

Proposed Lady's Island Corridor Plan
Summary of 2/16/17 Public Meeting Comments

Public Comment	Quantity	Review Notes
Favorable to safe ingress/egress to SIP from Lost Island Road.	1	
Favorable to maintain 2 full lanes for US 21 southbound.	1	
Wants to review feasibility of hard surfacing entire Airport Circle Road to use South entrance as a truck entrance to relieve congestion.	1	This was evaluated previously. No significant benefits were found. Paving would necessitate ditch grading, which would impact wetlands.
Favorable to connectivity.	1	
Wants right turn lane on Sam's Point Road at main intersection improved now.	1	In the final traffic report, we are suggesting it to be prioritized first.
Wants proposed signal at Gay Drive moved to Ferry Road.	2	This was our first option considered originally. However, this intersection is too close to the US 21 / SC 802 intersection to be signalized.
Concerned that mini roundabout at Sunset & Miller is too tight for truck or car with trailer to make it through.	1	The proposed roundabouts will be traversable for trailers, school buses, fire trucks, etc.
Concerned that landscaping is too expensive to maintain.	1	Maintenance will need to be addressed during project programming.
Favorable to turn lanes on Sam's Point Road and Sea Island Parkway.	3	
Doesn't want raised medians.	1	
Wants dual turn lanes.	1	Vague on where exactly dual turn lanes are wanted but widening for dual left turn lanes at the main intersection is not feasible due to right of way impacts it would cause.
City is the big problem because of allowing high density	1	
Doesn't want Sunset Blvd as a bypass route.	1	
Doesn't want to slow traffic.	1	This is only proposed for some residential streets.
Wants to use Ferry Road behind Publix rather than Hazel Farm Road as bypass route.	1	This was our first option considered originally. However, this intersection is too close to the US 21 / SC 802 intersection to be signalized.
Concerned that landscaping will hinder visibility and block traffic signs.	1	Appropriate landscaping will be used and maintenance will be needed, of course.
Current vegetation is not being maintained to keep it from blocking traffic signs.	1	This comment appears to be regarding natural vegetation.
Favorable to ped paths.	1	
Wants to more considerations on what developments are allowed on the island.	1	
Concerned with how the traffic changes will impact vehicles pulling boat trailers.	1	All improvements will be designed to accommodate them.
Concerned if the narrow lanes will accommodate the wider loads?	1	The discussion of narrow lanes is limited to residential streets. These mostly have narrow lanes already. There is little need for further narrowing.
Concerned if roundabout will allow all vehicles and trailers to make a left?	1	Yes, they will.
Concerned with timeline of when Harris Teeter will be adding the right turn lane on SIP.	1	The right turn lane will be constructed and open to traffic prior to the Harris Teeter opening. Exact time frame is TBD.
Wants to address right turn lanes this month.	1	
Concerned with what can be done this year.	1	
Concerned with funding for improvements.	7	
Concerned with City of Beaufort annexation.	4	
Favorable to the medians	1	
Favorable to the chicanes/effort to reduce speed.	2	

