

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

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DATE: September 2, 2009
TO: County Administrator
FROM: Clerk of Council
RE: Johns Island Roads - Request to Authorize

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At a regular meeting of County Council held on September 1, 2009, Council :

1. Approved a study of the widening of Bohicket and Main Roads as an alternative to the Sea Islands Greenway, including a valuation of trees and tree impacts.
2. Approved the following:

Maybank Highway Improvements

- A preliminary design will be developed and an evaluation of environmental impacts performed. Public Input will be solicited through Public Information Meetings and a Public Hearing.
- SCDOT would review all proposed design exceptions on Maybank. If SCDOT will not approve design exceptions, the City of Charleston has confirmed it would request the State to transfer Maybank Highway into the City system for ownership and maintenance. The CHATS Long Range Transportation Plan would need to be revised to accommodate the revised Maybank project, to retain eligibility for federal funding.
- Right of Way location and donation terms for the pitchfork elements will be negotiated with the property owners.
- An access control plan for the new roads will be developed with the City of Charleston.
- Coordination with the I-526 development plans.
- Coordination with the City of Charleston on the preliminary design of the road sections, land use and road access plans.
- Utility coordination to minimize utility relocations and impacts.
- Development of cost estimates.

Sea Islands Greenway

- An alignment study is necessary, which will include environmental analysis performed along with the Maybank Highway environmental studies. Public Input will be solicited through Public Information Meetings and a Public Hearing, all with the understanding that there is no commitment for use of public money to build.
- All necessary environmental permits would be applied for at the appropriate times as the project advances.

- Approach SCDOT to discuss opportunities for assistance with the project and ultimate ownership and maintenance.
- Along with Maybank Highway modifications, add project to the CHATS TIP to be integrated with the other highways in the area.
- As environmental and alignment study progresses, develop and release an RFP seeking proposals for public-private financing and design/build construction of the project.
- Bring results of RFP(s) to council for action.
- Return to council through periodic updates and action requests where obstacles are encountered.

Intersection Improvements

- Preliminary analysis and costs estimates have been developed for intersection improvements which could be implemented while study and design progresses for the Maybank and Sea Islands projects, to the extent funding is available. These include widening Main Road from Brownswood to Maybank; adding two right turn lanes at the intersection of Brownswood and Murraywood; adding a left turn lane from River Road onto Murraywood; adding a right turn lane onto Maybank from River Road along with traffic light timing adjustments; adding a right turn lane onto Plowground Road at River Road; and adding a right turn onto Bohicket from Plowground and a left turn lane onto Plowground from Bohicket.

Contracts and Funding

- Funding for conceptual design, environmental analysis and alignment study recommended to come from Maybank Highway funds and Allocations appropriations from unused 2007 and 2009 local paving funds for Kiawah Island Parkway Improvements. The Town may request these funds in future allocations budgets.
- Staff will negotiate with firms under contract for program management (LPA) and Maybank Highway design (Florence & Hutcheson) for the scope of work and fees to undertake the above efforts.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

DATE: 9/4/09

ACTION REQUIRED

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