an agenda for the meeting on Friday, February 12th