



The Town of Hilton Head Island Intergovernmental Relations Committee Regular Meeting

**Monday, April 21, 2014
10:00 a.m. – Conference Room 3**

AGENDA

As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Pagers during the Meeting

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance**
Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Regular Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting of March 17, 2014
- 4. Chairman's Report**
- 5. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Update on General Assembly Issues
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Town and SCDOT Concerning Proposed Roadway Improvements Near Windmill Harbour
 - b. Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Town and SCDOT Concerning Proposed Bridge Replacement on Spanish Wells Road, over Jarvis Creek
- 7. Adjournment**

Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four (4) or more of Town Council members attend this meeting.

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Monday, March 17, 2014
Regular Meeting

Members Present: George Williams, *Chairman*, Marc Grant, and Lee Edwards, *Council Members*

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kim Likins, *Council Member*, Stu Rodman and Jerry Stewart, *Beaufort County Council Members*; Lynn McGee, *Vice-Chancellor for Advancement, USCB*; Hannah Horne, *Hilton Head/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce*; Jocelyn Staigar, *Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors*

Staff Present: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Faidra Smith, *Administration Manager/Public Information Coordinator*; Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*; and Lynn Buchman, *Administrative Assistant*

Media Present: Dan Hurley, *The Island Packet*

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Grant. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman Williams recognized Stu Rodman, Beaufort County Councilman, who had been invited to update the Committee on the proposed County referendums, and Jerry Stewart, also from County Council. He also noted that the current issues of USCB funding and the Competitive Insurance Act are topics for the Committee to discuss and decide if positions should be taken.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business

a. County Referendums/Stu Rodman

Chairman Williams introduced Stu Rodman, Beaufort County Council Member, who briefly discussed the following topics in reverse order from the agenda:

iii) Rural & Critical Lands

Mr. Rodman noted discussions that had occurred in the County Retreat and in the Legislative Affairs Committee concerning modifications to the Rural and Critical Lands ordinance so that land is not 100% set aside and unused, but such land could be used for other things. However, the request for such modification would need to come from the Rural and Critical Board. He cited the need for preservation around the Marine Corp base as time goes forward, and the success of the Mitchelville project on Hilton Head Island.

Chairman Williams noted that allowing more public use of lands would be beneficial.

ii) Capital Improvement Projects

As to the other referendums, he outlined his concerns about whether these should be rushed for the 2014 ballot, or if they should be delayed to the 2016 ballot. He cited reasons which included the fact that there is little public sentiment that there is a problem that needs a solution. He also noted that those running on the November ballot would be talking about no tax increase, so an argument for a tax increase would be difficult. However, he felt there was a fair amount of sentiment on Council to take either one or both forward. He expressed his position as not being particularly in favor of doing either one at this point in time.

Chairman Williams mentioned that sooner or later the Town will have to take a position on these referendums to indicate support or non-support.

Although timing is tough, Mr. Rodman expressed his preference for the Capital Improvement Projects sales tax, but he felt it would be unlikely that the Commission appointed by the County, including a representative from Hilton Head Island, will be successful in putting together a list of potential projects in time for the ballot. He felt that roads would need to be part of the projects, and this would take time to sort out, dollarize, and place on the ballot. However, he noted this would not be a wasted effort, since those projects need to be prioritized anyway.

i) LOST (Local Option Sales Tax)

Mr. Rodman indicated he sensed opposition to LOST from elected officials on Hilton Head Island and from Sun City, and without support from those two, it would be difficult to pass. He explained that LOST is a permanent concept that would be almost impossible to repeal, but it does include a property tax decrease and an argument that taxes would be shifted to tourists, which he felt was a phony argument. He also felt that if LOST and not the Capital Improvement sales tax was on the ballot and passed, it would be more difficult to come back and pass the Capital Improvement sales tax at a later time.

Mr. Rodman briefly discussed the penny sales tax used to promote tourism in Myrtle Beach and the argument that this should be explored at some point in the future. However, he and Chairman Williams agreed that option was not on the table at this time.

In response to Chairman Williams' inquiry, Mr. Rodman stated the path to a Capital Improvements referendum will begin with the appointed commission, and several months from now they will see where they are. In terms of LOST, Mr. Stewart's committee approved that LOST be sent on to County Council, with first reading occurring next Monday. He indicated that during the next 4 weeks, it would be the ideal time for Town Council to take a position and that would provide useful input for the County, as other municipalities such as Bluffton, Port Royal, and Beaufort are in favor of this referendum.

Jerry Stewart, County Councilman and Chair of the Governmental Committee, offered his comments on the proposed referendums, adding that it was very important that Hilton Head Island step up and make its feelings known about the LOST. He pointed out that although it passed in his Committee with his dissenting vote, there are others who are opposed to it that are not on the Committee, and it will be a close vote, with Hilton Head Island's decision being the deciding factor.

He also pointed out that, unlike the Capital Improvement Sales Tax, LOST can go on the ballot in any election year in November and does not have to wait until a general election as required for the Capital Improvement sales tax. He also noted that if LOST passes, it will be there forever, as it has no sunset provision, and no requirement of how the capital monies are spent. It is totally unlike the Capital Improvements sales tax which has specific requirements, a specific timeline, and a sunset provision. Also, if LOST passes, it would be very problematic in the future to pass the Capital Improvements sales tax.

Mr. Stewart also outlined the 3-year process that had taken place with the previous road project sales tax and the imperative need to appoint the member to the Commission from Hilton Head Island so that the process can move forward.

Mr. Stewart briefly discussed the reasons why there is support on County Council to change the ordinance for rural and critical lands, including the process of purchasing land under conservation easements that takes the property off the tax rolls in perpetuity. He cited legitimate reasons for changing the ordinance, which included allowing land to be acquired in fee simple, so that it can be kept open for possible development under the control of the County. He cited the need for economic growth and business development of land located around the Air Station, which would not only support that military installation, but would benefit the individual taxpayer.

Mr. Stewart also pointed out that the distribution of funds back to the taxpayer under LOST would only average \$20 on a \$100,000 home, so for low income families they will pay more sales tax than they will get back in property tax, and the money generated will not be enough to fund large projects such as refurbishing or widening the bridges to Hilton Head Island nor any major highway project. With all that in mind, he felt the southern part of Beaufort County could not afford LOST, and that that it should be prepared to go forward with the Capital Improvements sales tax once the time is right and the Commission comes back with a list of projects.

Steve Riley, Town Manager, confirmed for Chairman Williams that the appointment to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission was on the agenda to be addressed at the Town Council meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Mr. Riley noted a conversation about LOST was not scheduled, but would need to be addressed at some point.

