

MARK CLARK PROJECT  
UPDATE TO COUNCIL  
DECEMBER, 2013

DECEMBER 2012

- Council approval to move forward with the project
- Letter sent to SCDOT to resume right of way purchases

JANUARY, 2013

- Prepared a draft Local Public Agency Agreement for internal review
- Prepared a draft modified Intergovernmental Agreement that is being reviewed internally
- Conducted a project kickoff meeting with SCDOT
- Held an agency meeting with SCDOT, Corps of Engineers, FHWA, etc.
- Staff (Public Works, Greenbelts, GIS, Transportation Development) continues to quantify and evaluate residences within 1000' of the proposed alignment of the project for diminished value, began a study of road and drainage opportunities within 1000' of the proposed alignment, and is exploring opportunities to preserve green space adjacent to the right of way

FEBRUARY, 2013

- Prepared a draft RFQ for professional services for internal review
- Project status meeting (Admin, Legal, Greenbelts, PWD, Transportation, GIS)
- 85 potential properties have been identified as possible green space parcels along the Mark Clark Project
- Current project team met with the BCDCOG to review all existing plus committed projects in the transportation plan for inclusion into the updated traffic analysis
- Work has been re-started on the environmental document, and modifications are being analyzed
- Staff is preparing documents and displays for a public information presentation tentatively being planned for late May 2013

- Received response from our 12-19-13 letter to SCDOT and SCTIB regarding request to purchase hardship and protective right of way and complete the environmental document
- There are 3082 parcels within 1000' of the proposed right of way. Maps are being prepared to illustrate this, and an analysis of these parcels is underway.
- First Draft of the 1000' maps completed. Staff continues research of criteria to establish an objective analysis of the potential diminution in value or other effect on these parcels. (Tools being used include the Land Use plan, Draft Noise analysis, and Socioeconomics and Communities chapters of the Draft EIS, along with several other case studies that have been conducted over the last decade across the nation.
- Established 2 alternative alignments for connector road "B" to be considered in the environmental analysis.
- Processing the 4Hardship and /or protective right of way requests (per uniform act requirements)
- Weekly progress meetings with SCDOT continue.
- Field surveys began to determine the environmental, and right of way impacts of the two alternatives identified for Connector Road "B"
- SCDOT staff began preparing written responses to comments received by the public.

#### MARCH, 2013

- Submitted the modified Intergovernmental Agreement to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank for review and approval
- By virtue of the approved design criteria, a 200' right-of-way and a mainline speed limit of 45mph, the project is no longer considered an expressway and will not carry the 526 Shield.
- SCDOT is proceeding with the development of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the recommended preferred alternative. The design is being further refined, and environmental and traffic studies are being completed. Work associated with the finalization of the EIS and the associated federal approval process by FHWA and USACOE is expected to take approximately 12-18 months.

## APRIL, 2013

- To update the progress of the advanced right-of-way acquisitions, SCDOT, with federal concurrence, is proceeding with the acquisition of the Graham Finch/Phyllis Hanniford property, and is currently processing 6 other requests.
- The scope of the draft RFQ for Project Management and Construction Engineering Inspection services was submitted to SCDOT for review and concurrence.

## MAY, 2013

- Based on the matrix for Connector Road B, alternate 2 shows fewer impacts in every category except floodplains. Given the matrix justification, alternative 2 will be carried forward in the FEIS.
- Alignment and typical section design criteria to be carried forward to 30% plans is about 95% complete.
- It appears that relocations associated with the Savannahs condominiums will not be required.
- Received comments back from SCDOT on the RFQ for Project Management and Construction Engineering and Inspection services.
- Prepared a response to Debra Rountree's (SIB) request for information dated February 14, 2013.
- Responses to the Public Hearing Comments are scheduled to be mailed out the week of June 03, 2013.

