

**TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013  
2020 HAMPTON STREET, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**



**Richland County  
TRANSPORTATION PENNY**

*In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hayes Mizell, Carol Kososki, Bob Brown, Elise Bidwell, James Faber, Bill Wiseman, Diane Sumpter, Bob Williams, Todd Avant, Virginia Sanders, and Paul Livingston

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rob Perry, Tony McDonald, Justine Jones, Buddy Atkins, Quinton Epps, Ismail Ozbek, and Michelle Onley

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ✿ **October 21, 2013** – Ms. Diane Sumpter stated that she was present at the previous meeting, but her name was not listed in the minutes.

Ms. Kososki moved, seconded by Mr. Faber, to approve the minutes as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZENS' INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

**TRANSPORTATION PENNY UPDATE**

- ✿ **Program Update:** Program Development Team and On-Call Engineering Teams RFP approval and release – Mr. Perry stated the RFP for the Program Development Team were distributed November 7<sup>th</sup> and the proposals are due December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The RFP for the On-Call Engineering Teams will be distributed November 20<sup>th</sup> and proposals will be due on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

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- ✿ Program Update: Program Mitigation Bank – Mr. Perry stated the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee approved moving forward with establishing a mitigation bank and will be taken up at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- ✿ Program Update: The COMET – Dr. Schneider stated he was hired by the COMET Board of Directors. In addition, the COMET has added the following positions: Rural Transportation Planner, Metro Transportation Planner, Transit Development Manager, Travel Trainer, Community Outreach, Project Implementation and Administration staff.

Ongoing COMET Projects include:

- **New website**
- **COMET Facility Update**
- **Addition of Alternative Fuel Fleet**
- **New bus design**
- **Refurbishment of older buses**
- **Additional services beginning in April 2014**
- **Launch of Gamecock Express**
- **Ongoing RFP for Contract Operator**
- **Midlands Technical College Pilot Program**

**PROPOSED ANNUAL STATE OF THE PENNY REPORT**

- ✿ Mr. Mizell stated that the report will entail a retrospective report by Mr. Perry for the period of November 2012-November 2013. In addition, Dr. Schneider is invited to provide an update on the COMET's activities. There may also be an opportunity to touch on the pedestrian/greenways initiatives.
- ✿ Mr. Perry presented the draft "State of the Penny" to the TPAC Committee members.
- ✿ TPAC members requested handouts that can be presented to their respective neighborhoods.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**REMINDER—NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013 AT 5:00 PM**

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:17 PM.