

RFATS

Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

Friday, November 21, 2008 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)
City Hall – Room 373

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bob Runde; Jim Reno; Sarah Nuckles; Buddy Motz; Doug Echols; Kathy Pender and Danny Funderburk.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT: Allison Love (York County); Sarah Rayfield (York County); Phil Leazer (York County); Susan Britt (York County); Jim Gaddy (York County); Stephen Allen (York County); Carey Smith (CRH); Wendy Bell (Catawba COG); Andy Merriman (Fort Mill); Stan Bland (SCDOT); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); Dianne Janicki (SCDOT); Leslie Coolidge (SCDHEC); Brian Barnes (SCDHEC); Sid Bacchus (SCDOT); Frances Thomas (CRH); David Hooper (CRH) and Leigh Welch (CRH).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT:

Jim Van Blarcom (CAC Chairman); Mark Ullmer (Allen Tate); Debbie Hayworth (CAC); Marie Unal (Citizen).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Welcome – Chairman Runde called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. Chairman Runde welcomed everyone in attendance and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

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 Runde asked if there were any changes, deletions or comments to the minutes of the September 26, 2008 meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Pender seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

A. York County Capital Projects and Program Management Restructuring– Mr. Leazer presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the project management transition and updates to the 1997 and 2003 Pennies for Progress programs. Specifically, Mr. Leazer noted that York County is 9.43% ahead of projections in revenue as of July 30, 2008. Mr. Leazer also noted York County has entered into contracts with two firms to review all aspects of the

projects to predict how cost estimates will increase prior to completion of projects. Mr. Leazer stated York County is transitioning from Capital Management Group to in-house management with only one project being managed by CME as of January, 2009 and all other projects managed by County staff.

Mr. Leazer then presented updates regarding the 1997 and 2003 Pennies for Progress projects. Specifically, Mr. Leazer updated projects included in the RFATS area only. The following project updates are as follows:

1997 Pennies for Progress (RFATS projects):

Hwy 5 East	Complete	10.4 million
Herlong/India Hook	Complete	15.5 million
160 Fort Mill Township	Complete	9.8 million
Fort Mill Northern Bypass	95% Complete	14.5 million
Hwy 161	90% Complete	14.4 million
Ebenezer Road	Complete	13.1 million
Hwy 274, Phase II	Complete	13.1 million
Hwy 274, Phase I	35% Complete	13.1 million
Hwy 901	40% Complete	14.1 million
Cherry Road	ROW 75%, Construction 2009	3.1 million
Hwy 72 Albright Road	ROW, Spring 2009	5.4 million

2003 Pennies for Progress (RFATS projects):

Mount Gallant	ROW 65%	8.1 million
Hwy 5/ Reservation	95% Complete	0.6 million
Bird/University	95% Complete	0.9 million
Porter/Firetower	Construction -2009	0.7 million
Shiloh/Hwy 5	95% Complete	1.1 million
Rawlinson Road	Complete	0.6 million
Fort Mill Southern Bypass (3 phases)	Under Design	21.0 million
Tega Cay/Gold Hill Connector	Under discussion with Tega Cay	1.4 million
Adnah Church/ Hwy 161/ 274	ROW- Spring 2009	7.1 million
US 21 (77 to Sutton)	Under Design	22.0 million
White St/RR Crossing	Under discussion w/ CRH	2.4 million
McConnells Bypass	Under Design	7.2 million
Anderson Road	Under Design	6.4 million
Ebinport Road	Under Design	5.9 million
Hwy 160/ Tom Hall	Under Design	2.4 million
Riverview Road	Under Design	1.1 million
Hwy 72 (901 to Rambo)	Under Design	6.5 million
Mount Gallant (Celanese to	Under Design	7.6 million

Twin Lakes)		
Hwy 274 / 279	Under Design	8.2 million
Ebenezer Road	Under Design	3.8 million
Springhill Farm	Under Design	4.3 million
SC Hwy 51	Under Design	5.6 million
Eden Terrace	Under Design	4.2 million
Hwy 160 (Gold Hill to Zoar)	Under Design	1.5 million

Mr. Leazer indicated updates will be available periodically in the future. Mr. Echols asked if the county is moving forward with the current timeframe for the next round of Sales Tax projects. Mr. Leazer stated the County is moving forward but the County will need to have a referendum in place in November 2010 if there is no change in the current law that allows the sales tax.

