

# Town Council

## STAFF REPORT Department of Engineering



<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	September 13, 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.

### August Updates:

- Staff met with representatives of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) on August 10 to review their last round of comments.
- Responses to SCDOT's comments were forwarded to them on August 18.
- 38 Total easements needed
  - All owners contacted; most are amenable:
    - 31 - Easements have been signed.
    - 6 - Have agreed in principle, will sign. (3 owners)
    - 1 - Owner is in the condemnation process
- On August 11, staff and property stakeholders reviewed J.K. Tiller's preliminary landscape/hardscape design. Feedback was productive, with guidance from stakeholders to keep the design simple and to be sure irrigation systems are prevalent in the final product.
- Project roadway schedule and costs will be refined after construction contract award.

**Next Steps:**

- Final approval of Plans and issuance of Encroachment Permit.
- Revised Landscape plans based on final approved construction plans and comment from stakeholder's meeting.
- Execution of contract with Preferred Materials.

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

# May River Road Streetscape

## September 13, 2016 Activity Update

### □ Current Status:

- Staff met with SCDOT on Aug 10 to clarify Encroachment Permit comments
- Responded to third round of SCDOT comments on Encroachment Permit
- Easement Update: 31/38 have signed
  - 6 agreed in principle; will sign (3 owners)
  - 1 Owner is in the condemnation process



# May River Road Streetscape

## August 2016 Activity Update (continued)

- Current Status (continued)
  - ▣ Met with property stakeholders on August 11 to review first draft of landscape plans
    - Positive feedback and direction to keep design simple and ensure irrigation systems are adequate throughout project



# May River Road Streetscape

## August 2016 Activity Update (continued)

- **Next Steps:**
  - ▣ Final approval of plans and issuance of Encroachment Permit
  - ▣ Review of revised revised Landscape design
  - ▣ Execution of contract with Preferred Materials
  - ▣ Refine project schedule after SCDOT issuance of Encroachment Permit



# May River Road Streetscape Project Schedule

