

July 2021 Transportation Committee (TC) Meeting Minutes

The TC met virtually on July 8, 2021 at 2:30pm. A quorum was attained.

No public comments.

Roxanne presented the Work Plan for review.

Airport was represented by Terry and Larry and they made a presentation at the June meeting.

Pedestrian Walkway/ Circulation – Vicki Dunaway suggested the use of an app that would be easy to use for those seeking the location of the transit system. Also, if a website on schedules could be posted in the bus shelter for those seeking information. Josh said that they encourage people to call the Rhody dispatcher to help keep them up to date on bus arrival.

Roxanne suggested that the next step for this would be to determine cost and update the website that offers current information. Posting at bus stops instructions on how to get the information. Roxanne commented that this is a project that is doable and can see this happening within the next few months.

Public Transportation, Josh spoke about creating a Public Awareness and interaction regarding Visibility Safety issues, (line of sight)

- Create flyers for public awareness
- Post on City of Florence Facebook
- City newsletter
- Radio
- Newspaper (posting the violation form so public is made aware)

City Licensing, Josh spoke about how 70-80 percent of their work is non-emergency medical transport and how more out of city transit companies are coming into Florence without a valid license to conduct business in Florence, thus cutting into their work load. For example, a company comes here works from 8 -5 taking in the majority of the work day. They leave and then leaves the evening to early morning shifts for them. This cuts into the majority of their service thus revenue.

Roxanne will send a draft to members for review and then members are to return to Roxanne for final approval.

Bob Steele gave his report on ODOT traffic. Traffic on 101 and 126 is increasing daily. 2019 to current date Noti has increased 547 vehicles per day. Florence 455 vehicles per day. Bob stated that this information is available to anyone by going to ODOT's website.

Subcommittee Updates:

Suggestion from Susan that a workshop for subcommittees be incorporated into our next TC meeting to exchange ideas to create or add to current plans. We would then regroup and share what was discussed.

Vicki suggested that we all take the time to watch the video about Strodes as it has a lot of good information on how using this may help Florence in the future traffic plans.

Josh mention that EMAC is working on Adopt a Street and maybe we could delete that committee and add those committee members to another subcommittee.

Next meeting is August 12, 2021 at 2:30 pm where we hope to meet at City Hall or virtual.

Meeting adjourned.

Sylvia Napoles
TC Vice Chair