A discussion followed with Kim Likins, Town Council Member, on the effect of LOST on low income families who would be hit harder, as it will cost them more than they will get back with tax relief, and renters getting no tax relief at all. Chairman Williams noted other municipalities supported LOST because it was a redistribution of the revenue stream from the unincorporated areas of the County and Hilton Head Island to municipalities. On a personal note, Chairman Williams noted he would do everything he could to make sure LOST does not pass if it gets on the ballot.

Chairman Williams polled the Committee members as to whether they wanted to make a recommendation to Town Council on the matter. Mr. Grant noted that he would like further discussion and detailed facts about both the LOST and Capital Projects Improvement tax before making a decision.

Jocelyn Staigar informed the Committee that the Realtors Association is opposed to LOST and in support of the Capital Improvements Project sales tax and explained their reasoning. She urged the Town to make their positions known as quickly as possible.

After discussion among the Committee members, it was decided that Chairman Williams in his report to the Town Council tomorrow will include a recommendation for a resolution from Town Council at its next meeting so they can openly discuss the sales tax options and decide on a position. Mr. Rodman and Mr. Stewart agreed that was acceptable as long as it was obtained before second reading at County Council.

Mr. Rodman briefly updated the Committee on the Competitive Insurance Act bill filed by Senator Tom Davis, and an amendment he added at the subcommittee level to create a model to determine the actual risk to this area, since a Florida model is currently being used.

Mr. Stewart noted that his Committee had been looking at the issue of business license fees, since businesses complain about having to independently file for a business license in each jurisdiction. He explained the Greenville County system, where revenue data for each jurisdiction is entered once, calculations are made, a business license is issued, and the fees are divided among the various entities appropriately. Since Beaufort County currently collects the ad valorem taxes and other fees, and divides them with the municipalities, he asked that this issue be revisited.

Mr. Stewart confirmed for Mr. Riley that the appointed Commission will not be dissolved, but will continue to work on a list of potential projects for 2016 if the County concludes that it is too late to introduce the referendum on the Capital Improvements sales tax for 2014. Mr. Stewart emphasized the importance of getting the Commission started, and even after 2 years of work if they should decide the timing is not right, at least a better understanding will result be better prepared when the time does come. With critical needs for bridges, road projects, and county buildings, he predicted it will happen, and the Commission is legally the group that has to determine needed projects for the entire County, encompassing USBC, TCL, the school district, and the Chamber.

Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Rodman and Mr. Stewart for their attendance and comments.

b. USCB Funding/Budget Proviso

Lynn McGee, Vice-Chancellor of USCB, briefed the Committee on the Parity for USCB Students Initiative that was started 2 years ago in the legislature. She explained that USCB was radically and grossly underfunded by the State, with USCB receiving \$940 per student whereas the average in the Public Comprehensive sector was \$2,487 per student. She praised Senator Tom Davis and the delegation for the great job they did last year and the effort they are making this year, and she asked for support from the Town.

Ms. McGee and Chairman Williams discussed the budget proviso, with the House having finished its budget, and the higher education finance subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday to hear the USCB presentation. Ms. McGee noted that Senator Davis is leading the charge with parity funding as a key issue and priority for this session.

A discussion followed concerning what the Town could do to support the Parity for USCB Initiative, and Mr. Edwards suggested a statement of support for equitable funding might be in order. Mr. Grant indicated his support and discussed with Ms. McGee the definite possibility of dual enrollment of students with a USCB campus on Hilton Head Island.

Mr. Edwards moved that the Committee recommend to Town Council at tomorrow's meeting that a letter of support for the Parity for USCB Students Initiative be sent to the South Carolina Legislature, and Mr. Grant seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. McGee thanked the Committee for its support.

c. S.569 Competitive Insurance Act Update

Greg DeLoach noted that Mr. Rodman had briefly discussed this bill earlier, and he reminded the Committee that the bill was introduced last year and submitted to the Senate Insurance and Banking Committee and is now in the Senate Finance Committee. It is a skeletal bill as described by Tom Davis who introduced it, and is an incremental approach to the insurance issue in South Carolina and seeks to provide incentives to insurance companies, seeks to educate consumers better about premium rates and the number of available companies that are writing policies. It creates premium tax credits for these companies. Mr. DeLoach understood the bill is still in the Senate Finance Committee, with no Senate floor vote having occurred. Jocelyn Staigar indicated the SC Association of Realtors is doing a huge issues mobilization campaign across the state on this bill, they have a website, and mailings are being done to the General Assembly. Mr. Edwards confirmed with Mr. DeLoach that there was nothing for the Committee to do at this point, but continue a monitoring position.

Hannah Horne, representing the Hilton Head/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, noted that as reported earlier, one of the additions to the bill has been the potential commission of a model for risk assessments that would take into account our particularly geographic coastline features and topography and variables that come into play. She noted that adding that particular element to the bill will be important from an economic development standpoint for people looking for business locations.

Chairman Williams asked that the bill be monitored and new information provided as necessary.

Mr. DeLoach reported that the year-old daycare bill mentioned by Ms. Likins at a previous meeting has not gone anywhere.

7. Adjournment

At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Edwards moved to adjourn and Mr. Grant seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn W. Buchman
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

George Williams, Chairman



MEMORANDUM

TO: Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Jeff Buckalew, Town Engineer

VIA: Stephen G. Riley, CM and Town Manager
Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects & Facilities / Chief Engineer

DATE: April 21, 2014

RE: Resolution Consenting to the South Carolina Department of Transportation
Constructing Traffic Safety Improvements along US 278 on Jenkins Island

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Intergovernmental Relations Committee endorse the attached resolution and recommend approval to Town Council. The resolution, if approved, would provide Town Council's consent to the construction of traffic safety improvements along US 278 on Jenkins Island by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

Summary: The SCDOT has requested the Town's consent to a proposed traffic safety improvement project within the Town limits along US 278 on Jenkins Island, specifically at the entrance to Windmill Harbour. The project is currently being designed by the SCDOT as part of the Department's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). While it does not include all six of the safety features which Town Council requested of the SCDOT last fall, it does have merits and staff recommends that consent be granted. This consent does not preclude further improvements from being made in the future.

Background: On November 19, 2013, Town Council passed a resolution which urged the SCDOT to design and construct the six (6) specific safety improvements listed below as soon as is practicable in conjunction with or subsequent to the anticipated 2015 completion of the Bluffton Flyover Project.

