

Town Council

STAFF REPORT Department of Engineering



MEETING DATE:	April 19, 2016
PROJECT:	FY 2016 Capital Project Update – Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goethe Shults Neighborhood Improvements
PROJECT MANAGER:	John Hutchinson, Capital Improvement Program Manager

Goethe Shults Neighborhood Improvements

Scope:

The addition of sidewalks along the Goethe and Shults Roads adds a necessary and safe connection from the neighborhood to the schools, parks Old Town and area pathways. The first phase of this 5-foot wide sidewalk runs along the west side of Goethe Road from the Bluffton Parkway south to Hilderbrand where it switches to the east side of Goethe and continues south to the intersection with Dr. Mellichamp Drive. The sidewalk also runs on the north side of Shults Road continuing to west to tie into the existing walk on 8th Street in Bluffton Park. The final sections are located on the east side of Shults south to May River Road, and the south side of Hilderbrand from Shults Road to Goethe Road.

Several public meetings to allow the public an opportunity to provide their inputs and concerns. The final layout was presented at the January 26th public meeting held at the Rotary Community Center. Members of staff addressed the concerns citizens present and followed up with several, meeting on-site with owners to address their specific issues.

We are also planning for a second phase of this project which is expected to be partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDBG could be as much as \$500,000. In order to qualify for the grant, the Town will complete a Neighborhood Plan for the Goethe/Shults area and the plan will accompany our application for the grant this fall. The scope of work in this phase will include sidewalk on the opposite sides of the road completed in Phase 1, lighting and crosswalks. The following table lists the Next Steps for the Neighborhood Plan and grant application for Phase 2:

Goethe/Shults Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP): Phase II & CDBG Grant Application		Step Completed
January 2016	NRP Outline	✓
April – May 2016	Preparation of NRP needs assessment and submission of neighborhood boundary map to LCOG– Town Staff	
May 2016	Neighborhood meeting to discuss needs assessment	
June 2016	Preparation of draft NRP and presentation to	

Goethe/Shults Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP): Phase II & CDBG Grant Application		Step Completed
	neighborhood	
July 2016	Revise and Finalize NRP as needed	
August 9, 2016	Town Council Consideration of NRP	
August 12, 2016	Submission of Letter of Intent for CDBG Grant	
September 12, 2016	Submission of CDBG Grant Application for Neighborhood Revitalization - LCOG	

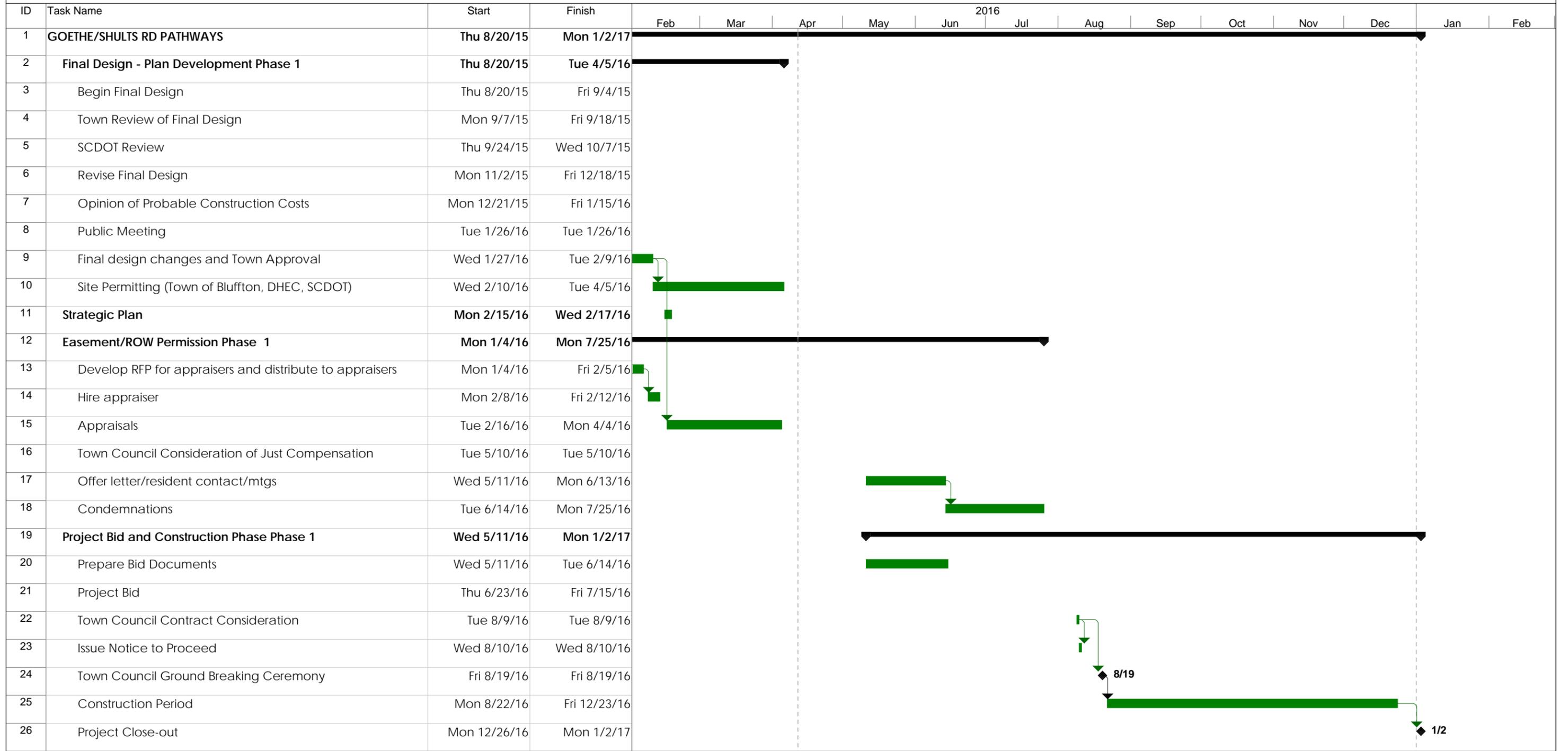
Budget: The proposed project budget for Phase 1 is approximately \$425,000 including design & permitting and construction.

Schedule: See Attachment 1

Previous/Current Status: The plans for Phase 1 of the sidewalk were approved by the SCDOT and we received our encroachment permit on 4/5/16. The appraisals were completed on April 8th and a Just Compensation Resolution will be presented during the Executive Session of the May 10th Town Council Meeting. Staff is currently in the process of finalizing a contract with a consultant to assist in acquiring the easements necessary for the project.

ATTACHMENT 1

GOETHE/SHULTS ROAD PATHWAYS Phase 1 PROPOSED DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA DATE: 4/12/16



Project: Goethe/Shults Road Pathways, Phases 1 & 2
Date: 4/12/16

