

Town Council

STAFF REPORT Department of Engineering



MEETING DATE:	March 8, 2016
PROJECT:	FY 2016 Capital Project Update – Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May River Streetscape: Final Phase
PROJECT MANAGER:	Jeremy Ritchie, Assistant Director, Department of Engineering

MAY RIVER STREETScape: FINAL PHASE

Scope: Adopted in 2006 by the Town of Bluffton Town Council, the Old Town Master Plan presents a comprehensive set of guiding design principles and urban design directives. It further provides policy guidance for the Bluffton Historic District. In this regard, the Old Town Master Plan advises that the Town create walkable streets, enhance the tree canopy, and manage stormwater runoff by mimicking natural stormwater systems. It provides that the Town and community craft unique projects with the intent of preserving and enhancing the Bluffton character.

Improvement of the May River Road corridor is an implementation step of the 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 Old Town to Buck Island Road.

Budget: The proposed project budget is approximately \$1,950,000, including design & permitting, construction, construction management, and landscaping.

Schedule: See Attachment 1

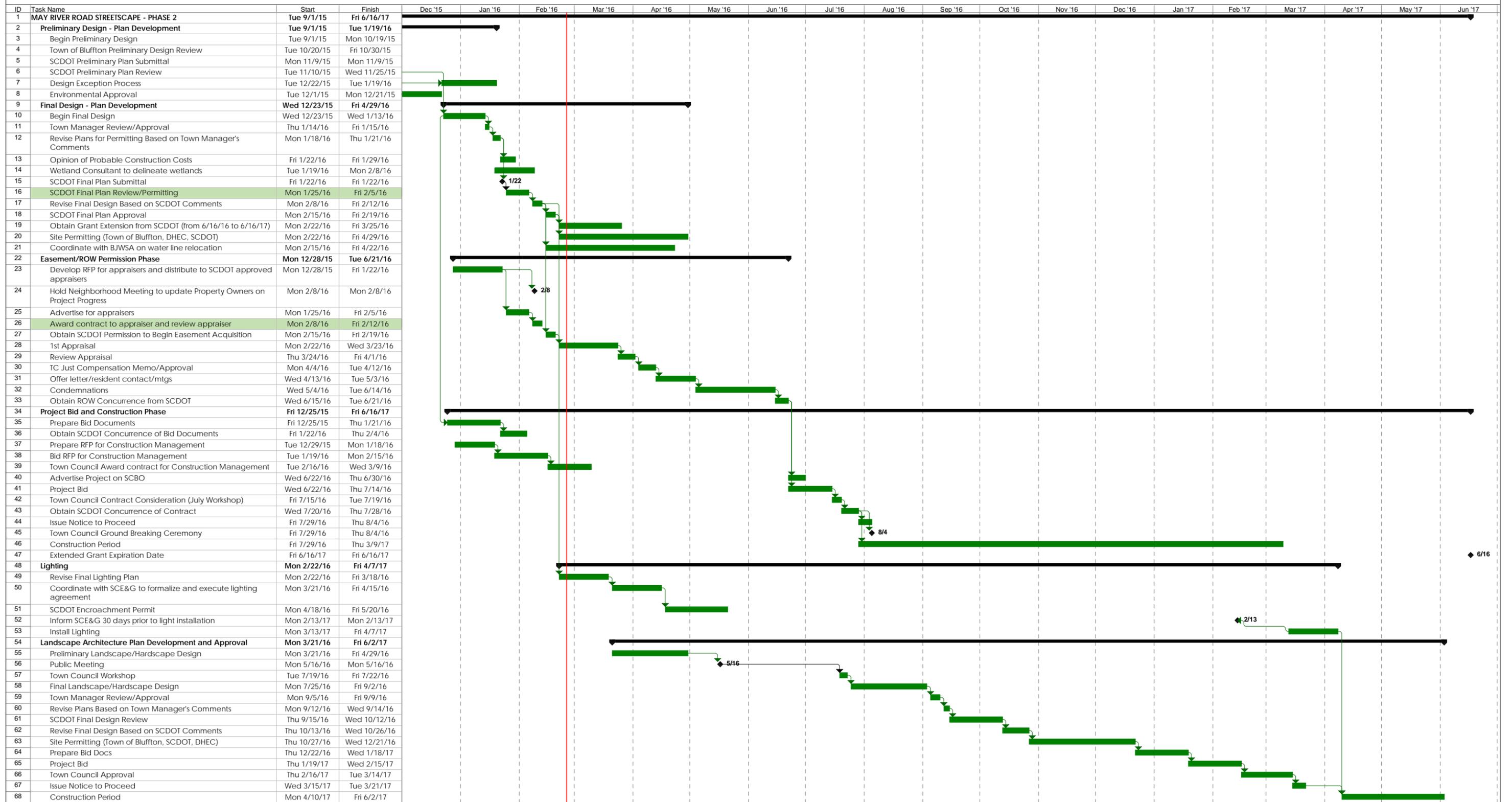
Previous Status: Line 16, *SCDOT Final Plan Review/Permitting*, and Line 26, *Award Contract to Appraiser and Review Appraiser*. The SCDOT is reviewing plans for design, as well as confirmation that the proposed easements are adequate for the completion of the project. Upon SCDOT authorization, the next step is to formally approach property owners for easement acquisition.

Current Status: Currently on Line 16, *SCDOT Final Plan Review/Permitting*, and Line 26, *Award Contract to Appraiser and Review Appraiser*. SCDOT review comments for the project were received on February 11, 2016 and February 17, 2016. Staff has been in communication with the SCDOT regarding several comments for clarification, and expects to resubmit the plans the week of February 29, 2016. Easement acquisition services, which

includes appraisals and review appraisals, is to be discussed at the March 8, 2016 Town Council meeting. Next steps are to award the contract for appraisal and acquisition services, and to receive SCDOT authorization to formally approach property owners for easement acquisition.

MAY RIVER ROAD STREETSCAPE - PHASE 2
 DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
 DATE: 1/17/16

Attachment 1



Project: May River Road Streetscape
Manager: Ritchie
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