

# RFATS

Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study

## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

**Friday, January 25, 2008 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)**  
**City Hall – Room 373**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Bob Runde; Bayles Mack; Kathy Pender; Carl Gullick; Paul Lindemann; Buddy Motz; Danny Funderburk; and Donald Rodgers.

**ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:** Carey F. Smith (CRH); Dianne Janicki (SCDOT); Phil Leazer (York County); Andy Merriman (Fort Mill); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); Stan Bland (SCDOT); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); David Burgess (SCDOT); Machael Peterson (SCDOT); Shane Belcher (FHWA); Jennifer Hasting (SCDOT); Brian Barnes (SCDHEC); Lyn Purnell (PB America); Jack Flaherty (NCDOT); Susan Britt (YC); Steve Allen (YC); Frances Thomas (CRH); David Hooper (CRH); Jewel Amos (CRH).

### **CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT:**

Jim Van Blarcom (CAC Chairman); Marie Unal (Resident) and Charles Powers (Retiring RFATS Chairman).

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**A. Welcome** – Chairman Runde called the meeting to order at 12:14 PM. Mayor Runde welcomed everyone in attendance and recognized members of the Citizens Advisory Committee as well as all other visitors attending the meeting. Chairman Runde presented a plaque to Charles Powers on behalf of the RFATS Policy Committee thanking him for his 20 years of service to RFATS.

**B. Citizen Comment Period** – Chairman Runde invited citizens in attendance to address the Policy Committee. There were no comments.

#### **2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Powers asked if there were any changes, deletions or comments to the minutes of the November 16, 2007 meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Gullick to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mack. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

#### **3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:**

**A. York County Capital Projects** – Staff provided copies of the Pennies for Progress Program report to everyone. Mr. Leazer asked if there were any questions. Mr. Gullick asked a question concerning a new right turn lane at Celanese and Mount Gallant Road where the new Walgreens is being constructed. Mr. Leazer stated that he will gather information on this and report back at the February meeting.

**B. SCDOT Report** – Ms. Hasting provided a report on the US 21 bridge replacement project. Ms. Hasting stated that SCDOT is currently working on the engineering design and anticipates that construction will begin in 2009. Ms. Hasting asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Mr. Gullick then asked about the status of the Hwy. 160 CMAQ project. Mr. Leazer responded that the required Air Quality Benefit Analysis is being addressed at this time – which is the next step for moving this project forward. Ms. Thomas followed up by stating that the project will next be reviewed by RFATS Interagency Committee and then come back to the Policy Committee for final approval.

Mr. Lindemann then asked if the developer is still committed to contributing money in support of the project. Mr. Leazer responded that the developer has agreed to provide matching funds and has entered into an agreement with the York County Council posting \$200,000.00 – which is essentially the required match needed to receive these grant funds. Mr. Lindemann then requested that staff talk with Charlotte / Mecklenburg about widening roads in Mecklenburg County. Mr. Leazer stated that he will contact them. Mr. Leazer stated that as we move forward as an MPO we will need to consider a broader communication perspective for road projects in the future.

**C. 82X Bus Service** – Mr. Hooper provided a ridership report on the CATS 82X Commuter Bus Service for the fourth quarter of 2007. Mr. Hooper stated that ridership declined approximately 2% in December from the previous year's monthly ridership total. Mr. Hooper then discussed a few scheduling adjustments that CATS has confirmed it will undertake in February; specifically, that the first reverse commute at 5:10am will be discontinued as it doesn't connect with the Scaleybark Station. Mr. Hooper indicated that this action will essentially return the number of reverse morning commutes trips to two – as it had previously been prior to the opening of the Lynx light rail service. Mr. Hooper also noted that CATS is considering a survey to determine whether riders of the 82X would prefer that the service terminates at the Lynx Station at I-485. Mr. Hooper asked if there were any questions and/or comments.

**D. Transportation Enhancement Projects** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the quarterly project status of all twelve (12) projects funded under the Transportation Enhancement Program. Specifically, Mr. Hooper stated that there are three (3) projects that have been completed and are pending final invoice; four (4) projects that remain active; three (3) projects that are under technical review by SCDOT; one (1) project that is pending contract issuance and one (1) project that had its funding reassigned to the Saluda Gateway Project. Mr. Hooper then asked if there were any questions and/or comments.

**E. FY 2005-2007 CMAQ Projects** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed a quarterly status report on all of the fifteen (15) CMAQ projects. In particular, Mr. Hooper reported that there are ten (10) contracts pending; four (4) projects that are active and in various stages of completion; two (2) projects that are pending contract issuance; and one (1) project that was completed during the fourth quarter of 2007. Mr. Hooper then asked if there were any questions and/or comments.

**4. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**

**A. Presentation on the Charlotte Region HOV/HOT/Managed Lanes** – Mr. Jack Flaherty with NCDOT and Mr. Lynn Purnell with PB Americas provided a report and handouts in reference to the status of the HOV/HOT/Managed Lanes Study being conducted. Mr. Flaherty asked if there were any questions and /or comments. There were no comments.

**5. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Consider approval of revised Public Participation Plan** – Mr. Hooper stated at the November 2007 meeting, the Policy Committee gave preliminary approval to the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP), and authorized a 45-day public comment period which ended on January 8, 2008 - no public comments were received. Mr. Hooper then asked that the Policy Committee to give final approval to the amended Public Participation Plan or PPP. A motion was then made by Mr. Gullick and seconded by Mr. Mack – the motion was unanimously passed.

**B. Consider approval of FY 07-12 TIP amendment to add 07-08 CMAQ Projects** –

Ms. Thomas stated that the FY 2007-2008 CMAQ projects have been evaluated and approved by SCDOT and FHWA. The projects now need to be added to the TIP and STIP. Ms. Thomas requested that the Policy Committee amend the FY 2007-12 TIP to reflect the eight CMAQ projects totaling \$3,983,337. Ms. Thomas confirmed that a public comment period has been completed. A motion to approve a TIP amendment was then made by Mr. Gullick and seconded by Ms. Pender – the motion was passed unanimously.

**C. 2009 Long Range Plan Update – Consider endorsement of LRTP schedule and public participation activities** –

Ms. Thomas briefly reviewed the LRTP update schedule for the Policy Committee's consideration and endorsement. Ms. Thomas stated that the new federal requirements outlined under SAFETEA-LU mandate that an update of the LRTP must occur every four years for air quality non-attainment areas such as RFATS. Ms. Thomas then stated that the LRTP update will take 15-16 months to complete and will need RFATS staff, state and federal agencies, and consultant involvement. Ms. Thomas stated that the RFATS staff have already initiated some activities associated with the plan update. A motion to approve was then made by Mr. Gullick and seconded by Mr. Lindemann and was unanimously passed.

**D. Election of 2008 Officers** –

Ms. Thomas indicated that the Policy Committee elects officers, Chairman and Vice Chairman positions, in January of each year. The Policy Committee has rotated the officers among the RFATS communities. Based on the rotation schedule, it would be Tega Cay's and Rock Hill's turn to serve. Ms. Thomas stated that she has spoken with Mayor Echols about serving as the Vice Chairman, and he was agreeable. A motion was made by Mr. Gullick to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindemann and unanimously approved as presented. Ms. Thomas then stated that Mayor Runde would move up and serve as the Chairman for the RFATS Policy Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Gullick to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mack and unanimously approved as presented.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2008.

6. **ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jewel M. Amos