

# Town Council

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## STAFF REPORT Department of Engineering



<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	August 9, 2016
<b>PROJECT:</b>	FY 2017 Capital Project Update – Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May River Road Streetscape: Final Phase</li></ul>
<b>PRESENTER:</b>	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.

### July Updates:

- Received second round of comments regarding our Encroachment Permit and have responded to SCDOT.
- 38 Total easements needed
  - All owners contacted; most are amenable:
    - 28 - Easements have been signed.
    - 8 – Have agreed in principle, will sign.
    - 2 – Owner has issues; negotiations are in progress.
- Construction bids received on July 18, with Town Council approval on July 19 to proceed with contract negotiation.
- J.K. Tiller Associates finalized preliminary landscape/hardscape design.
- Project roadway schedule and costs will be refined after construction contract award.

**Next Steps:**

- Meeting scheduled for August 10 for review of landscape plans with invested owners and residents.
- Meeting scheduled with SCDOT District 6 Supervisor, Robert Clark, on August 10 to discuss the way forward with regard to review comments, design exceptions, detention issues, sight distance triangles and other areas of concern. Attending will be the Town Manager, Deputy Town Manager, Project Manager John Hutchinson and representatives from Thomas & Hutton.

**Attachment:** May River Road Streetscape Update Summary w/Project Schedule

## May River Road Streetscape August 2016 Activity Update

- Current Status:
  - ▣ Received and responded to second round of SCDOT comments on Encroachment Permit
  - ▣ Easement Update: 28/38 have signed
    - 8 agreed in principle; will sign
    - 2 have issues; negotiations in progress
  - ▣ Negotiating contract for roadway construction



## May River Road Streetscape August 2016 Activity Update (continued)

- Next Steps:
  - Meeting scheduled with SCDOT District 6 Supervisor on August 10
  - Meeting scheduled with invested owners and residents for August 11 for review of landscape plans
  - Project roadway schedule and costs will be refined after construction contract award



# May River Road Streetscape Project Schedule