Favorable to the landscaping	1	
What is the timeline?	2	
Concern for the protecting the marsh and Distant Island Creek from the surrounding developments.	1	
Concern for consideration of traffic using only 2 ways to travel to/from island	1	
Wants to remind "powers to be" (City & Council) to continue to work together to make this work since it will take several years. Good Job.	1	
Has SCDOT approved the signals?	1	This study includes coordination with SCDOT and initial acceptance of the new signals.
What is the prioritization of concepts?	1	This is covered in the traffic report. As discussed, opportunities with regard to adjacent properties will impact the prioritization.
Wants to know if right of way is being acquired on Miller Dr W and Sunset Blvd.	1	Intent as shown in the concept plan is to avoid new right of way. Permissions / temporary easements will be required. Utility easements may also be required.
Concerned with emergency vehicles having reduced response times due to raised medians.	1	Detailed design plans can include emergency vehicle access across the median at limited locations.
Concerned with emergency vehicles having trouble on roundabouts.	1	The proposed roundabouts will be traversable for emergency vehicles.
Concerned that allowing this level of development is destroying the character of the area.	1	
Concerned with the increase of traffic in the Beaufort and Port Royal area going to Lady's island and outer islands.	1	
Is public transit going to be included?	1	This is a separate issue.
Concerned that there are too many driveways to make bicycling safe and functional.	1	The proposed concept does not add driveways.
Concerned if Sunset Blvd will still be a viable bicycle route?	1	It is not designed/marked as a bicycle route today, but the proposed improvements include a multi-use path.
Concerned with protecting the habitat connected with the developments?	1	
Wants the right turn lane at Sam's Point Road to be a thru/right lane to help with congestion now.	1	We looked at this as an option and found that it would actually increase delay during peak traffic conditions. That matches what Colin found in a previous year of study.
What is the five year plan for this area?	1	
What's the county and state commitment to Lady's Island Corridor Plan?	1	
How many phases will this take?	1	
If no consideration was given to the impact of traffic before allowing random development, then I have no confidence in any discussion to either make or finance traffic improvements.	1	
A simplistic, fanciful, very expensive, pie in the sky, proposal which counts on most of the attendees at tonight's session being dead long prior to any improvement.	1	
Concerned that using a 1% residential growth per year is short sighted and renders the concept as short-term.	1	Historical grow rate is 1.5%, slightly higher than the 1.0% rate used in the analyses. Woods Memorial Bridge and US 21 Business are limited to two lanes and are already congested in the peak afternoon hour. Over time, they will probably begin to restrain growth in travel along US 21 Business. The 1.0% growth appears to be a reasonable assumption.
Favorable to use of traffic signals	1	

Traffic signals on some of other intersections would help.	1	In our analysis, we found no net benefit from additional signals.
Need to control growth, promote more car pooling. Do another traffic study that determines where cars are coming from.	1	
Wants to shift the roundabout at Sunset Blvd and Miller Dr W to be in the empty lot NE of the intersection.	1	This is not an empty lot, but a single family detached residential lot. Moving the roundabout to take right of way from that residence instead of avoid right of way impacts as shown is not reasonable.
Wants to include palm trees and dense landscaping at the chicanes.	1	Details of landscaping will be addressed during detailed design.
Concerned that the left turn congestion is occurring at the intersection of Ferry Drive and Lady's Island Drive and needs a traffic signal there not at the intersection of Hazel Farm Road and Ladys Island Drive.	3	This was our first option considered originally. However, this intersection is too close to the US 21 / SC 802 intersection to be signalized.
Concerned that the addition of alternate routes will hurt the character of neighborhood roads	3	
Concerned that the addition of alternate routes will add more impervious surfaces that will impact the environment.	3	The only impervious surface increase here is from the sidewalk/path additions. They will not impact the environment.
Wants more turn lanes on main roads and to change signal timings before adding alternate routes.	3	Other than the two right turn lanes proposed, there is no more room to add lanes without displacing properties. There are no timing updates to make until the new signals are installed, which will occur in conjunction with the side street improvements.
Believes that the main reason for rear end collisions is speeding.	1	
Concerned with street lights.	1	
Wants a by pass bridge or tunnel.	1	
Concerned with emergency evacuation plans.	2	The proposed improvements in no way hinder emergency evacuation. They will improve it, but not to any great extent.
Wants Woods Memorial Bridge widened.	1	
Wants a channelized southbound right turn with existing left turn lane and two through lanes.	1	This would require ROW acquisition, possibly effecting the Walgreens parking lot. There are also utilities, a pedestrian signal head and pushbutton, and trees in the proposed location.
Concerned that the study limits did not included the northern portion of Sams Point Rd.	1	
Concerned that the study limits did not include Oyster Bluff development.	1	Oyster Bluff was included in the traffic volume development.
Concerned about accidents from the Walgreens driveway turning onto Sams Point Road and increasing the number of lanes people have to cross by adding a right turn lane.	1	
Wants to know if all of Airport Circle will be paved eventually.	1	This was evaluated previously. No significant benefits were found. Paving would necessitate ditch grading, which would impact wetlands.
Concerned with street lights in the Walmart area.	1	
Wants to know if Atkins Bluff can have a fence due to increase in traffic.	1	The addition of a fence will require residents along atkins bluff to take ownership of the road and to maintain it since it would no longer be a public road.
Wishes the one cent sales tax would have passed so that all of Ladys Island could be improved so that all residents and vistors help with the areas needs.	1	

Wants adequate impact fees to be implemented for the developers.	1	
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