1. Close the existing Blue Heron Point Road median crossover.
2. Construct a new road to connect westbound US 278 to Blue Heron Point Road by traversing SCDOT-owned land to the north of US 278 and to the west of the Hog Island Marsh separating Hog Island, also known as Blue Heron Point, from Jenkins Island, with access to and from the new road and US 278 be limited to right-in and right-out movements only.

3. Partially close the Windmill Harbour median crossover to prevent egress left turns onto westbound US 278 from Windmill Harbour or egress left turns from Gateway Drive onto eastbound US 278.
4. Improve the existing left turn lane on westbound US 278 serving ingress left turns into Windmill Harbour.
5. Improve the existing acceleration lane serving egress right turns from Windmill Harbour onto eastbound US 278.
6. Construct an eastbound auxiliary weaving lane on US 278 from Blue Heron Point Road east to the front entrance of Windmill Harbour; and

The current project for which the Town's consent is being sought does not include improvements 1, 2, 6 and the first part of 3. It does include improvements 4, 5, and the second part of 3. The SCDOT has elected not to pursue the Blue Heron Point work primarily due to its proximity to the bridge.

Several years ago, Town staff developed a conceptual plan to completely close all three unsignalized median crossovers of US 278 on Jenkins Island and develop a frontage road beginning at Jenkins Road on the northern side of US 278, traversing the Town's Jenkins Island parcel, and intersecting Blue Heron Point Road. In 2011, at the request of the Town and County, the project was included in STIP. Since inclusion in the STIP, the State has managed the project and provided \$1,400,000 in funding; however this was not nearly enough to construct the complete frontage road concept.

In 2012 Beaufort County approached the Low Country Council of Governments and successfully requested that a portion of the programmed \$1,400,000 be diverted into two interim turn lane safety improvements, namely the lengthening of the acceleration lane serving right turns from Windmill Harbour onto eastbound US 278, and an improvement to the left-turn lane serving Windmill Harbour on westbound US 278 in order to improve sight distance for motorists turning left out of Windmill Harbour onto westbound US 278. These improvements have been adopted into the current plan and the remaining balance of the \$1,400,000 has since been diverted to other projects.

Attachments:

- Proposed Project Consent Resolution
- Project Plans (by SCDOT)
- 11-19-13 Town Council Resolution

Resolution Number 14-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, CONSENTING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT CERTAIN PROJECT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION KNOWN AS “SC FILE 07.041808 (PIN: 41808_RD01) – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT ALONG US ROUTE 278 (WILLIAM HILTON PARKWAY) AT THE WINDMILL HARBOUR ENTRANCE WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, BEAUFORT COUNTY”, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT PLANS OF SAID PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (“SCDOT”) proposes to construct, reconstruct, alter, or improve the certain segments of the highway(s) in the State Highway System, which are located within the corporate limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island (hereinafter, the “Town”) in connection with that certain project known as “SC File 07.041808 (PIN: 41808_RD01) – Intersection Improvements along US Route 278 (William Hilton Parkway) at the Windmill Harbour Entrance within the Town Limits of Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County” (hereinafter, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to authorize the construction and/or improvements of the aforesaid highway(s) in accordance with plans to be prepared by the SCDOT (“the Project Plans”); and

WHEREAS, the Project Plans must be in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Municipal Code and Land Management Ordinance of the Town and, as such, must be reviewed and approved by all necessary Town Staff prior to their completion and/or finalization.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA:

1. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 57-5-820 (1991), the Town does hereby consent to the construction and/or improvements of the aforesaid highway(s) within its corporate limits in accordance with the Project Plans. SCDOT shall complete the Project under the Project Plans, subject to the Project Plans being in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Municipal Code and Land Management Ordinance of the Town. This consent hereby constitutes a waiver of any and all other requirements with regard to construction within the Town's limits. The foregoing waiver and consent shall also extend to the benefit of utility companies engaged in relocating utility lines on account of the Project. Further, the Town shall exempt all existing and new right-of-way and all other properties purchased in connection with right-of-way for the highway(s) from any general or special assessment against real property for municipal services.

2. The Town hereby signifies its intention to faithfully observe the provisions of Chapter 5, Title 56, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, and all amendments thereto relating to the regulation of traffic on the street, or streets, to be constructed, reconstructed, altered or improved as hereinabove identified and further agrees to refrain from placing or maintaining any traffic control devices upon any section of said street, or streets, without having first obtained written approval of the South Carolina Department of Transportation as required in S.C. Code Section 56-5-930 (1976, as amended), nor enacting any traffic regulation ordinances inconsistent therewith.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2014.**

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____



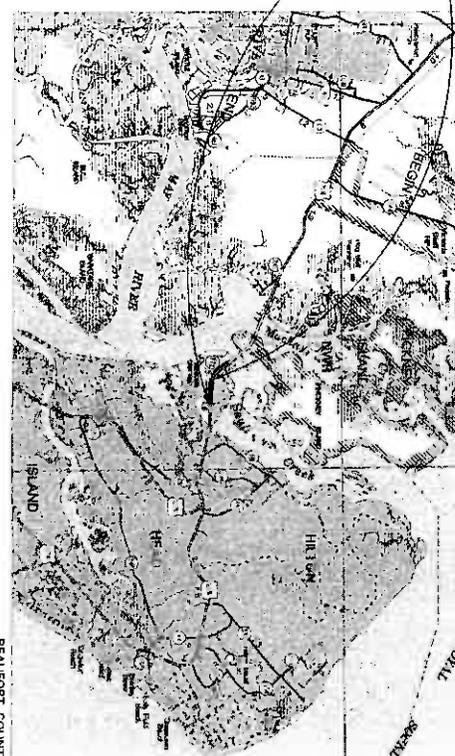
South Carolina Department of Transportation

PROPOSED PLANS FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT AT WINDMILL HARBOUR ENT.

