

RIDE II Committee Meeting
Monday, September 22, 2003 @ 1:00 p.m.
Horry County Administrator's Conference Room

In Attendance: Chairman Mike Wooten, Mitchell Flannery, Gary Loftus, David Norris, Darrell Ricketts, Steve Gosnell, Mark Hoeweler, Waccamaw Regional Planning & Rob Hamzy, South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Absent: Edsel "Coupe" DeVille, James R. Frazier, Donald Helms, Jim Hulen, John Kost, Thad Viers and Tee Hooper.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2003. A motion was made by Darrell Ricketts to approve the minutes, seconded by Gary Loftus and approved by the Committee.

GSATS Traffic Model/Mark Hoeweler, Waccamaw Regional Planning: Mr. Hoeweler informed the Committee that Wilbur Smith & Associates is preparing to update the current traffic model.

Mr. Hoeweler presented two maps for the Committee's review. The first map identified Levels of Service that indicated gridlock areas in red. The information source for this map was the 2000 Land Use data and the 2002 Network data gathered by Waccamaw Regional Planning. It was determined by the Committee that several of the areas shown in red have actually already been addressed by improvements completed, or under construction, on Hwy. 544 and Hwy. 501.

The second map illustrated the 2015 projections. The red grid locked areas increase substantially with Myrtle Beach basically completed grid locked.

After a brief discussion, the Committee requested that Mr. Hoeweler prepare a map using 2005 growth conditions with all the RIDE I & II projects, all GSATS improvements, and any other projects that are currently approved and funded for construction. Mr. Hoeweler will also provide 2010 and 2015 growth data using this same network. The Committee will review these maps and identify the critical areas that will need to be addressed in the future.

Mr. Hoeweler stated that he could have the map prepared by Monday, October 20, 2003. **Therefore, it was agreed that the scheduled meetings for October 13th and 27th would be cancelled and a meeting would be scheduled for 8:30 a.m. October 20th to review this data.**

A motion was made by Mitchell Flannery to schedule the next meeting for October 20th at 8:30 a.m., seconded by David Norris and approved the Committee.

Update on Transportation Summit: Mr. Loftus informed the Committee that the Transportation Summit is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2003 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Wall Auditorium. Mr. Loftus will update the Committee of the panel participants prior to the summit.

No action required.

Request from I&R Committee: At the request of the I&R Committee, Mr. Gosnell recently sent a letter to the RIDE II Committee, the Planning Commission and all Horry County Council members requesting their identification of any potential transportation corridors for the official map in an effort to protect future right-of-way and controlling future property costs. The Committee agreed that their final report would include the Committee's recommendations for the official map.

The Committee requested a copy of the exact map ordinance wording when requesting an exemption and Mr. Gosnell stated that he would provide it for the Committee's review at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mitchell Flannery to include in the Committee's final report their recommendations for the official map; seconded by Gary Loftus and approved by the Committee.

Goals and Objectives – Where are we? Chairman Wooten reviewed the Committee's objectives and their current status. He will be providing this information to the I&R Committee at their October 9, 2003 meeting.

No further action required

Miscellaneous: Chairman Wooten requested a copy of the Powerpoint presentation that was made to the State Infrastructure Bank in 2001. Mr. Gosnell will provide him a copy.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Wooten.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT 8:30 A.M.
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