

April 2021 Transportation Committee (TC) Meeting Minutes

The TC met virtually on April 8, 2021. Attendance was very good with a quorum.

There were no public comments.

Committee members were encouraged to complete the required training for committee members as distributed by Kelli Weese by April 15th.

Mike Miller, Florence Public Works Director joined the meeting and provided a great overview of major planned projects in the City. This interaction greatly helps the Transportation Committee in understanding where the City is headed and what we can do to help.

The vision of the committee as discussed in the previous meeting was reviewed as well as the perceived need to provide the City Council with a proposed work plan. After discussion, it was agreed that there was no urgent need to provide an updated work plan proposal and that we could proceed to generate our ideas.

The goal of this meeting was to continue to define the areas of interest of the Committee and solidify the subcommittees and hopefully find chairs for each. In future meetings, each subcommittee could provide the committee with it's vision and status.

Progress of the subcommittees was as follows:

Airport – Larry Farnsworth and Terry Tomeny would co-chair.

Public Transportation – Will include the status of local bus lines and taxi service – Sylvia and Susan expressed interest. No chairman yet, but should probably include John Ahlen and Josh Haring.

ADA Accessibility – John Ahlen, Gary Trevisan

Parking & Traffic – Bob Steele and Joe Cullivan

Bicycling – Sylvia Napoles to chair with help from Joe Cullivan

Pedestrian Walkways/Circulation – Joe Cullivan

Wayfinding – Some discussion on the definition of this area, but no chair volunteer yet.

Adopt a Street – Much discussion about similar programs with ODOT. Interest in having a Florence City program. No chair yet, but Susan Jones is knowledgeable and interested.

Bob Steele led a discussion on traffic count information that he has obtained from ODOT which should be of value to our committee in the future. This probably should be part of a monthly Parking/Traffic report.

This led to a discussion of the potential use of roundabouts in the Florence area – which led to a question of how we interact with the City Planning Department, who is actively working these issues. We asked for Wendy Farley Campbell to join us at the next meeting to discuss.

A potential conflict with our next meeting date was discussed, which will be coordinated with Keeli Weese.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 2:30.

Terry E. Tomeny, Chairman
May 7, 2021