FILE 07.041808 PROJ. SU07(008)

US 278



LAYOUT

SCALE: 1"=500' FEET

NET LENGTH OF ROWWAY	0.500	MILES
NET LENGTH OF PROPOSED	0.500	MILES
NET LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.500	MILES
LENGTH OF EXISTING	0.500	MILES
CROSS LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.500	MILES



SCALE: 1"=500' FEET

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5	PROPERTY CLOSURE SHEET	1
6A	GENERAL CONSTRUCTION NOTES	OMITTED
6B	REFERENCE SHEET	1
6C	PLAN AND PROFILE	1
6D	EXISTING COMM. DATA SHEET	1
6E	CROSS SECTION SHEETS	13
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT INFORMATION	
USACE PERMIT	YES NO
NEPA DOCUMENT	YES NO
401 CERTIFICATION	YES NO
OCRM CAP?	YES NO
NAVIGABLE WATERS	SC USCG USACE N/A

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FILE 07.041808
SURVEY STA. 316+00.00 US 278 END
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BEAUFORT COUNTY
YES/NO

TRAFFIC DATA
2015 ADT 51,400
2035 ADT 68,000
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2001
AASHTO "A" Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Bridges
Hydraulic Design Manual for Urban Storm Water
Edition of SCDOT's "Manual for Hydraulic Design"
Hydraulic Design Manual

N.T.S.E. PERMIT INFORMATION
WPDOS District
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Approximate Location of Stationing is
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Hydraulic and WPDOS Design
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Plans may be obtained from the
SCDOT Regional Production Office

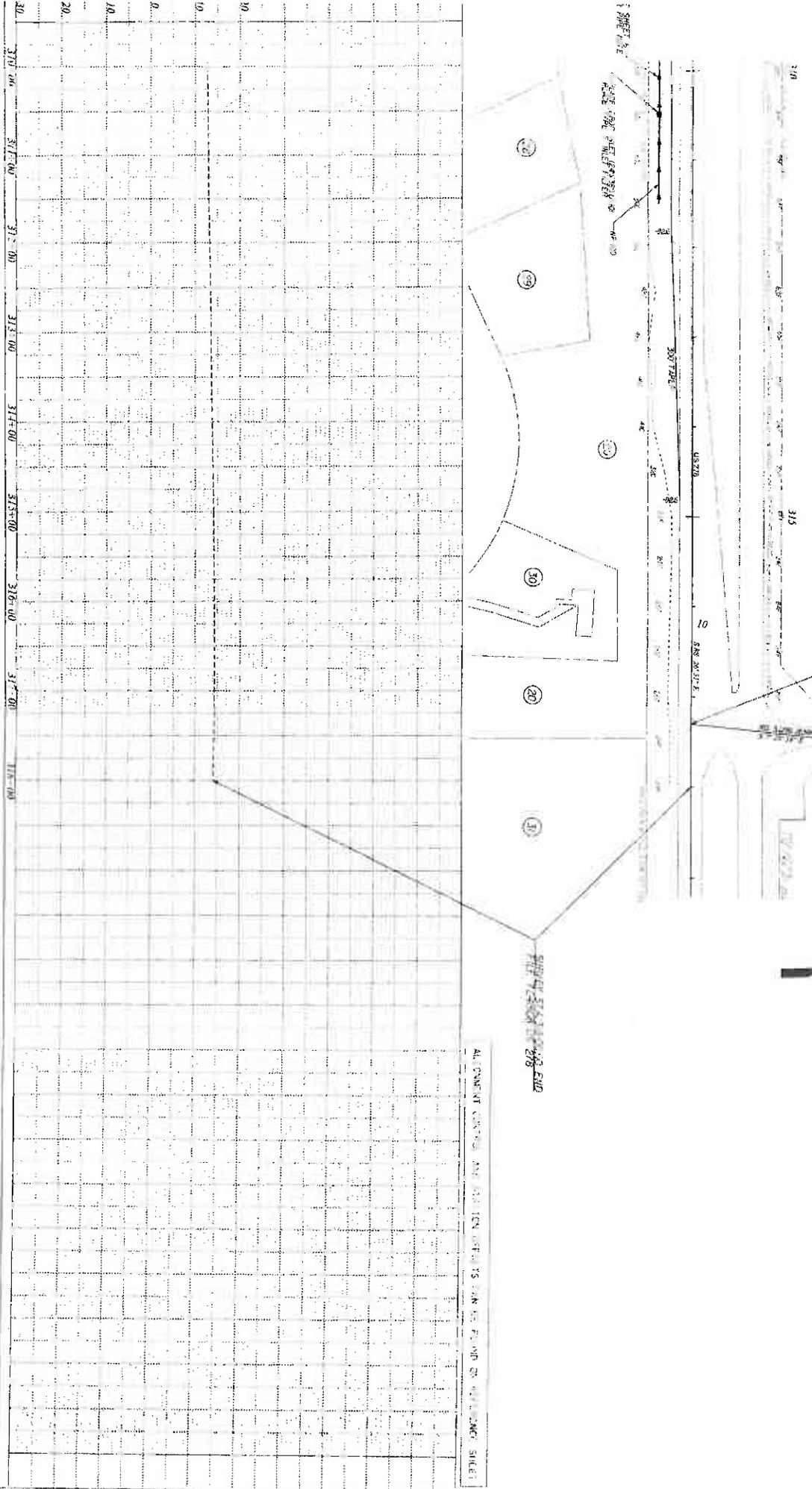
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Matthew R. Tolley
Regional Production Engineer
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ENGINEER OF RECORD
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ALLOCATION CONSIDER AND ADDITION OF 15 CAN BE PROVIDED ON THIS SHEET

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**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS VIA
ACCESS MODIFICATIONS TO US 278 ON JENKINS ISLAND**

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the completion in 2015 of the Bluffton Parkway Flyover Project connecting the Bluffton Parkway to US 278 west of the Karl V. Bowers Bridge, the Town Council of Hilton Head Island recognizes the need to effect safety improvements to US 278 on Jenkins Island via access modifications; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), Beaufort County, the Town of Hilton Head Island, and affected communities located on Jenkins Island mutually desire to be proactive in ensuring the safety of the motoring public in general along US 278 on and near Jenkins Island following the completion of the Bluffton Parkway Flyover project; and

WHEREAS, a plan has been developed by Dennis Corporation at the behest of the Windmill Harbour community to:

1. Close the existing Blue Heron Point Road median crossover.
2. Construct a new road to connect westbound US 278 to Blue Heron Point Road by traversing SCDOT-owned land to the north of US 278 and to the west of the Hog Island Marsh separating Hog Island, also known as Blue Heron Point, from Jenkins Island, with access to and from the new road and US 278 be limited to right-in and right-out movements only.
3. Partially close the Windmill Harbour median crossover to prevent egress left turns onto westbound US 278 from Windmill Harbour or egress left turns from Gateway Drive onto eastbound US 278.
4. Improve the existing left turn lane on westbound US 278 serving ingress left turns into Windmill Harbour.
5. Improve the existing acceleration lane serving egress right turns from Windmill Harbour onto eastbound US 278.
6. Construct an eastbound auxiliary weaving lane on US 278 from Blue Heron Point Road east to the front entrance of Windmill Harbour; and

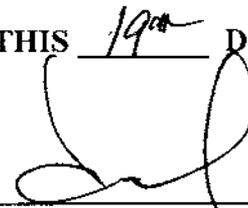
WHEREAS, Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island sought and received the approval from the Low Country Council of Governments (LCOG) in 2011 to program one million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00) of State Transportation Improvement Project funds for traffic safety enhancements on and near the portion of US 278 that traverses Jenkins Island; and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of the improvements enumerated above will preclude the future signalization of the intersection of US 278 with Harbour Passage Drive and Gateway Drive, the intersection that serves as the front entrance to the Windmill Harbour community, should such signalization become warranted, and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Beaufort County resolved to endorse the improvements enumerated above at their October 28th, 2013 meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS, RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT the SCDOT is urged to design and construct the six (6) safety improvements enumerated herein above, and to do so as soon as is practicable in conjunction with or subsequent to the anticipated 2015 completion of the Bluffton Flyover Project.

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.



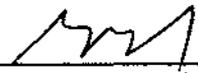
Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: GEORGE W. WILLIAMS, JR



MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Public Facilities Committee

VIA: Stephen G. Riley, CM and Town Manager
Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects & Facilities / Chief Engineer

DATE: November 19th, 2013

RE: Resolution Requesting South Carolina Department of Transportation to Construct Traffic Safety Improvements along US 278 on Jenkins Island

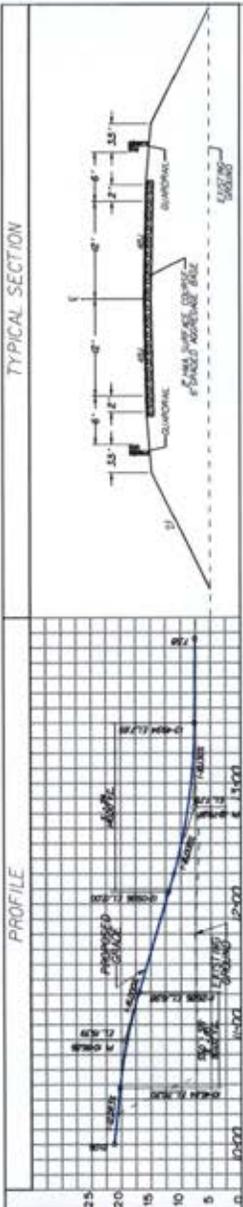
Recommendation: The Public Facilities Committee recommends that Town Council approve the attached resolution which requests the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to construct a variety of traffic safety improvements along US 278 on Jenkins Island coincident with, or as soon as is practical subsequent to, the completion of the Bluffton Parkway Phase 5-A (Flyover) Project, anticipated for the fall of 2015.

Summary: At their November 5th, 2013 meeting, the Public Facilities Committee approved a motion to forward the above recommendation to Town Council. The traffic safety improvements include the construction of a new road connection between US 278 and Blue Heron Point Road, with access to and from US 278 and the new road connection limited to right-in and right-out movements only. Two possible alignments for this new road connection as provided by Windmill Harbour's consulting engineer are attached, but the final design shall be resolved by the SCDOT in accordance with their engineering standards and practices. The improvements also include the complete closure of the median crossover serving Blue Heron Point Road, and the partial closure of the median closure serving Windmill Harbour's front entrance and Gateway Drive, with movements through this crossover limited to ingress left turns from westbound US 278 into Windmill Harbour. This modification would also limit traffic movements to and from US 278 and Gateway Drive to right-in and right-out movements. Additional improvements include modification of the existing left turn lane serving the ingress left turn from westbound US 278 into Windmill Harbour, lengthening of the acceleration lane that serves egress right turns from Windmill Harbour onto eastbound US 278, and the

construction of an auxiliary acceleration/deceleration (weaving) lane on eastbound US 278 from Blue Heron Point Road to the front entrance of Windmill Harbour. Staff has determined that in lieu of a full frontage road system that may never realize funding in the foreseeable future, the implementation of these improvements in tandem will enhance motorist safety for the near future and preclude the need for signalization of the US 278 / Windmill Harbour / Gateway Drive intersection for an extended period of time.

Background: Staff formerly developed a conceptual plan to completely close all three unsignalized median crossovers on US 278 on Jenkins Island by constructing a frontage road beginning at Jenkins Road on the northern side of US 278, traversing the Town's Jenkins Island parcel, and intersecting Blue Heron Point Road. In 2011, at the request of the Town and County, the roadway improvement project was included in SCDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Since inclusion in the STIP, the State has managed the project and provided \$1,400,000 in funding.

Beaufort County approached LCOG in 2012 and successfully requested that a portion of the programmed \$1,400,000 be diverted into two interim turn lane safety improvements, namely the lengthening of the acceleration lane serving right turns from Windmill Harbour onto eastbound US 278, and an improvement to the left-turn lane serving Windmill Harbour on westbound US 278 in order to improve sight distance for motorists turning left out of Windmill Harbour onto westbound US 278. It is staff's understanding that SCDOT has been surveying and engineering these projects over the past year. While the recommended partial closure to this median closure that would eliminate egress left turns renders the latter improvement potentially unnecessary, improvements may still be warranted to bring the existing turn lane into compliance with current SCDOT standards as worded in the submitted resolution.



