

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
Planning Commission – CIP Committee

Minutes of the January 8, 2019

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Glenn Stanford, *Chairman*, Leslie McGowan, Michael Scanlon, Todd Theodore
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Scott Liggett, Jeff Buckalew, Darrin Shoemaker, Jennifer Ray
Others Present: David Ames, Tamara Becker, *Council Members*, Chet Williams, Esquire, Frank Babel
Media Present: Katherine Kokal, *The Island Packet*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 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.

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

None

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

• **Shelter Cove Transportation Study Recommended Improvements**

Chairman Stanford stated this is a meeting for information purposes. We are not being asked to make any recommendations and it is for the limited and sole subject of the transportation study dealing with improvements to various intersections on 278 to improve safety for automobiles as well as pedestrians and bicyclists.

Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects and Facilities advised the committee that we are here for a no action item from the Committee. As you are well aware, the interest that I gather the Commission as well as the Committee has expressed in this project has been significant. Starting here more than a month or so ago, staff has been meeting privately with various stakeholders. We had a public meeting in December and much like we had delivered some detailed information at those public meetings, we wanted to try to do the same with you and share a little more greater detail than we can typically afford you all as part of a public project review which is also queued up tentatively planned to be reviewed by the full Planning Commission on the 6th of February. We welcome any comments that you may care to provide, whether they come today or sometime after the meeting as we polish up our plans. Darrin Shoemaker is prepared to run through the alternatives the Consultant has prepared as well as share with you what the staff preference per treatment at these various locations.

Darrin Shoemaker, Traffic and Transportation Engineer advised the Town executed a contract with HDR Engineering of the Carolinas, Inc. on August 24th, 2018 to assess existing conditions in the Shelter Cove area corridor associated with William Hilton Parkway. The contract includes assessments of safety and operating conditions relative to both motor vehicle and non-motorized (bicycle/pedestrian) needs. The Town is aware of and has tentatively endorsed an effort by the Palmetto Dunes Property Owners Association to construct a new access to serve the community that aligns with William Hilton Parkway's median crossover at Shelter Cove Plaza/Whole Foods Market. The Town's contract with the consultant requires that this proposal be taken into consideration and that they coordinate with the association and their engineering consultants in the development of recommendations.

The Town's consultant that is conducting the Shelter Cove Area Transportation Study has identified alternate treatments toward the improvement of safety and operations at the six study intersections on William Hilton Parkway. Moving in the on-island direction, these study intersections are those of William Hilton Parkway with Shelter Cove Lane (off-island intersection near the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office), Shelter Cove Plaza/Whole Foods Market, Shelter Cove Lane (signalized intersection at Hickory Tavern), Shelter Cove Town Center (right-in/right-out driveway near Jos. A. Banks), Shelter Cove Lane (on-island intersection near Kroger Fuel Depot), and Queens Folly Road/King Neptune Drive. Town staff's tentatively preferred treatments can be summarized as signalizing and improving the Queens Folly Road/King Neptune Drive signal in a manner that is a hybrid of Alternate's one and three as identified by the consultant. Town staff's preferred alternate at the off-island Shelter Cove Lane intersection is to improve and signalize the intersection, and Town staff's preferred alternate at the signalized Shelter Cove Lane intersection is to improve and rebuild the intersection as a conventional signalized T-intersection that would accommodate additional turn lanes and periodically halt off-island Wm. Hilton Pkwy. Town staff's preferred alternate at both the on-island Shelter Cove Lane and Shelter Cove Plaza/Whole Foods Market intersections is to effect a partial median closure that would continue to allow ingress left turns but prohibit egress left turns. Town staff's preferred alternate at the Shelter Cove Town Centre driveway is to allow this intersection to remain as existing. Town staff's preferred alternates in tandem would provide signalized pedestrian crossings at the off-island Shelter Cove Lane intersection and at the existing Shelter Cove Lane signal while eliminating the lone remaining unsignalized pedestrian crossing of William Hilton Parkway at Shelter Cove Plaza/Whole Foods Market.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen D. Knox
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