

Stakeholder Working Group

KICKOFF MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: HDR, 4400 Leeds Avenue, Suite 450, North Charleston

Steering Committee Attendees

Name	Organization
Councilman Herb Sass	Charleston County Council
Mayor Linda Page	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Bill Peagler	Berkeley County
Katie Zimmerman	Charleston Moves
Kathryn Basha	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments
Jeff Scott	Charleston County School District
Chris Staubes	Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce
Jason Crowley	Coastal Conservation League
Julie Hensley	Charleston County Parks & Recreation Commission
James Wilson	Charleston Water
Garrett Nichols	SCE&G
Josh Johnson	SCDOT
Michael Black	SCDOT
Tim Henderson	SCDOT

Project Team Attendees

Name	Organization
Cal Oyer	Charleston County
Steve Thigpen	Charleston County
Jim Armstrong	Charleston County
Brad Morrison	Town of Mount Pleasant
Michael Fulmer	SCDOT
Randy Williamson	HDR
Shannon Meder	HDR
Samantha Dubay	HDR
Harriet Richardson-Seacat	HDR
Natalie Lawrence	Joyst Communications

Below is a summary of the Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) kick-off meeting held Tuesday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions

- Steve Thigpen welcomed the group and introduced elected officials and project team members.
- Charleston County Councilman Herb Sass, Mt. Pleasant Mayor Linda Page, and Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler shared opening remarks.

Highway 41 Corridor Improvements Project Presentation

- Cal Oyer (Charleston County Project Manager), Randy Williamson (HDR Project Manager), and Shannon Meder (HDR Assistant Project Manager) led the group through a presentation explaining the project scope, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, schedule and future milestones, public involvement opportunities, and public feedback received to-date.
- Presenters discussed acceleration efforts for the project including early and ongoing coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers and implementation of the Design Build procurement method for construction.
- A copy of the presentation titled, *Community Meetings Presentation – September 20-22, 2017*, may be accessed and downloaded from the project website's Resources page under Helpful Documents or by clicking on this link:
http://www.hwy41sc.com/assets/documents/Hwy_41_Community_Meeting_Presentation_final_09202017.pdf

SWG Questions & Project Team Action

1. Mayor Linda Page, Town of Mt. Pleasant
 - a. *Alternatives/Interim solutions* – in response to public comments received at the Community HOA Meetings regarding this issue, the project team should consider current and near-future Town of Mt. Pleasant transportation projects as solutions for the traveling public until construction is completed on the Highway 41 Corridor Improvements project. Projects mentioned include:
 - i. *Park West Boulevard Widening*
 - ii. *Gregory Ferry Road*
 - iii. *All American Road*
 - b. *Environmental Assets* – requested that the project team consider the waterways and parks in the project study area during the project. Assets of note included:
 - i. *Potential crossings over Horlbeck Creek*
 - ii. *Future development of the Charleston County Laurel Hill Park*

Project Team Action: Schedule working meeting with Brad Morrison, Mt. Pleasant Transportation Director, to discuss in detail.

2. Katie Zimmerman, Charleston Moves

- a. *CCPRC People 2 Parks Plan* – requested that the project team consider the recommendations included in this Plan during alternatives analysis.

Project Team Action: As stated during the meeting, the project team will consider the People 2 Parks Plan.

3. Bill Peagler, Berkeley County Supervisor

- a. *Berkeley County traffic data and development projections* – requested that the project team work closely with Berkeley County to capture relevant data affecting the Highway 41 project, particularly future planned development.

Project Team Action: As stated during the meeting, the project team will continue to work closely with Berkeley County and the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments to ensure comprehensive data collection is included in the study.

4. Chris Staubes, Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce

- a. *Cross Promotion* – requested project marketing materials to share with his audience by email

Project Team Action: As stated during the meeting, the project team has included a one-page marketing piece as an attachment to this email for SWG members to share with their audiences. SWG members are also asked to direct people to the project website at <http://hwy41sc.com/>

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.