

Transportation Study Commission

The Richland County Transportation Study Commission was created by council ordinance in October 2006. The purpose of the Transportation Study Commission was to analyze the county's current and future transportation needs and to develop a long-term plan designed to improve the county's multi-modal transportation network. The Commission's final recommendations were submitted to County Council in May 2008.

The 39-member Transportation Study Commission was comprised of an Executive Committee and three Subcommittees.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee was responsible for overseeing the work of the Commission and each of its three Subcommittees. The Executive Committee was made up of seven members, three of which also served as Subcommittee Chairpersons. The Executive Committee was chaired by Dr. Caroline Whitson.

Greenways, Bike and Pedestrian Subcommittee

The Greenways, Bike and Pedestrian Subcommittee was responsible for studying alternative modes of transportation such as greenways, bike paths and sidewalks. The Greenways, Bike and Pedestrian Subcommittee was chaired by Ken Driggers.

Roads Subcommittee

The Roads Subcommittee was responsible for studying the county's road and highway network for the purpose of improving safety and addressing congestion on county roadways. The Roads Subcommittee was chaired by Pat Noble.

Transit Subcommittee

The Transit Subcommittee was charged with studying the availability and management of mass transit services, including bus and rail service. The Transit Subcommittee was chaired by William Leidinger.

The Transportation Study

The transportation study was divided into seven tasks. Tasks 2 through 8 culminated with the publication and adoption of “Technical Memos.”

Task #1 : Public Participation

Task #2 : Existing Conditions

Task #3 : Analysis of Existing Transportation Network

Task #4 : Identification of Alternatives

Task #5 : Alternatives Analysis

Task #6 : Preliminary Recommendations

Task #7 : Funding Options

Task #8: Final Recommendations