



## MEETING MINUTES

Project: Highway 41 Corridor Improvements  
Subject: HOA Community Leadership and Business Meetings  
Date: March 5-6, 2019  
Location: Brickyard Plantation Clubhouse, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
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### Overview

The Highway 41 Corridor Improvements project team held four (4) meetings with community, neighborhood and business groups over the course of two days at the Brickyard Plantation Clubhouse. The purpose of the meetings was to provide an update on where we are in the environmental and alternatives development process; gather input and feedback on issues and opportunities for Alternatives 1 and 7a; and provide information on next steps and interim improvements. Cal Oyer, Shannon Meder, and Michael Darby presented at each meeting and walked attendees through each alternative via Google Earth. Individuals were also invited to look at roll plot maps of each alternative following the meeting.

The project team coordinated directly with community group leadership in order to schedule three (3) community meetings on March 5, 2019 at 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00 p.m. Invitees were given the choice to attend one of the one-hour meetings. Postcards were sent to invite business owners to attend the Business Owner Meeting on March 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting materials included a presentation, sign-in sheets, and roll plots for Alternative 1 and Alternative 7a. Below is a summary of topics discussed that took place at each meeting.

**March 5 at 2:00 p.m.**

Approximately 20 individuals attended the 2:00 p.m. meeting; attendees consisted of board members, HOA staff and residents.

Attendance included: Park West and Phillips Community

Input/questions from attendees regarding Alternative 1 included:

- Whether bike/ped options are needed on both sides of the road for the full length of the project;
- Whether or not the speed limit remain at 45; and
- Whether the project team considered Cainhoy development impact in future traffic numbers.

Input/questions from attendees regarding Alternative 7a included:

- How 7a impacts the Arlington neighborhood of Dunes West; and
- Potential mitigation strategies.

**March 5 at 4:00 p.m.**

Approximately seven individuals attended the 4:00 p.m. meeting; attendees consisted of board members, HOA staff and residents.

Attendance included: Planters Pointe, Brickyard Plantation, Park West, and Phillips Community

General input/questions from attendees included:

- Whether a noise analysis would be conducted for either alternative; general concerns about noise.

Input/questions from attendees regarding Alternative 1 included:

- The Phillips Community and how homeowners will be compensated if right of way is close to homes currently near the existing Highway 41;
- Request for further explanation of heirs property rights during right of way acquisition;
- The Colonnade has concerns about ingress/egress to their neighborhood;
- Whether or not the project team has explored an overpass at Rivertowne and Harris Teeter entrance; and
- Whether or not the project team has explored an overpass over the Phillips Community.

Input/questions from attendees regarding Alternative 7a included:

- Request for traffic information about which percentage of traffic would follow Alternative 7a instead of using old Highway 41;
- How the widening of Park West affects this alternative; and
- Whether the project team has considered current and future building and developments along this route.

### March 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Approximately 22 individuals attended the 6:00 p.m. meeting; attendees consisted of board members, HOA staff and residents.

Attendance included: Horlbeck Creek, Dunes West, Phillips Community, Park West, and Brickyard Plantation

General input/questions from attendees included:

- The proposed typical section width, including the purpose of the 10' multiuse path;
- Access from Horlbeck Creek and The Colonnade: how will people get in and out of the neighborhoods and onto a five-lane highway;
  - Temporary traffic lights were requested for these neighborhoods to enhance access to Highway 41;
- Noise impacts for a roadway that is close to homes;
- Inquiries as to when environmental studies would be available online;
- How interim improvements will impact access from Horlbeck Creek and The Colonnade; and,
- Construction impacts associated with interim improvements including storage of trucks and materials overnight, run off into tidal creeks.

Questions regarding the alternatives included:

- Whether full impacts or acquisitions were estimated with each alternative;
- Whether or not the design speed of 45mph could be lowered or raised;
- Costs associated with each alternative;
- How historic impacts were taken into consideration, i.e. the Phillips Community;
- Whether or not traffic studies have been conducted inside the gates of Dunes West.

### Business Owner Meeting, March 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Approximately 200 individuals were invited to attend the Business Owner Meeting. The meeting was held at Brickyard Plantation and 10 individuals were in attendance from local businesses and the community.

Comments and questions consisted of:

- Interim improvements are needed now; the number of wrecks are increasing significantly near Colonnade and occur mostly during the pm;
- Inquiries about the added expense of adding bike lanes and multiuse pathways in design;
- The corridor being a hurricane evacuation route; landscaped medians being unnecessary;
- Noise mitigation and if and when walls would be determined; and,
- The costs of each alternatives.