



Steering Committee Meeting Video Conference

Minutes

October 26, 2022

3:30PM – 4:30PM

- I. **Welcome** – Councilmember Honeycutt
Councilmember Honeycutt welcomed everyone.
- II. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Councilmember Honeycutt
Minutes from August 24, 2022 Steering Committee meeting were approved unanimously.
- III. **Steering Committee Meeting Format/Time** – Councilmember Honeycutt
The format and time of future Steering Committee meetings were discussed. Some prefer to stay with virtual meetings at 3:30pm, while others prefer in-person meetings in the evening to allow for greater public access. There was consensus to alternate meeting times and formats, with in-person meetings having a call-in option if needed. It was suggested that an in-person evening meeting be considered for an upcoming meeting this winter. Staff will explore the possibility of that for either the December 2022 meeting or the February 2023 meeting.
- IV. **Phase 1 Project Update** – Sheila Parker
Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is still ongoing. A quarter of the ROW needed has been secured. Once more of the property appraisals are completed, acquiring the ROW will be at a faster pace. Acquisitions are anticipated to be completed sometime around February or March 2023 which lines up with construction. Utility coordination is ongoing, meeting with sewer, power, and local telecom to talk about specifics; most of the locations are minor and do not require major sub-surface work. Looking to execute a utility agreement with Dominion once an agreement is reached on the cost share of the power pole relocations. The City of Charleston has given conditional approval; final approval will be received once SCDOT signs off when they are satisfied with the utility coordination efforts. Responses to comments were satisfied with the exception of the Hydro Group, all other groups have acknowledged that their previous comments were addressed. Now working on addressing the last couple of storm water comments and working to resubmit the plans in the next week or so. Permitting with DHEC for land disturbance permit is ongoing and coastal zone consistency approval was received on October 21st. SCDOT is allowing the use of pervious sidewalks in some areas that are in



close proximity to sensitive grant trees, but this will need to be addressed in the maintenance agreement.

V. Folly Beach Shuttle Working Group Report – Katie Zimmerman

The Working Group met with the BCDCOG/CARTA team in August to walk through some research that they have done, proposed routes, and bus stop locations for a beach shuttle. Also discussed a few options for park and ride locations and what those would cost, the span of service, and service frequency. To design a route that is successful, additional background information on potential users is needed to ensure it is working in a way that is going to encourage folks to utilize it. BCDCOG, CARTA, and Toole Design collaborated to create an online survey that was reviewed by the Working Group. The team also put together a flyer and a social media square to advertise the survey.

Motion to approve the launch and advertisement of the survey. Motion carried.

VI. Phase 2 Project Coordination Discussion – Toole Design

Draft estimates and segments were presented and have been narrowed down to two segments; Segment A and Segment B estimates have been provided to the Steering Committee previously. Segment A is \$6.9 million and Segment B is \$5.8 million.

Previously, Kyle James of BCDCOG and Sheila Parker of Charleston County presented funding opportunities. Toole Design met with Kyle and Sheila to discuss how to approach funding opportunities and were reminded that projects need to be shovel ready. They need to have good cost estimates and preliminary engineering to go with them consistent with the cycle of applications. A plan of action was discussed, and a recommended starting point is looking at the County's Transportation Sales Tax (TST) application which goes live around May 2023. There is an opportunity to apply for design funds, 30% and 100% design funds.

There is about \$9 million dollars in the TST. Based on the cost estimates for each of the segments, 30% design would require roughly \$300K-\$360K, while 100% design would require \$750K-\$900K for each segment. It is recommended to submit multiple applications because it is a competitive process. If the projects are awarded funding through the TST, one of the County's on-call consultants could be retained for design.

Other opportunities include the CHATS TA-Set Aside (TA) and CHATS Complete Streets applications which open in early 2023. Folly Road does not currently exist on the SCDOT's list of prioritize projects eligible for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding; there was discussion about Steering Committee members finding out how to get Folly Road on that list. BCDCOG submitted an application for the a Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) planning grant on September 15, 2022. If they are awarded the funding for a Safety Action Plan, it is anticipated that Folly Road would be included.



However, there is no guarantee that BCDCOG would receive implementation funding or where Folly Road would rank within the plan for that funding.

VII. Jurisdictional Updates – Various

City of Charleston – Jim Hemphill & James Wallace

- Battery Island PUD – Located close to Old Folly Road; passed planning commission and was deferred by Council and should be before Council for a public hearing next month.
- Harbor View Towns – 16 town homes between James Island Connector and Harbor View Road. It passed conceptual site plan review, TRC, and planning commission.

Town of James Island - Kristen Crane

- 915 Folly Road – New axe throwing establishment in the shopping center between Sonic and Walgreens.
- 1027 Folly Road – Wisconsin Meat and Cheese.
- 914 Folly Road – The Local Shop, a high-end barber shop, will be located near the intersection of Camp Road and Folly Road on the east side of the shopping center behind Circle K.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned