



Minutes

Department of Transportation Commission

Meeting of

December 19, 2006

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The regular monthly meeting of the Department of Transportation Commission was held at the headquarters building in Columbia, South Carolina at 9:00 a.m. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was advised in writing of the time, date and place of this meeting.

Present

Tee Hooper, Chairman, Presiding
Hugh Atkins
Marion Carnell
John N. Hardee
Robert W. Harrell, Sr.
Bobby Jones
Marvin Stevenson

Absent

Elizabeth S. Mabry

Also Present: Tony Chapman, State Highway Engineer

SECTION 1: The Minutes for the meeting of December 5, 2006; copies of which had been previously mailed to each member of the Commission, were approved.

SECTION 2: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the action of the Department related to roads in the State Highway Secondary System, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 3: On motion of Commissioner Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Hardee, the Commission passed a motion authorizing the Department to enter into a contract with the current low bidder for the design/build proposal on the US Highway 17 project in Beaufort and Colleton counties, specifically for the southern segment (phase 1) of the project from Gardens Corner to the Combahee Bridge, contingent upon receiving a loan from the State Infrastructure Bank with repayment terms of the loan no greater than thirty (30) years and the amount of repayment not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per year, as previously approved by the Commission. The Commission also directed staff to pursue the design and right of way acquisition on phases II and III in a manner that is in the best interest of the State. Commissioner Atkins voted "no" to this motion.

SECTION 4: On motion of Commissioner Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously passed a motion to go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

OPEN SESSION

The Commission returned to Open Session at 12:25 p.m. Chairman Hooper reported that the Commission discussed Mrs. Mabry's retirement and the appointment of an interim Executive Director.

SECTION 5: On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Carnell, the Commission unanimously passed a motion agreeing to purchase retirement, not to exceed one year, for Elizabeth S. Mabry contingent upon the approval of the Budget and Control Board. Ms. Mabry will relinquish her duties effective December 19, 2006 and will retire from the Department effective December 31, 2006. The motion includes the appointment of Tony L. Chapman to serve as the acting Executive Director until such time as the Commission makes a permanent or an interim appointment.

SECTION 6: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Tee Hooper, Chairman
Presiding



Appendix

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Removal of Roads From State Highway Secondary System

The Department recommends Commission approval for the removal of certain sections of secondary roads from the State Highway Secondary System. These sections of roads may be removed for one of the following reasons:

1. Abandonment of Relocated Section of Highway
2. Deletions and Removal of Roads from State Secondary System - Roads may be deleted and removed from secondary system by exchanging for equal or less mileage or roads, which have a higher traffic importance. Ownership reverts to local government having jurisdiction (city or county). Approval of deletion or removal by local government is not required.
3. Abandonment of Right-of-way - Right-of-way may be abandoned if it is determined that the right-of-way is not required for right-of-way proposes or if the right-of-way is not needed for Department purposes.
4. Court Order

Correction of Description of State Highways

The Department recommends Commission approval of the correction of the description of sections of State Highway previously added to the State Highway System. The description of roads currently in the State Highway Secondary System may be changed for relocation purposes, to revise the description of the termini to show what was actually constructed by contract, county line changes, or a change in the secondary road number.

Additions to State Highway Secondary System

The Department recommends Commission approval to add sections of road to the State Highway Secondary System for construction and maintenance. The Department may add roads to the State Highway Secondary System by request of the County Transportation Committees contingent on mileage being available under the current mileage cap. Roads may be added to the State Secondary System by the construction of a new roadway, accepting existing county/city roads into our Secondary System by the swap method, or by county line changes. Roads added to the State Highway System must be constructed to Department standards or reviewed for compliance with Department standards.

Rescind Action Adding Roads to State Highway Secondary System

The Department recommends the Commission rescind its previous actions adding roads to the State Highway Secondary System for construction and maintenance. The Department may rescind action on roads, which have not been constructed and formally accepted into the State Highway Secondary System. Roads may be rescinded due to right-of-way being unavailable, problems arising during construction, or funding issues.

Transfer of Road between Secondary and Primary Systems

The Department recommends Commission approval to transfer sections of road from the Secondary System to the Primary System, or vice versa. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-5-50 of the Code-of-Laws of South Carolina, 1976, the Commission may transfer any route or section of route from the state highway secondary system to the state highway primary system, or vice versa, when, in its judgment, such transfer is advisable to better serve the traveling public.

Detailed information concerning each of these requests is attached.

REMOVAL OF ROADS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SECONDARY SYSTEM

It is recommended the Commission remove the following section of road from the State Highway System as follows:

Addition Number

Description

Edgefield County

(Commissioner Carnell – District #3)

386	Moore Lambert Road in Edgefield from 0.04 miles north of SC Route 430 to S-19-39 (Center Springs Road) -approximately 0.16 mile (Designated S-386) (Added to System 9/16/1976)
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Note: The above road removal was requested by Town of Edgefield who will accept maintenance responsibility for this section of road and it qualified under the abandonment of Right-of-Way portion of the law.

Present Mileage	469.09
Change:	(0.16)
New Mileage:	468.93
Present Cap:	472.32
Change:	-0-
New Cap:	472.32

See Jan 18, 2007
minutes for
correction of Add
number.
Wrong Add listed