

**RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING THE BEAUFORT COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP**

WHEREAS, transportation is a high priority concern of Beaufort County and its municipalities, and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion and traffic accidents are increasing at an alarming rate, and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County is implementing a traffic impact fee program, and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County is retaining consulting transportation engineers and planners for the purpose of updating and expanding on the Transportation Chapter of the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, transportation alternatives such as new roads, bridges, and modes of transportation, must be explored to achieve an effective plan, and

WHEREAS, the County, Municipalities and other governmental entities recognize the need to coordinate their transportation efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Beaufort County create a standing, multi-governmental committee to be known as the Beaufort County Transportation Advisory Group (BCTAG). The BCTAG will serve as the principal entity responsible for planning and oversight of Beaufort County's road transportation system.

The BCTAG, as a multi-governmental body, shall have the following membership:

Voting Members:

- One County Council member from Hilton Head Island; one County Council member from Bluffton Township; two County Council members from north of the Broad River; all four Councilmen will be selected by the Chairman of Beaufort County Council, who shall also designate the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee.
- Chairman, LRTA
- Beaufort County Sheriff
- Chairman, County Transportation Committee
- Mayor, Town of Hilton Head Island (or designated Town Council member)
- Mayor, City of Beaufort (or designated City Council member)
- Mayor, Town of Port Royal (or designated Town Council member)
- Mayor, Town of Bluffton (or designated Town Council member)
- Mayor, Town of Yemassee (or designated Town Council member)

Ex-Officio Members:

- Executive Director, Lowcountry Council of Governments
- General Manager, Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority
- County Administrator, Jasper County
- Mayor, Town of Hardeeville (or designated Town Council member)

- County Administrator, Beaufort County
- Planning Director, Beaufort County
- County Engineer, Beaufort County
- State Senator, District 45
- State Senator, District 46
- State Representative, District 121
- State Representative, District 122
- State Representative, District 123
- State Representative, District 124
- Representative of Palmetto Electric Cooperative
- Representative of SCANA
- Representative of Beaufort Jasper Water & Sewer Authority
- Commander, Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot
- Commander, Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station

The BCTAG shall:

1. Meet on a regular basis, not less than once per month, and more frequently at the call of the Chairman, as the need may arise.
2. Shall periodically advise County Council on the actions required of Council to assure fulfillment of the requisite countywide road system.
3. Submit a formal Annual Report by December 31 to County Council on recommended additions and improvements to the County's road network, along with a priority ranking of such in relation to need, routing maps and technical descriptions of the specified additions/improvements, estimated costs thereof, designation of agency responsibility (e.g., SCDOT, the County, or a municipality), source(s) of revenues, and other relevant information. This report shall also identify any needed changes in the County's Roads Improvements Impact Fees Ordinance.
4. Regularly meet with cognizant senior officials of the SCDOT to present the County's prioritized roads development and improvement needs, to demonstrate the County's technical and financing plans for portions thereof, to encourage the SCDOT's assumption of responsibility and financing for major designated portions of the roads development program, particularly with regard to the improvement of overburdened State or State-maintained highways in Beaufort County.
5. Direct the preparation of applications for other State or Federal grants that could accelerate the improvement of the County's road system.
6. Serve as a primary interface with the County's Transportation Engineering and other consultants to assure that all separate, but related efforts are fully coordinated and integrated.
7. Hold special public meetings, on at least a semi-annual basis and at varied locations, to inform the local citizenry about the BCTAG's plans and progress,

and to obtain public input regarding traffic problems and suggested solutions. SCDOT representatives shall be invited to attend such meetings.

8. Serve as the interface, and provide assistance to the Beaufort County School District regarding road additions and/or improvements related to the construction of new schools.
9. Conduct studies of alternative transportation modes, including rail and bus systems, water ferry service, etc that could relieve/minimize the road improvement burden, present and future, in a cost-effective manner.

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2001.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By:



Thomas C. Taylor
Chairman

Attest:



Eugene D. Pearson
Clerk to Council