

Stakeholder Working Group

MEETING #4 MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Mt. Pleasant Waterworks, 1619 Rifle Range Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Steering Committee Attendees

Name	Organization
Frank Carson	Berkeley County
Kathryn Basha	BCDCOG
Councilman Herb Sass	Charleston County Council
Councilman Dickie Schweers	Charleston County Council
Katie Zimmerman	Charleston Moves
Jason Crowley	Coastal Conservation League
Garrett Nichols	Dominion Energy
Chris Staubes	Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce
Councilman Bob Brimmer	Mt. Pleasant Council
Jim Glennon	Mt. Pleasant Waterworks
Richard Habersham	Phillips Community
Mayor Will Haynie	Town of Mt. Pleasant

Other Attendees

Name	Organization
Josh Johnson	SCDOT

Project Team Attendees

Name	Organization
Cal Oyer	Charleston County
Eric Adams	Charleston County
Michael Darby	HDR
Shannon Meder	HDR
Samantha Dubay	HDR
Blair Wade	HDR
Michael Fulmer	SCDOT
Stuart Day	Stantec
Ken Burger	Reveer Group
Matt Miller	Reveer Group
Cheryl Harleston	CHH Communications

Ed Givens	Fellowship Strategies
Natalie Lawrence	Joyst Communications

Below is a summary of the Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) Meeting #4 held on Wednesday, March 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

- Cal Oyer welcomed the group and introduced elected officials and project team members.

Highway 41 Corridor Improvements Project Presentation

View http://www.hwy41sc.com/assets/documents/Hwy_41_HOA_Meetings_march_2019_presentation_final.pdf

Cal Oyer (Charleston County Project Manager), Shannon Meder (HDR Project Manager), and Michael Darby (HDR Design Lead) discussed and requested feedback on the information contained in the presentation including interim improvement updates, environmental and alternatives development process status, and Alternatives 1 and 7a. The below minutes capture the questions asked and comments made during each topic.

Interim Improvements

- Councilman Brimmer asked what will be the width of the southbound lane on Highway 41 from Joe Rouse Road to Highway 17? The project team stated the additional southbound lane is proposed to be 12' wide.

Alternatives 1 and 7a

- Katie Zimmerman asked if any alternatives were removed solely based on public comments. Shannon Meder answered that public comments are part of the decision-making process but do not serve as the sole reason for the removal of any alternatives.
- Councilman Brimmer asked for the location of the Berkeley County line and if they were assisting with project funding. Cal Oyer stated that Charleston County and Berkeley County developed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) and that Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) funding will support the work that will occur in Berkeley County.
- Jason Crowley asked for an explanation of the restricted covenants with Dunes West. Blair Wade answered that restrictive covenants are located throughout the corridor along both alternatives. The project team has coordinated with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the restrictive covenants. We are currently working to further define the locations of these restrictive covenants. We are anticipating providing double mitigation for impacts to restrictive covenants.
- Councilman Brimmer asked how Bessemer Road connects to Highway 41. The project team described the proposed connection.
- Mayor Haynie asked the project team to consider how Alternative 7a will affect traffic counts at Park West Boulevard, considering its widening project. He also asked the project team to consider how the

Park West Boulevard widening project design, including multiuse path and buffers, will fit with Alternative 7a design.

- Mayor Haynie inquired whether the Town of Mt. Pleasant will receive compensation for loss of new roundabout resulting from the proposed Alternative 7a. The project team explained that removal of the roundabout is still being studied.
- Councilman Schweers asked if Alternative 7a served most of the people who travel Highway 41 and asked if traffic analysis had occurred to show where most of the traffic was being generated. The project team explained that 7A would divert most of the traffic off Highway 41 and the traffic modeling included trip generations based on current and projected development.
- Councilman Brimmer requested an explanation for the elimination of Alternative 5a. The project team explained the determining factors.
- Mayor Haynie asked if the bike/pedestrian path could be split between old Highway 41 to new Highway 41 in Alternative 7a to reduce property impacts. The team will look into this request for feasibility.
- Councilman Sass and Katie Zimmerman requested the project team to consider separating bike lanes from travel lanes with a grass median for safety.
- Richard Habersham asked how we will determine if a residential property owner is compensated? Cal Oyer explained property compensation including the professional appraisal of a property's fair market value (which accounts for the project's impacts on the property) and relocation assistance.
- Councilman Schweers requested the project team to proactively communicate to the media that neither alternative takes full properties/homes.
- Garrett Nichols requested information from the project team regarding location of southbound lane to consider utility relocations and impacts. The team will continue to coordinate with utilities.
- Katie Zimmerman requested that the project team consider the feasibility of safe bike and pedestrian use when designing the alternatives. The team is taking bike/pedestrian safety and features into account for design purposes.
- Jason Crowley requested that the project team consider mitigation options moving forward. The project team will coordinate with SWG members on mitigation later in the project.
- Mayor Haynie asked the project team to present a project update during the next Town of Mt. Pleasant transportation committee meeting. The project team will coordinate to get on the Town's agenda.

Action Items

- Communicate proactively to the media and public about right-of-way impacts.
- The project team will be on the agenda to present at the upcoming Town of Mt. Pleasant transportation committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.