

Town Council

STAFF REPORT Department of Engineering



MEETING DATE:	October 11, 2016
PROJECT:	FY 2017 Capital Project Update – Workshop May River Road Streetscape: Final Phase
PRESENTER:	Scott Marshall, Deputy Town Manager

BACKGROUND:

Improvement of the May River Road corridor is an implementation step of the Town of Bluffton Old Town Master Plan, supported by the Comprehensive Plan and the SC 46 Corridor Management Plan. The final phase of the May River Streetscape will improve approximately 2,875 linear feet of May River Road, beginning at the intersection of Jennifer Court, and ending approximately 100 linear feet east of the intersection with Pin Oak Street. The addition of sidewalks, curb and gutter, on-street parking, landscaping and lighting will improve the appearance of the corridor, while increasing safety for pedestrians. With the completion of this project, pedestrian connectivity is provided from the Historic District to Buck Island Road.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY UPDATES:

- Received tentative SCDOT approval of Design Exception Request for 11' lanes
- Responses to SCDOT's latest comments (4th round) have been addressed / submitted
- 38 Total easements needed
 - 33 - Easements have been signed.
 - 3 – Have agreed in principle, will sign. (1 owner, 3 parcels)
 - 2 – Condemnation process (1 owner, 2 Parcels)
- Landscape Plans were revised and submitted to the Highway Corridor Overlay Review Board...approval pending next Town Planning Commission Meeting on October 26
- Roadway Construction contract was executed; construction schedule to be refined after Encroachment Permit is issued by SCDOT

NEXT STEPS:

- Complete items required for issuance of SCDOT Encroachment Permit
 - Submission of Landscape Plans
 - Approval of round 4 responses to comments
 - Approval of Street Lighting Plan
 - Execution of remaining easement acquisitions and/or condemnations

- Approval and submittal of OCRM Notice of Intent (land disturbance permit)

ATTACHMENT: May River Road Streetscape Update Summary w/Project Schedule

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- Easement Update: 33/38 have signed
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 - 2 - Condemnation Initiated (1 Owner)
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- September Activity Updates (cont'd)
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