

TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND

MAYOR

1.) One of Charleston Moves' top priorities is our Ashley River Crossing — Bridge Package proposal, for which the City of Charleston, the City of North Charleston and Charleston County would commit to work together on a plan, along with other relevant agencies, to make the North Bridge, the Ashley River Bridge, the James Island Connector and the Wappoo Cut Bridge safe for all modes of transportation. If elected, how will you support Charleston Moves' Bridge Package proposal, specifically as it relates to the James Island Connector and Wappoo Cut Bridge?

Bill Woolsey (I): Advocate with our state representatives to fund improved bike and pedestrian access across the Ashley River, with special emphasis on the James Island connector. While the amount of funds the Town could contribute to such a project would be small compared to the total cost, I believe the Town should make a contribution in areas of our jurisdiction.

2.) If elected, how would you improve the progress of the Rethink Folly Road project?

Bill Woolsey (I): I am proud of the progress of Rethink Folly Road, especially our ability to obtain County and Federal Funding to make the commercial core of Folly Road, between Ellis Creek and George Griffith, walkable. I am looking forward to seeing this project begin construction in the next year. With the support of Council, I will commit Town funding for a multi-use path along the east side of Folly Road in the South Village.

3.) Do you support a complete street vision for Maybank Highway, which would include safe, connected pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, between Folly Road and the Paul Gelegotis Bridge (aka Stono Bridge)?

Bill Woolsey (I): Yes.

4.) Please list your priority transportation projects and which modes each serve.

Bill Woolsey (I): Bike-pedestrian infrastructure in the commercial core of James Island. Improved crossings along folly road. Sidewalks on major connector streets such as Camp Road and Dills Bluff Road.

5.) Please explain your thoughts on the principle of induced demand.

Bill Woolsey (I): I think induced demand is partial.

6.) What are your personal transportation values and how you would lead on transportation issues if elected?

Bill Woolsey (I): I will continue to work with the Rethink Folly Road Steering Committee and seek the support of Council to continue to expand sidewalks on our major collectors, completing projects in areas such as Dills Bluff Road and Camp Road.

7.) If elected, would you support a greater annual funding allocation from your municipality for bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure? And, will you lobby SCDOT to increase their spending on bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure as well?

Bill Woolsey (I): The Town provides a substantial portion of its annual budget for pedestrian infrastructure. If elected, I will continue to work to make James Island walkable in a safe manner. I believe the Town should increase the number of bus shelters, especially along Folly Road.