



The Town of Hilton Head Island
U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee

August 1, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

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

a. Minutes from July 11, 2019

4. Unfinished Business - None

5. New Business

- a. Discussion of Guiding Principles to Use In Determining the Success of the Corridor Project
- b. Developing Principles for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- c. Developing Principles for Aesthetic Treatments
- d. Public Communication
- e. Chairman's Comments
- f. Public Comment

6. Adjournment

Please note a quorum of Town Council may result if four (4) or more Town Council members attend this meeting.



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Thursday, July 11, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
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MEETING MINUTES

Present From the Committee: David Johnson, Jr., *Chairman*; Frank Babel, Alex Brown, Tom Crews, Jerry Cutrer, Craig Forrest, Hannah Horne, David Lunka, Tom Peeples, Brendan Reilley, Sarah Stewart, John Taylor, *Members* Dan Wood, *Bluffton Liaison*

Absent from Committee: Kyle Theodore, *Members*; Marc Grant, *Hilton Head Island Liaison*, Larry McElynn, *Beaufort County Liaison*.

Present from Town Council and Town Staff: John J. McCann, *Mayor*, Tom Lennox, Glenn Stanford, *Council*; Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive 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 Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. Minutes from June 26, 2019

Mr. Cutrer moved to approve the minutes from June 26, 2019. Mr. Peeples seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was approved by a vote of 12-0.

4. New Business

a. Presentation by Craig Winn, SCDOT Project Manager for US 278 Corridor Improvement Project

Chairman Johnson introduced Mr. Winn and the members of the Project team who joined him for the evening's presentation. He went on to explain that questions would be answered from the members of Town Council, the members of the Committee, than the public at large.

Mr. Winn opened his presentation up by reviewing the project scope and needs. He reminded everyone where the study area runs (Moss Creek Drive to Squire Pope Road). Mr. Winn noted that currently they project is in the stage where they develop conceptual road improvement alternatives. The next stage is to hold a public meeting to gather input on the conceptual alternatives. Mr. Winn said that the SCDOT's goal is to ensure the public is engaged and informed throughout the project. He did note that there are critical points in the process where public information and feedback will be needed.

Mr. Winn covered many of the tasks that have been completed and those that are still on the horizon to be completed. He went over the purpose and need of the project, explaining that the purpose of the project is to address structural deficiencies at the existing eastbound Mackay Creek bridge, as well as increase capacity and reduce congestion along US 278 from Moss Creek Drive to Spanish Wells Road. Mr. Winn went over the preliminary range of alternatives the project group has to review at this time prior to coming forward with the reasonable alternatives. He pointed out that a number of these alternatives shown would be eliminated right away because of the expense or the impact on the environment or community.

Mr. Winn asked for the Committees support in asking the community to participate in the SCDOT's Community Impact Survey. He said that the survey evaluates several issues of importance for each neighborhood to help better understand potential impacts from the project.

Mr. Winn went on to discuss the traffic analysis work flow. Mr. Winn went into detail about the traffic analysis work flow to include information regarding existing conditions, the traffic count program, safety analysis, forecast conditions, the regional travel demand model, land use data, and the SYNCHRO level traffic modeling. Mr. Winn talked about the traffic growth rates, design hour volumes, mainline capacity needs, and performance alternatives. He covered in detail what to expect in the coming months into 2020 with regard to the final design of the recommended preferred alternative.

Mr. Winn closed his presentation with the information concerning the upcoming public involvement meeting on September 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Hilton Head Island. He noted that they would be discussing the purpose and need statement, alternatives analysis process, full range of alternatives, alternatives analysis evaluation criteria, draft reasonable alternatives and the next steps. He also noted that they would be soliciting public feedback as well.

Upon the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Winn answered questions posed to him from the members of Town Council, the Committee and public at large.

b. Traffic Volume/Data Forecasts

Mr. Winn and Ms. Humphries answered questions posed concerning the traffic volumes and data forecasts.

c. Public Communication for the September 19, 2019 SCDOT Community Meeting

Mr. Winn covered the upcoming community meeting during his presentation.

d. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Johnson said in preparation of the upcoming August 1, 2019 meeting, he wanted to propose an idea of "Guiding Principles." He said he did not want to discuss it yet, but wanted to get it out to the committee to begin thinking about. Chairman Johnson said that he was throwing out three at this time to be contemplated; (i) fix the transportation issues in the corridor; (ii) improve the quality of life for the neighborhoods currently impacted by the 278 corridor; and (iii) have a gateway to and from Hilton Head that the region will be proud of.

e. Public Comment – No further public comment

5. Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: August 1, 2019



The Town of Hilton Head Island
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Fix the transportation issues in the corridor

- a. Per SCDOT purpose and needs
 - i. Replace Mackay Creek bridge span
 - ii. Reduce congestion
 - iii. Increase capacity
- b. Address transportation needs for natural disasters

2. Improve the quality of life for neighborhoods currently impacted by 278 corridor

- a. Stoney
- b. Neighborhoods on Jenkins and Hog Island (including but not limited to Windmill Harbor)

3. Have a gateway to and from Hilton Head that the region that will be proud of

- a. Aesthetically pleasing and reflecting the Hilton Head/Low country values
- b. Safe and functional pathways for pedestrians and cyclists
- c. Minimizes environmental impacts and enhances the wonderful asset of Pinckney Island