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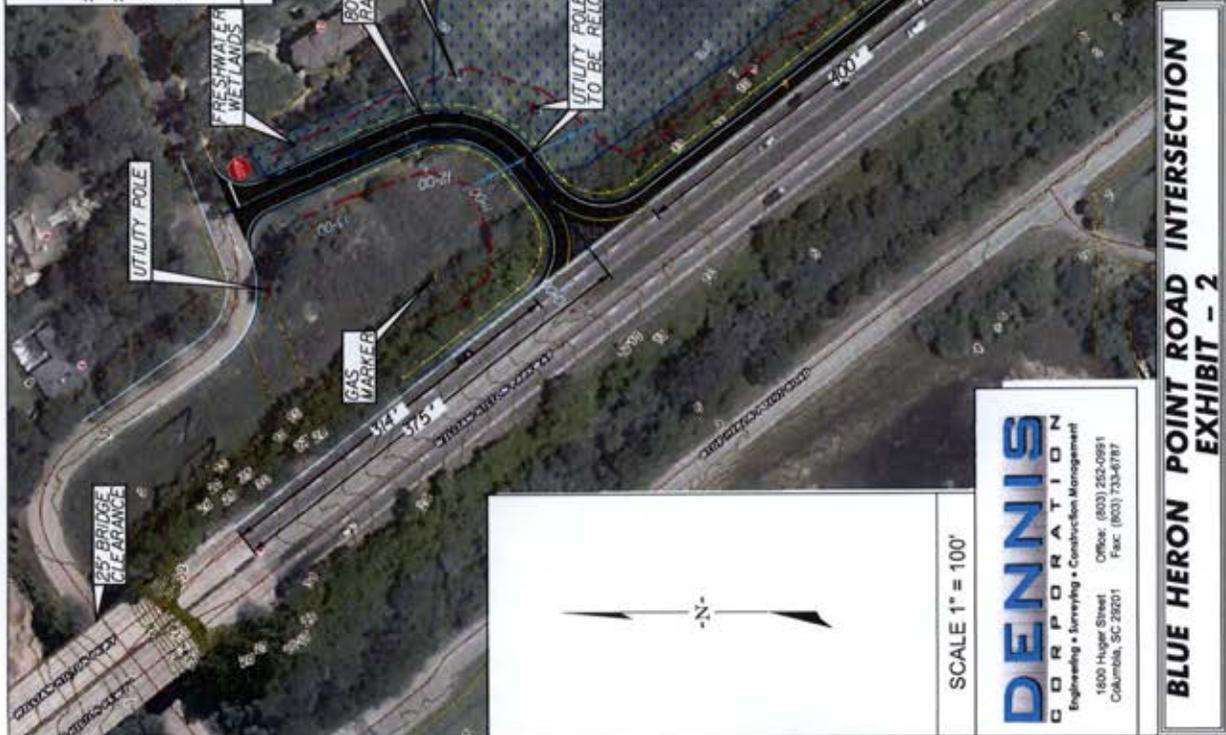
- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- CONCRETE ISLAND
- GUARDRAIL
- SLOPE LIMITS

BLUE HERON POINT ROAD INTERSECTION EXHIBIT - 2

- 0.49 TOTAL WETLAND IMPACTS
- 2 UTILITY POLES IMPACTED
- DECELERATION LANE SLIGHTLY ENCROACHES ON US 278 CURVE



US 278 FACING BRIDGE 25' BRIDGE CLEARANCE



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BLUE HERON POINT ROAD INTERSECTION EXHIBIT - 2



MEMORANDUM

TO: Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Jeff Buckalew, Town Engineer

VIA: Stephen G. Riley, CM and Town Manager
Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects & Facilities / Chief Engineer

DATE: April 21, 2014

RE: Resolution Consenting to the South Carolina Department of Transportation
Constructing a New Bridge over Jarvis Creek on Spanish Wells Road

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Intergovernmental Relations Committee endorse the attached resolution and recommend approval to Town Council. The resolution, if approved, would provide Town Council's consent to the construction of a new bridge over Jarvis Creek on Spanish Wells Road by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

Summary: The SCDOT has requested the Town's consent to a project within the Town limits which replaces the existing bridge over Jarvis Creek on Spanish Wells Road. While staff recommends the Town consents to the construction of this project, it is done so with the condition that the project complies with Town ordinances.

Background: The state has approved the naming of this bridge after Charles Simmons. The project is currently being designed by the SCDOT. Town staff has reviewed the preliminary plans and provided comments to the SCDOT. The current bridge will remain in use during construction of the new bridge. To construct the new bridge and re-aligned roadway, the SCDOT must acquire right of way from the Town.

Attachments:

- Proposed Project Consent Resolution
- Project Plans (by SCDOT)

Resolution Number 14-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, CONSENTING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT CERTAIN PROJECT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION KNOWN AS “SC FILE 07.039102 (PIN: 39102_BR01) – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER JARVIS CREEK ALONG S-79 (SPANISH WELLS ROAD) WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, BEAUFORT COUNTY”, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT PLANS OF SAID PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (“SCDOT”) proposes to construct, reconstruct, alter, or improve the certain segments of the highway(s) in the State Highway System, which are located within the corporate limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island (hereinafter, the “Town”) in connection with that certain project known as “SC File 07.039102 (PIN: 39102_BR01) – Bridge Replacement over Jarvis Creek along S-79 (Spanish Wells Road) within the Town Limits of Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County” (hereinafter, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to authorize the construction and/or improvements of the aforesaid highway(s) in accordance with plans to be prepared by the SCDOT (“the Project Plans”); and

WHEREAS, the Project Plans must be in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Municipal Code and Land Management Ordinance of the Town and, as such, must be reviewed and approved by all necessary Town Staff prior to their completion and/or finalization.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA:

1. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 57-5-820 (1991), the Town does hereby consent to the construction and/or improvements of the aforesaid highway(s) within its corporate limits in accordance with the Project Plans. SCDOT shall complete the Project under the Project Plans, subject to the Project Plans being in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Municipal Code and Land Management Ordinance of the Town. This consent hereby constitutes a waiver of any and all other requirements with regard to construction within the Town's limits. The foregoing waiver and consent shall also extend to the benefit of utility companies engaged in relocating utility lines on account of the Project. Further, the Town shall exempt all existing and new right-of-way and all other properties purchased in connection with right-of-way for the highway(s) from any general or special assessment against real property for municipal services.

2. The Town hereby signifies its intention to faithfully observe the provisions of Chapter 5, Title 56, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, and all amendments thereto relating to the regulation of traffic on the street, or streets, to be constructed, reconstructed, altered or improved as hereinabove identified and further agrees to refrain from placing or maintaining any traffic control devices upon any section of said street, or streets, without having first obtained written approval of the South Carolina Department of Transportation as required in S.C. Code Section 56-5-930 (1976, as amended), nor enacting any traffic regulation ordinances inconsistent therewith.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2014.**

