

# RFATS

Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study

## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

Friday, April 24, 2009 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)  
City Hall – Room 373

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Runde, Jim Reno, Doug Echols, Carey F. Smith (Proxy for Kathy Pender), Kevin Sheppard (Proxy for Sarah Nuckles), Danny Funderburk.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:**  
Phil Leazer (York County); Allison Love (York County); Susan Britt (York County); Shane Belcher (FHWA); Stan Bland (SCDOT); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); Wendy Bell (Catawba COG); Brian Klauk (SCDOT); Leslie Coolidge (SCDHEC); Michael Juras (SCDHEC); Bill Meyer (CRH); Frances Thomas (CRH); David Hooper (CRH); and Ann Wallace (CRH).

**CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT:** Brian Delher (WP Sells); Don Bryson (MAB); Taruna Tayal (MAB); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC Chairman); Rob Wayson (Wilbur Smith Assoc); Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn); and Marie Unal (Citizen).

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. **Welcome** – Chairman Echols called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.
- B. **Citizen Comment Period** – Chairman Echols invited visitors and/or citizens who had comments to address the Policy Committee at this time; there were no comments.

### 2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Echols asked if there were any changes, deletions or comments to the minutes of the March 27, 2009 meeting. Hearing no comments, a motion was made by Mr. Reno and seconded by Mr. Runde to approve the minutes as presented; the minutes were then unanimously approved.

### 3. Update on Current Projects/York County Capital Projects:

Mr. Leazer provided an update on the 1997 and 2003 Pennies for Progress Projects located within the RFATS Area, with a particular focus on summarizing

overall project cost estimates. Mr. Leazer then confirmed that there are 13 projects currently on hold due to a funding shortfall. Mr. Echols then asked if it were possible to estimate the number of jobs these projects were likely to create. In response, Mr. Leazer indicated that he would gather this information and follow-up with Policy Committee members.

#### **4. Policy Committee Action Items:**

##### **A. FY 07–12 Tip Amendment**

Mr. Hooper stated that at the March 27, 2009 meeting, the Policy Committee gave preliminary approval to add \$13,385,000 in Federal Stimulus funding provided by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and authorized a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Hooper then stated that no comments have been received to date. Mr. Echols then asked if there were any questions from the Policy Committee. Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Reno and seconded by Mr. Funderburk to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. 2035 Long Range Plan Update and Transportation Improvement Program:**

Ms. Thomas introduced Mr. Dehler and Mr. Bryson to the Policy Committee as the project managers of the consultant team that have been assisting staff with the LRTP update. Mr. Bryson then begin his presentation summarizing the process; specifically, Mr. Dehler outlined each of the chapters / elements that make up the Long Range Plan; identified regional priorities; available funding versus transportation project needs, and then asked if there were any questions and/or comments.

Mr. Bryson also discussed the FY 2009-2015 TIP; its role as a sub-set of the Long Range Plan; identified key projects; and the need to demonstrate fiscal constraint. Mr. Dehler then asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, Mr. Echols then thanked Mr. Bryson for his presentation.

Mr. Bryson then discussed the Air Quality Conformity Report and the role it serves within the broader process for updating the LRTP. In particular, Mr. Bryson stated that the conformity analysis of the impact of proposed projects in the LRTP and the corresponding horizon year (the expected timeframe for project completion) passed the required emissions analysis.

Ms. Thomas then highlighted the changes made to the LRTP documents and Conformity Determination Report following up from the March meeting; specifically, the incorporation of language summarizing the importance of the Dave Lyle Boulevard Extension, project scope information as well as a discussion of possible funding scenarios. Ms. Thomas stated that this information was included in both the Highway Element and the Executive Summary. Mr. Hooper then reviewed and summarized minor changes to the FY 09-15 TIP.

Ms. Thomas then asked if there were any questions or comments on any of the three LRTP documents. Hearing none, Ms. Thomas then asked the Policy Committee to consider adoption of the 2035 LRTP, AQ Conformity Report, and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as authorize staff to submit these documents to the US Department of Transportation for further review and approval. A motion was by Mr. Sheppard and seconded by Mr. Runde; the motion passed unanimously.

C. FY 09-10 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the role of the UPWP as the annual work program for the MPO as well as a planning document that lists how planning resources will be used. Mr. Hooper then outlined a few of the key work activities: in particular, the implementation of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan; updating the 2004 Congestion Management Study and expanding the information so as to constitute a Congestion Management Process where ongoing performance monitoring information can then included into project identification going forward. Mr. Hooper then asked the Policy Committee to grant preliminary approval of the draft UPWP and authorize its submittal to SCDOT and FHWA for their review and feedback.

4. **Other Business:**

Next regular meeting – May 22, 2009

5. **Adjournment:**

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.