



INFORMATION FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS

**SUBJECT: Proposed Intersection Improvements
Folly Road (SC 171) at Maybank Highway (SC 700) (James Island)**

Re: Summary of Discussion and Comments from First Public Meeting (June 25, 2006)

Charleston County's Transportation Sales Tax program held their first public meeting for the Folly Road at Maybank Highway intersection improvement project on June 25th. The meeting was held from 7-9 p.m. at Harborview Elementary School. The purpose of the meeting was to present the public with a forum in which they could provide their opinions, observations and recommendations. Members from the Sales Tax Program, Roadwise, and the consultant selected to provide design assistance, PBS&J, were both present to listen and document all discussion and comments. Please find below a summary of the information collected from this meeting.

The majority of participants agreed that there was a need for some type of improvement to the existing intersection. The concerns could be separated into several categories:

- 1. Left turns from Folly Road onto Maybank Highway** – The number one concern among the participants was the left turn movements from northbound Folly Road traffic onto Maybank Highway. Traffic moving north on Folly Road must merge across oncoming southbound traffic to access Old Folly Road. Once on Old Folly Road many residents cut through the shopping center parking lot instead of trying to make a left onto Maybank Highway at the intersection. Residents complained about lack of sight distance and congestion at the Old Folly Road/Maybank Highway intersection due to a high number of vehicles waiting for the left turn signal onto Folly Road.

The addition of left turn lane(s) at the Folly Road/Maybank Highway intersection was recommended to alleviate this problem.

Comments were received recommending a new roadway that will connect Folly Road and Maybank Highway as an alternative to alleviate the problem. The new roadway would connect into Folly Road between the McDonalds and the shopping center and run around behind the development to tie in with Maybank Highway.

- 2. The Connection of Picard Way and Tatum Street** – Several residents asked if the connection of Picard Way and Tatum Street was still an option. Dan Moses, with the Roadwise Program, assured all the attendees this was not an option and that it would not be considered.
- 3. The Addition of a Signal at Old Folly Road/Maybank Highway** – There was discussion from several residents about adding a signal at the intersection of Old Folly Road and Maybank Highway. There were also discussions about improving the timing of the existing signal at Folly Road and Maybank Highway. Residents felt that more green time was needed to clear Maybank Highway.

- 4. Roundabout Option Presented by City** – There was considerable discussion about the Roundabout/Redevelopment option presented by the city several years ago. Many residents expressed concern about the traffic operations in and around the intersection when the bridge over Wappoo Creek is being raised. They felt that a roundabout would only make this problem worse.

There were also concerns about the ability of a truck to maneuver successfully through the roundabout.

- 5. Pedestrian/Bicycle Traffic/Safety Concerns** – A group of James Island residents supported improvements to pedestrian/bicycle access around the intersection; while others said this would only add confusion to an already chaotic intersection.

The Charleston County Roadwise Program is committed to understanding the concerns of the public and working towards the alternatives that best address those concerns. Thank you for your time and input; they are both greatly appreciated. If you should have any concerns or questions about this summary please contact:

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