Drew A. Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

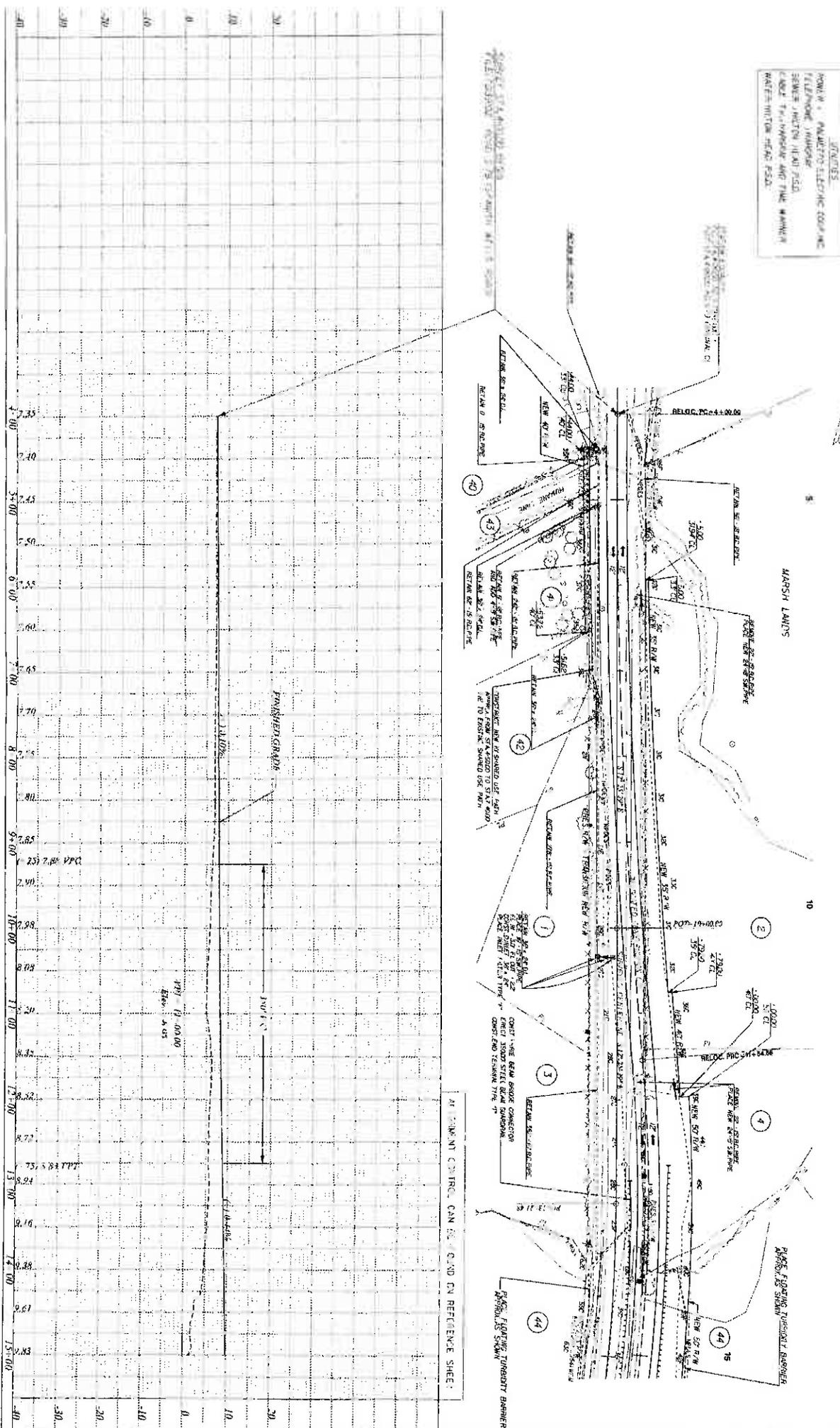
Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____

NOTES:
 1. ALL ELEVATIONS ARE IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 2. SEE PLAN FOR EXISTING AND PROPOSED LAYOUT.
 3. SEE SPECIFICATIONS FOR MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION.
 4. SEE NOTES ON SHEET 10 FOR DETAILS OF STRUCTURES.

