



Richland County Council
Transportation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
MINUTES
July 19, 2022 – 4:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesica Mackey, Chair; Bill Malinowski, Derrek Pugh, Paul Livingston and Overture Walker

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. June 28, 2022 – Mr. O. Walker moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Malinowski.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, Livingston, O. Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Livingston moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. O. Walker.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, Livingston, O. Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

a. Award of Construction – Screaming Eagle – Percival Intersection – Mr. Maloney, Director of Public Works, stated staff requested approval to award the Screaming Eagle/Percival Intersection Project to C.R. Jackson, Inc. in the amount of \$2,489,126.25. Approval will include a 15% contingency amount of \$373,368.94 for a total approved construction phase amount of \$2,862,495.19. He noted this project will add much needed traffic signals.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to award the Screaming Eagle/Percival Intersection Project to C.R. Jackson, Inc. in the amount of \$2,489,126.25, with a 15% contingency of \$373,368.94 for a total approved construction phase amount of \$2,862,495.19, seconded by Mr. O. Walker.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the referendum amount.

Mr. Maloney responded the amount approved by Council was \$3.1M, but he was not sure if that was the original 2012 amount.

Mr. Malinowski inquired why there was a difference between the engineer's estimate and the total estimated cost for the project.

Mr. Maloney responded the engineer's estimate covered the construction cost of \$2,324,900 compared to the bid that came in at \$2.489M.

Mr. Malinowski requested an itemized list of all expenditures.

Mr. Maloney responded in the affirmative.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, Livingston, O. Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Award of Engineering – Clemson – Sparkleberry Intersection – Mr. Maloney stated the intersection is complex and involves multiple signals that will require coordination of signals and geometry changes throughout going to final design. Staff is recommending Holt Consulting Company, LLC at a cost of \$1,730,853.35. Design will take the project to 100% construction plans and will include all necessary tasks to advertise the road improvement project. He noted there is currently \$1.9M available in the current budget for this project.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to award design services to Holt Consulting Company, LLC at a cost of \$1,730,853.35 for the Clemson Road/Sparkleberry Lane Intersection Project. Design will take the project to 100% construction plans and will include all necessary tasks to advertise the road improvement project for construction, seconded by Mr. O. Walker.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about the referendum amount.

Mr. Maloney responded it was \$5.1M.

Mr. Malinowski inquired why they chose Holt Consulting Company, LLC.

Mr. Maloney responded they were selected from the list of OETs.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if we have an engineer's estimate.

Mr. Maloney responded the engineer's estimate is not available at this stage.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, Livingston, O. Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous

- c. Request for Funding - Innovista Phase 3 – Mr. Maloney stated the City of Columbia is requesting approval to receive the balance of the funds from the \$50M Innovista Project once Phase II of the project is complete. The balance will be used to supplement other funding to complete Phase III.

Ms. Dana Higgins, City of Columbia, stated they are requesting the remaining balance from the Williams Street Connector/Innovista.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the City of Columbia's request to receive the balance of the funds from the \$50M Innovista Project once Phase II of the project is complete. The balance will be used to supplement other funding to complete Phase III, seconded by Mr. O. Walker.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the City had previously applied for a grant.

Ms. Higgins responded they have pursued the RAISE grant 4 times, but they believe they will be awarded the grant in September.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the Federal Government requires them to have the \$4M in their account prior to be awarded the grant.

Mr. Maloney stated, about a year ago, we made that a condition, but that detail has not been discussed.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as to who owns the land where the development is taking place.

Ms. Higgins responded it is private property.

Mr. Malinowski stated he thought the land was supposed to be donated, but the agenda documentation states there is a dollar figure for obtaining right-of-ways.

Ms. Higgins stated it is required for the Bill of Grant to have a right-of-way cost, but they are looking to have an "in kind" from the owners.

Mr. Livingston stated this would be a great project to leverage penny funds to get more funding to complete the project.

Ms. Mackey inquired if Phase III is the final phase.

Ms. Higgins responded in the affirmative.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, O. Walker, and Mackey

Opposed: Malinowski

The vote was in favor.

- d. Approval of Reserve Fund Use Plan – Mr. Maloney stated the Reserve Fund Use Plan is in support of the action Council took in the last couple of months to create a reserve of \$83.6M in the Penny Tax Fund. We are receiving bids that are a little or a lot over estimated costs, so we want to get through some of the larger projects like Atlas Road, Bull/Elmwood Intersection and the Blythewood Widening Project. They can gear the inflation faction through the next few months. Staff recommends the following steps:

1. Inflation Coverage – Carry a controlled decline of the reserve fund to near the end of

- program.
2. Road Maintenance System – The resurfacing program has three bid sets remaining before expenses reach the referendum limit.
 3. Project Descoped – Review the remaining descopes in the planning or early design phase that will best serve the public.

Ms. Mackey stated Council previously allocated a project reserve fund and now we are looking at these funds. She wants to ensure when we are discussing these two funds we do not confuse the funds. In particular, the projects that have already been descoped and those funds have been allocated.

Mr. O. Walker inquired if the \$31.1M could be used on any Penny capital projects or administration costs.

Mr. Maloney stated it has to be charged to a project. The \$31.1M is an account outside the greenways and roadways, which is why he calls it the program reserve fund.

Mr. O Walker inquired if they had projects that go over budget with construction inflation, would it be appropriate for Council to use some of that \$31.1 million or are the funds designated specifically for a particular use within the Penny Program.

Mr. Maloney responded whatever County Council decides to use the funds to cover penny project is eligible.

Mr. O. Walker moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the Reserve Fund Use Plan, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, Livingston, O. Walker, and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. O. Walker moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, Livingston, O. Walker and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:27 PM.