B. SCDOT Report – Mr. Bacchus noted the US 21 bridge replacement construction is scheduled to begin in the later part of 2009 and the ROW process will begin in Spring, 2009. Mr. Bacchus then noted SCDOT is under audit by FHWA on the participation agreements for 06- 07. The 07-08 agreements have not been formed but should be completed by mid January, 2009. Ms. Thomas noted a presentation will be provided at the January meeting regarding the US 21 bridge replacement and funding arrangements.

C. 82X Bus Service Marketing Report – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized previous discussions regarding the marketing of the 82X Bus Service. Mr. Hooper then reviewed the marketing activities in the RFATS communities. Specifically, Mr. Hooper noted the posting to websites, access channels, welcome packets and other public events to make information available to the community. Commissioner Nuckles inquired as to the addition of an AM route. Mr. Hooper indicated the additional route began October 6. Mr. Echols then inquired as to available funds for marketing through CATS. Ms. Thomas stated CATS markets the routes in various ways and staff will contact CATS in regards to the possibility of available funds for marketing as well as the use of SMTF funds. Commissioner Nuckles noted the possibility of including information on the utility bills. Ms. Thomas indicated that is a possibility. Mr. Runde then noted Tega Cay’s televised council meetings on the local access channel and stated staff is welcome to use this avenue to present information to the public.

D. 2035 LRTP Update – Mr. Hooper stated staff has been in the process of updating the Regional Model and is awaiting the results of the emissions analyses. Mr. Hooper then noted staff has begun the process of reviewing the draft LRTP chapters with a completion date set for the end of December, 2009 and noted a request for review and comments will be presented to the Committee in the first quarter of 2009.

E. Rapid Transit Corridor Land Use Implementation – Ms. Thomas updated the Committee noting the Subcommittee met with staff on November 5 and additional meetings are scheduled for the first quarter of 2009.

Ms. Thomas then noted her attendance at the Metropolitan Transit Commission meeting to give an update on transit issues in our area. Ms. Thomas stated information was presented at the meeting in regards to transit and the New Administration’s emphasis on transportation infrastructure, particularly transit and how CATS and the MTC will present funding

initiatives to the Congressional delegations. She also noted the MTC's desire to have a regional perspective. Mr. Echols inquired if South Carolina would receive additional support. Ms. Thomas noted the MTC indicated this as a bi-state initiative and suggested a meeting with the Executive Director of CATS, Keith Parker, in regards to the possible interest in extending transit in York County. Mr. Echols requested Ms. Thomas contact Mr. Parker to attend a January or February Policy Committee meeting.

- 4. REPORT ON AIR QUALITY AND NON-ATTAINMENT ISSUES:** Mr. Barnes presented information regarding the new ozone standard and its effect on the RFATS area. Specifically, the 2008 ozone standard has been reduced to 0.75 and under the new standard, the City of York's monitor is reading 0.77, which requires SCDHEC to go forward with a recommendation for non-attainment boundaries. Mr. Barnes then noted the EPA presumptive boundary goes out to the Metropolitan Statistical Area, including some NC counties and York County, which could potentially extend the non-attainment boundary through all of York County.

Mr. Barnes then stated SCDHEC requests input from the Policy Committee on how to proceed with boundary options for York County. Staff discussion followed regarding CMAQ funding in South Carolina in addition to the possibility of separating from Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Barnes also noted the need for recommendations to SCDHEC by January 7, 2009 for submission by the governor in March, 2009 to EPA.

Mr. Funderburk made a motion for RFATS communities to work with state and federal partners on air quality/non-attainment boundaries options for York County and present recommendations to the Policy Committee on December 19. Commissioner Nuckles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

A. 2035 LRTP Draft Project List– Ms. Thomas stated the draft Project List was sent out for review to stakeholders over the summer and received only one comment from FHWA, which was to include all planned projects in the RFATS area including those currently in the STIP. Ms. Thomas noted the revised Project List was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Motz made a motion to endorse the revisions of 2035 draft Project List and submit to the York County One Cent Sales Tax Committee. Mr. Reno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. 2009 Meeting Schedule– Ms. Thomas presented the 2009 meeting schedule for information and endorsement. Ms. Thomas also noted an interest in moving the meeting locations to the different RFATS communities throughout the year. Mr. Echols made a motion to approve the meeting schedule and request staff to review possible alternate locations for the meeting. Mr. Reno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Next regular meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2009. Mr. Runde indicated he will be out of town on January 23 and requested the election of new officers, chairman and vice-chairman, be done at the December 19, 2008 special meeting.

6. **ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leigh W. Welch