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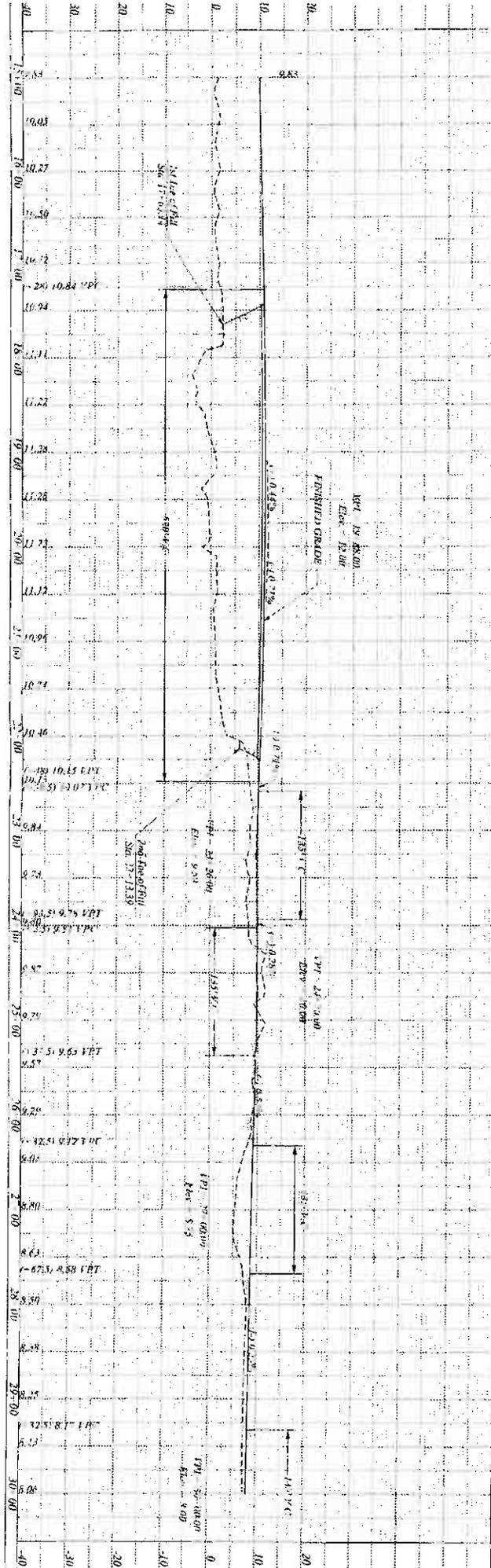
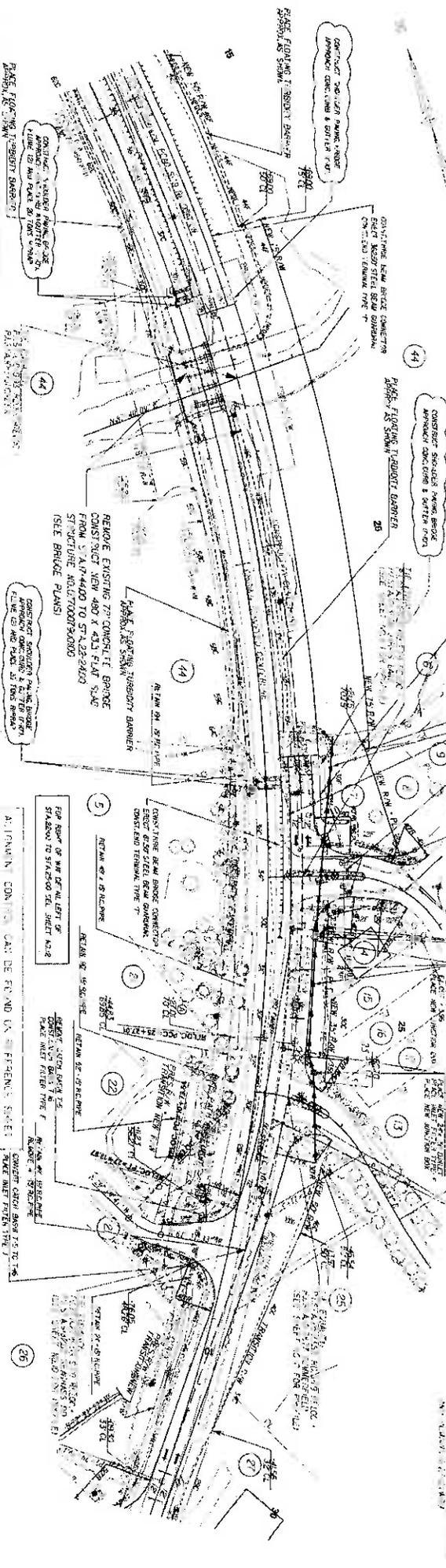
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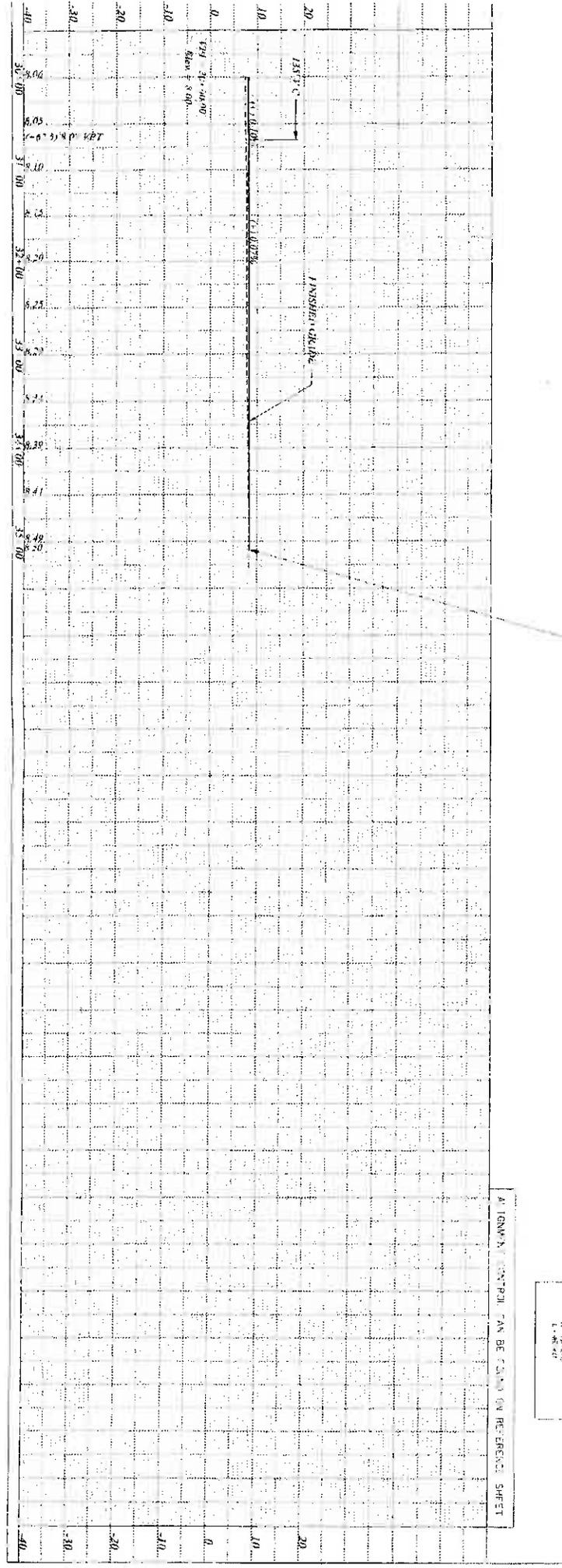
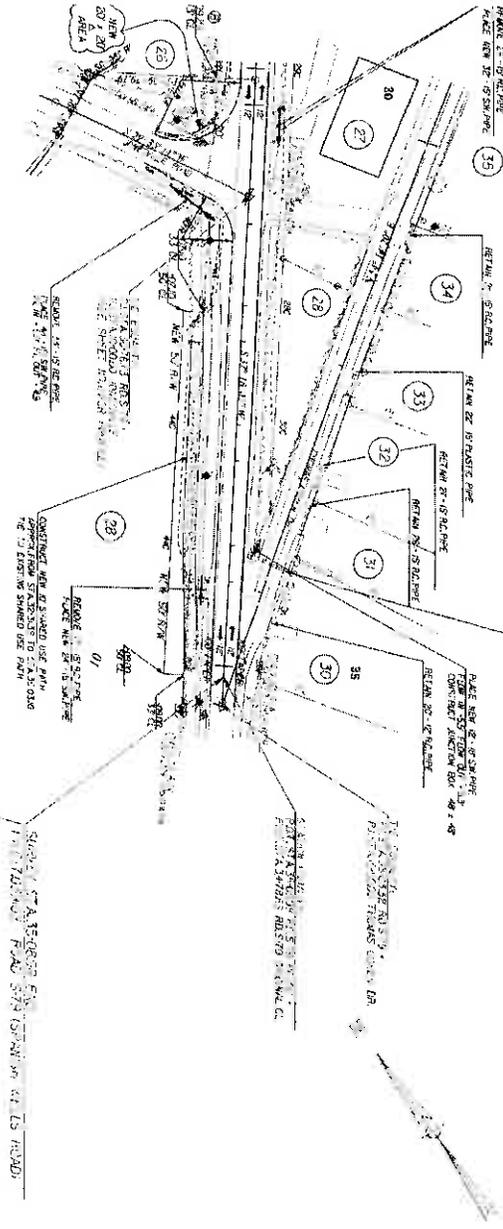
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