

The Town of Hilton Head Island U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee 12:00 p.m.

November 21, 2019 BENJAMIN M. RACUSIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AGENDA

As a courtesy to others please turn off/silence ALL mobile devices during the Meeting. Thank You.

- 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 13, 2019
- 4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Discussion of Alternatives in the Stoney community and Jenkins Island
- 5. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Alternatives in Corridor Between Moss Creek and Hog Island
 - **b.** Chairman's Comments
 - c. Public Comment
- 6. Adjournment



Town of Hilton Head Island

U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee

Wednesday, November 13, 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, Hannah Horne, David Lunka, Tom Peeples, Brendan Reilley, John Taylor, Kyle Theodore, *Members;*

Absent from Committee: Marc Grant, *Hilton Head Island Liaison;* Larry McElynn, *Beaufort County Liaison;* Dan Wood, *Bluffton Liaison;* Palmer E. Simmons, Alternate

Present from Town Staff: Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*, Anne Cyran, *Senior Planner*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assistant/Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. 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. November 7, 2019

Mr. Lunka moved to approve. Mr. Peeples seconded. The minutes from November 7, 2019 were approved as written.

4. Unfinished Business - None

5. New Business

a. Discussion of Alternative in Jenkins Island

Chairman Johnson opened the discussion by noting that the SCDOT is still having discussions regarding the alternatives as they relate to Jenkins Island. Mr. Crews asked if the SCDOT is taking the County's safety project into consideration with regard to the alternatives. Other questions raised concerning the County's safety project had to do with the new engineering firm the County has hired to review the project and potential changes needed. One member of the committee has asked if it might be possible to have a member of the County come and further explain this project to better understand its impacts on the reasonable alternatives. Chairman Johnson stated that he had noted this request, and would consider it. The committee then began to review the pros and cons of reasonable alternatives 1-4 as they impact Jenkins Island, and then moved on to discussing alternatives 5-6. Much of the discussion had to do with the different types of intersections and safety concerns for those residents living on Jenkins Island, as well as access to certain areas thereon Jenkins Island. Mr. Forrest asked the committee to keep in mind when reviewing the pros and cons for all of the alternatives that they are strictly looking at the mainline traffic, and that neither intersections nor actual safety concerns had been added yet. He said once the preferred alternative is chosen, then all of the details will be considered. But until then, what the committee should be concerned with is reviewing the mainline traffic routes.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor to Mr. Crews who gave a presentation on an alternative he had proposed for the Jenkin Island area.

b. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Johnson reported that he had met with the members of CSA in Sea Pines where they stated that a large portion of their employees travel from off Island. He also noted that the SCDOT feels that the SIB application is one of the strongest filed. Chairman Johnson reported that the SCDOT is currently working on answering questions regarding interchanges and minimizing left turns, hoping to have something back soon.

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.

6. Adjournment – The meeting concluded and was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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

Approved: 11/21/2019



CURRENT US 278 ROUTE 1-4

PROS CONS IMPACTS THROUGH THE STONEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS 1. Less physical environmental impact 1. Less flex. In property owners to use their land 2. No left-hand turns going westbound or only at "key" locations 2. This is the most manageable 3. Likely less costly 3. Impact economic ops. 4. Alternative to current causeway 4. Opportunities to come up with creative solutions for mitigation 5. Corridor already exists 5. Potential emergency bypass 6. No left-hand turns going westbound or only at "key" locations During construction, impact to businesses 7. Fewer Property owners impacted? 8. Transmission infrastructure remains in place **IMPACTS THROUGH THE JENKINS ISLAND AREA TO STONEY** 1. EB coming on the island off the bridge, line of sight issue 1. No relocation of the utility easement/utilities 2. Impacts to the WM Harbour entrance 2. Safe off-road bike/walking path 3. Consume a good portion of the median 3. Less physical environmental impact 4. If the County's road improvement plan is taken into consideration, 4. Likely less costly impedes the free-flow of traffic 5. Construction could potentially take less time? 5. Failure to include a grade-separated interchange 6. Impacts to traffic during construction 7. During construction, impact to businesses 8. Access to Jenkins Isl. Cemetery

POWERLINE ROUTE - SIX LANES 5&6

PROS

IMPACTS THROUGH THE STONEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS	
Less impact to existing corridor	1. Appears to be more expensive
2. Alternative to current causeway	2. More complicated from an environmental and engineering standpoint
3. Potential emergency bypass	3. More property owners impacted
4. Opportunities to come up with creative solutions for traffic	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
	8. Economic 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
IMPACTS ON THE JENKINS ISLA	ND AREA THROUGH TO STONEY
1. Parts of Jenkins Island will benefit from the current route being a "local" road	1. Might require relocation of the utility lines on the easement
2. Less impact to current traffic during construction	2. If the powerlines are not relocated, the sight of the lines is unattractive
3. Affords more room to make an entry statement	3. Potential impact to the Jenkins Isl. Cemetery
4. More robust causeways	4. More wetlands impact
5. Potential flexibility for using existing cor. & new cor.	5. Failure to include a grade-separated interchange
	6. Potential left turns out of WM Harbour to 278

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PROS

IMPACTS THROUGH THE STONEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS	
1. Redundant roads provided (emergency)	1. 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

PROS

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
IMPACTS THROUGH THE JENKI	NS ISLAND AREA TO STONEY
Facilitates possible creative solutions	