

Circle to Circle Committee - Draft Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Council Chambers, Town Hall

Circle to Circle Committee Members present:	Jim Gant (Chairman), Jack Daly, David Ames, Judd Carstens, Carlton Dallas, David Bachelder, Paul Crunkleton, Mike Thomas, Kyle Theodore, Tom Sharp, Tom Lennox
Town Staff present:	Charles Cousins, Shawn Colin, Brian Hulbert, Darrin Shoemaker, Jennifer Ray, Shea Farrar

- Chairman Gant called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
- Chairman Gant reviewed the items for today's revised agenda. The Committee's urban planning consultants will be dialing into the meeting from their Asheville, NC office to lead the Committee through a review of minor traffic mitigation options for safety and function, which will be followed by a presentation on pathways and related facilities by a member of the Committee.
- Today's meeting marks a new phase of the Circle to Circle Committee. Having spent several months in reviewing problems and defining options, the Committee will now begin to reach conclusions on recommendations to Town Council.
- The revised agenda was approved by the Committee.
- Chairman Gant then introduced the first item of New Business: Design Workshop Consulting Update on Decision Matrix. Design Workshop then walked the Committee through a review of projects focused on infrastructure (roadway) modifications that will improve safety and traffic flow in the Circle to Circle area.
- Glenn Walters, of Design Workshop reviewed the potential improvements as identified in the attached Decision Matrix. The matrix is categorized by major roadway:
 - A. Palmetto Bay Rd North of Sea Pines Circle
 - B. Sea Pines Circle
 - C. 278/ Pope Ave - General
 - D. Greenwood Ave/Sea Pines
 - E. Pope Corridor South of Sea Pines Circle
 - F. Coligny Circle Corridor

- The Committee reached the following conclusions and approved each by unanimous vote:

A. Palmetto Bay Rd North of Sea Pines Circle

1. Items SF1, SF2, SF3, SF4, and SF6 approved as written.
2. Item SF5 approved with modification to read Close RO (right out) access from South State Bank.

B. Sea Pines Circle

1. Items SF7, SF9, approved as written.
2. Item SF8 approved with the addition of statement to include turning movement markings on pavement.

C. 278/ Pope Ave - General

1. Items SF10 and SF11 approved as written.

D. Greenwood Ave/Sea Pines

1. The Committee concluded that all proposed actions (Items SF12 thru SF15) have merit, but need to be linked to decisions on major traffic mitigation in the Circle.
2. As a result, the Committee voted to defer decision on these items until they could be made in context of broader actions at Circle.
3. The committee also requested Staff and Consultant to develop options for an alternate road that would better connect Pope Ave to the commercial area (Reilly's corner), perhaps through Office Way or Office Park Roads. The objective would be to provide easy, safe access to these businesses to replace the left turn from Greenwood Dr. that immediately follows exiting the Circle onto Greenwood, due to higher accident rates.

E. Pope Corridor South of Sea Pines Circle

1. Items SF16, SF17, SF18, and SF19 approved as written.
2. Item SF20 prohibiting left hand turns from Woodland (Seabrook and St Francis Catholic Church) suggested by a local citizen, was discussed at length. The committee concluded that while it would provide some safety improvement it created the need for all traffic to turn right, and then make a U-turn at Cordillo, creating an overload at that intersection. Darrin Shoemaker, Town Traffic Engineer suggested that a merge/acceleration lane for exiting left turn traffic could substantially improve the intersection. The committee asked for a schematic drawing to be developed and presented at the next meeting. Item SF20 was pended until that time.

F. Coligny Circle Corridor

1. Items SF21 and SF22 were approved as written, with the observation that the potential cost was too low for a fully signalized intersection.
 2. Item SF23 was rejected by the committee as not in keeping with the desired look for Hilton Head.
- Unrelated to the minor traffic solutions defined in the Decision Matrix, Committee member Tom Sharp suggested the committee evaluate the potential to better use the land in the Coligny Circle, perhaps connecting it to the beach as part of an iconic entrance to the beach. Design Workshop was asked to consider this as part of future work on road network and area vision.
 - Chairman Gant opened public comment on the item. There were no comments from the public, so Chairman Gant introduced the second item of New Business: Pathway Review.
 - Committee member Tom Sharp then presented a potential network of trails including, beach access for bicycles, additional trails on both sides of Pope Ave., and on-lane markings for serious on-road cyclists. The Committee discussed options and expressed concerns about encouraging on-lane cyclists in this heavily traveled tourist area.
 - This topic will be covered in more detail as part of Design Workshop's presentation on road and trail networks at a future meeting. No action was taken.
 - Chairman Gant opened public comment on the item. There were no comments from the public.
 - Chairman Gant adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Meeting date: March 9, 2016

Approved:

Chairman: March 23, 2016
Jim Gant

Submitted by: Shea Farrar