



MEETING MINUTES

Project: Highway 41 Corridor Improvements

Subject: Community Meetings for Alternatives

Date: April 24-25, 2018

Location: Brickyard Plantation Clubhouse, 1100 Brickyard Parkway, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

Meeting: Cal Oyer, Charleston County

Support: Randy Williamson, HDR

Shannon Meder, HDR

Samantha Dubay, HDR

Michael Darby, HDR

Rotating: Robert Flagler, HDR

Meeting: Natalie Lawrence, Joyst Communications

Support: Ed Givens, Fellowship Strategies

Brad Morrison, Town of Mt. Pleasant

Overview

The Highway 41 Corridor Improvements project team held four meetings with leadership from community, neighborhood and business groups over the course of two days in an effort to present on the alternatives process, range of alternatives and three reasonable alternatives for public input and feedback. Cal Oyer, Randy Williamson, and Shannon Meder presented at each meeting.

Post cards were sent to invite business owners to attend the Business Owner Meeting. The project team's public involvement sub consultants coordinated directly with community group leadership in order to schedule each neighborhood or community meeting. In addition to the neighborhoods listed below, Dunes West was included but representatives did not attend.

Meeting materials included a presentation, schedule display board, sign in sheets, and project study area map. Below is a summary of topics discussed that took place at each meeting.

Business Owner Meeting, April 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Approximately 70 individuals were invited to attend the Business Owner Meeting and six were in attendance.

- Attendees suggested a walking overpass over Highway 41 and sidewalks for connectivity.
- Individuals mentioned the light at Dunes West Boulevard near Harris Teeter was blocking traffic.



- Questions were raised about impacts of a five lane section on businesses located in Phillips Community, including the Adult Day Care.
- Other input/concerns expressed included:
 - Traffic forecasts;
 - Whether or not a three-lane section includes a shoulder;
 - Tie in of businesses on the old Highway 41.

Park West, Cardinal Hill, Phillips Community, April 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Approximately five individuals attended this meeting representing Park West, Cardinal Hill and the Phillips Community.

- Individuals wanted clarification on three lane roadway sections and how neighborhoods would access Highway 41 going southbound and northbound.
- Concerns included that it was hard to access 41 near Bessemer Road and turning north on 41.
- Individuals stated that the turn lane added by the Town of Mt. Pleasant wasn't functioning correctly.
- Individuals stressed concern over noise and a preference for widening on the east side of 41 near Laurel Hill County Park.
- Individuals pressed for interim solutions for access to 41.

Horlbeck Creek, April 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Approximately four individuals were in attendance from the Horlbeck Creek neighborhood.

- Mt. Pleasant's construction of Joe Rouse Road and Dunes West Boulevard makes merging onto 41 more difficult.
- Drainage issues due to project at Joe Rouse Road and impacts from that project to marsh areas.
- Individuals suggested/referenced a proposed main artery in and out of RiverTowne.

Input from attendees included:

- Taking into account houses on stilts during a noise analysis;
- Impacts to marsh areas;
- Against bike/ped accommodations;
- Consider relocating utilities to the neighborhood's side of 41 and widening the road to the other side;
- Suggestions to lower speed limits to 35 mph;

Action item:

- *Send board members the presentation and handout for distribution.*

Planter's Pointe, Park West, Brickyard Plantation, Phillips Community, April 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Approximately six individuals attended the meeting with Planter's Pointe, Park West, Brickyard Plantation, and the Phillips Community.

- Concerns from individuals included the displacement of Phillips Community residents and socio-economic impacts.
- Individuals asked about looking at other alternate roadways on the west side of 41 and the Gregorie Ferry Road connection.
- There was a request to look at connections between neighborhood entrances.
- Questions and concerns included:
 - The agency who is overseeing the permitting process;
 - Park West widening;
 - Lights on 41 causing backups
 - Pedestrian safety in crossing 41.