## JUNE, 2013

- Staff responded to comments on the RFQ for Project Management and Construction Engineering and Testing Services. Final version is due back on July 15, 2013.
- Final alignment and updated location mapping is also due on July 15, 2013.
- Staff continues pursuing protective and advanced right of way acquisition on 10 parcels. Negotiations with Mr. Finch and Mrs. Hanniford are underway.
- Final version of the Local Public Agency Application (LPAA) will be submitted to SCDOT in July for approval.
- Staff continues research of criteria to establish an objective analysis of the potential diminution in value or other effects on parcels within 1000' of the proposed right of way. (Final alignment due July 15) Tools being used include the Land Use

Plan, the Draft Noise Analysis, and the Socioeconomics and Communities Chapters of the Draft EIS, along with several other case studies that have been conducted over the last decade across the nation. Further, staff has reached out to the American Institute of Appraisers, the Urban Land Institute, the Transportation Research Board, the National Cooperative Highway Research Program, The Research Services section of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Arizona Transportation Research Center for guidance.

- Met with Charleston County Parks and Recreation Department to discuss access to James Island County Park.
- Met with the Corps of Engineers to discuss Mitigation options for salt marsh shadowing and physical impacts.

#### JULY 2013

- Submitted LPAA to SCDOT for review.
- Completed the final alignment of the new roadway implementing design changes based on Public Input and Charleston County Council action.
- Continue coordination efforts for mitigation with the James Island County Park.
- Continued coordination with USACE.

#### AUGUST 2013

- Revisited the delineation of wetlands and the development of wetland mitigation plans and alternatives to include final alignment adjustments.
- Began update of the Draft Noise Analysis.
- Conceptual planning and design of water quality treatment is underway.

#### SEPTEMBER 2013

- Began Geotechnical Investigations to be used in preliminary design and the Design-Build procurement.
- Ongoing coordination efforts for the amendments to the IGA continue between Charleston County and SCDOT.
- Protective and Hardship right of way acquisition continues on nine parcels. 2 to 3 more hardship acquisition requests are anticipated in October, 2013.
- Settled with Phyllis Hanniford and Graham Finch for \$1.61 million. They have 3 months to move and have made an offer on another house.

- The final alignment does not require any relocation of citizens that live in “The Savannahs” condominiums located west of the Ashley.
- In the coming months, the wetland delineations, noise study, and historic property studies will be finalized.
- The final EIS remains on schedule to be completed in April 2014 with the record of decision in the summer of 2014 based on USACE and FHWA reviews.

#### OCTOBER 2013

- Protective and Hardship right of way acquisition continues on nine parcels.
- Continued Geotechnical Investigations to be used in preliminary design and the Design-Build procurement. Anticipate field work to be complete December 2013.
- Continued on-going field surveying for preliminary design.
- Continued preliminary design and plan preparation to be used in the Design-Build procurement. Anticipate preliminary plans to be completed in spring 2014.
- Continuing agency coordination on cultural resources and wetland mitigation impacts.

#### NOVEMBER 2013

- Working with the SCDOT to revise the IGA.
- Protective and Hardship right of way acquisition continues.
- Continued Geotechnical Investigations to be used in preliminary design and the Design-Build procurement. Anticipate field work to be complete December 2013.
- Continued on-going field surveying for preliminary design.
- Continued preliminary engineering and plan preparation to be used in the Design-Build procurement. Anticipate preliminary plans to be completed in spring 2014.
- Cultural resources fieldwork is complete. Final EIS wetland fieldwork is complete. Revised chapters of FEIS submitted to SCDOT for review. Remaining chapters of FEIS under revision. The final EIS remains on schedule to be completed in

April 2014 with the record of decision in the summer of 2014 based on USACE and FHWA reviews.

#### DECEMBER 2013

- IGA approved by SCDOT commission and forwarded to SIB for review.
- Protective and Hardship right of way acquisition continues(10 property owners requesting acquisition on 14 parcels)
- Continued Geotechnical Investigations to be used in preliminary design and the Design-Build procurement. Field work to be completed end December 2013 and preliminary data reports prepared in January 2014
- Continued on-going field surveying for preliminary design.
- Continued preliminary engineering and plan preparation to be used in the Design-Build procurement. Preliminary plans on-track to be completed in spring 2014.
- Remaining chapter of FEIS under revision. Discussions on EFH (essential fish habitat) analysis and wetland mitigation continue.