

Transportation Committee Meeting Notes

May 19, 2006, 12:00 at the Chamber

The Transportation Committee is a standing Greenville Chamber of Commerce Committee which meets every month except June and July. This group has met consistently for a while.

Key discussions from the meeting included:

- The Upstate Fast Rail Task Force is meeting on June 5th at 10:00
- The legislature is considering a toll road on I-95 to raise some state revenue. Much of the discussion revolved around the feasibility of this happening and the impact it would have on the state.
- Greenville County Planning Commission is in the process of updating its strategic plan.

Don't let the immigration issue have an effect on this group. We should move forward and do our work regardless.

The remainder of the meeting was a presentation by Butch Kirven about the status of the Swamp Rabbit Rail to Trail. The project is a "go" with the following steps:

- Phase I: Salvage old rails and ties to pay for a crushed limestone trail.
- Phase II: Use local funds to pave the trail. Additionally a tram would operate on the trail between TR and Greenville.
- Phase III: Institute large scale transit.

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