

## The Town of Hilton Head Island U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee November 13, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

## BENJAMIN M. RACUSIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS **AGENDA**

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. FOIA Compliance Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.
- 3. Approval of Minutes November 7, 2019
- 4. Unfinished Business None
- 5. New Business
  - 6. Discussion of Alternatives in Jenkins Island
  - 7. Chairman's Comments
  - 8. Public Comment
- 9. Adjournment

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#### Town of Hilton Head Island

### **U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee**

Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Present From the Committee:** David Johnson, Jr., *Chairman;* Sarah Stewart, *Co-Chair;* Frank Babel, Alex Brown, Tom Crews, Jerry Cutrer, Craig Forrest, Tom Peeples, John Taylor, Kyle Theodore, *Members;* Marc Grant, *Hilton Head Island Liaison;* Larry McElynn, *Beaufort County Liaison* 

**Absent from Committee:** Hanna Horne, David Lunka, Brendan Reilley, *Members*; Dan Wood, *Bluffton Liaison*; *Palmer E. Simmons*, *Alternate* 

**Present from Town Council and Town Staff:** Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*, Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development;* Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assistant/Town Clerk* 

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

 FOIA Compliance – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

- a. October 23, 2019
- **b.** October 31, 2019

Mr. Cutrer moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Crews seconded. Ms. Theodore asked about the comments made by citizens concerning pros and cons. Chairman Johnson explained that while not noted within the draft document, he had taken down the comments made by citizens and they would be considered. With no objections the minutes from October 23, 2019 and October 31, 2019 were approved.

#### 4. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion of Alternatives in the Stoney Community and Jenkins Island

Chairman Johnson opened the discussion by explaining to the Committee that this would be a process over several meetings. The Committee reviewed the pros and cons as discussed at the previous meeting making changes throughout. The discussion continued with the Stoney Community as it related to the introduction of a hybrid version of the alternatives.

#### 5. New Business

a. Committee's Upcoming Schedule

Chairman Johnson asked the members of the Committee if they would be open to adding a meeting on November 21, 2019 and moving the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to December 3<sup>rd</sup>. All members were in agreement.

**b.** Chairman's Comments

Chairman Johnson stated that he felt the Committee had a robust conversation concerning the impacts to the Stoney Community through to Spanish Wells Road, and said that at the coming meetings they should plan to discuss Jenkins Island.

c. Public Comments

Members of the general public addressed the Committee making comments with their pros and cons for consideration. Chairman Johnson stated that these would be noted and considered for addition to the list.

Adjournment – The meeting concluded and was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Krista Wiedmeyer, Exec. Assistant/Town Clerk

**Approved:** 11/13/2019

## **CURRENT US 278 ROUTE 1-4**

IMPACTS THROUGH THE STO	NEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS
Less physical environmental impact	1. Less flex. In property owners to use their land
2. This is the most manageable	2. No left-hand turns going westbound or only at "key" locations
3. Likely less costly	3. Impact economic ops.
4. Opportunities to come up with creative solutions for mitigation	4. Alternative to current causeway
5. Corridor already exists	5. Potential emergency bypass
6. No left-hand turns going westbound or only at "key" locations	
7. Fewer Property owners impacted?	
8. Transmission infrastructure remains in place	
IMPACTS THROUGH THE JENI	KINS ISLAND AREA TO STONEY

## **POWERLINE ROUTE - SIX LANES 5&6**

1. Less impact to existing corridor 2. Alternative to current causeway 3. Potential emergency bypass 4. Opportunities to come up with creative solutions for traffic 5. Impacts on wetlands 6. Longer construction period 7. Potential impact to those on the new corridor and the current corridor 9. Impacts an additional group within the Stoney Community 10. Introduces sig. traffic into an area where it does not exist & and would introduce a flyover onto the Island, in a residential area 11. Potential impact on the northern portion of the Island
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IMPACTS ON THE JENKINS ISLAND AREA THROUGH TO STONEY
1. Parts of Jenkins Island will benefit from the current route being a "local" road

## **HYBRID**

IMPACTS THROUGH THE STONEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS	
Redundant roads provided (emergency)	Appears to be more expensive
2. Additional opportunities created (biking, walking)	standpoint
3. Impressive introduction to HHI	3. More property owners impacted
4. "Smaller" footprint of asphalt	4. Complications for Old Wild Horse Road, Squire Pope, Gum Tree
	5. Impacts on wetlands
	6. Longer construction period
	7. Potential impact the powerline easement
	corridor
	9. Impacts an additional group within the Stoney Community
	10. Potential impact on the northern portion of the Island
	11. Creation of additional route along with the existing route dual
	impact
	12. Could impact future potential park(s) on the northend
	13. Introduces sig. traffic into an area where it does not exist & and
	would introduce a flyover onto the Island, in a residential area
IMPACTS ON JENKINS ISLAN	D AREA THROUGH TO STONEY

## **IMPACTS ON ALL ROUTES**

IMPACTS THROUGH THE STONEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS	
	1. Does result in noise, poor air quality, poor access and safety
	2. Neg. impact on traffic and neighborhood during construction
	3. Significant Right of way impacts
	4. Poor access between neighbors / increased loss of community
	5. Hydrology impacts