

# RFATS

Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study

## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

Friday, May 22, 2009 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)  
City Hall – Room 373

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:**  
Phil Leazer (York County); Allison Love (York County); Shane Belcher (FHWA); Stan Bland (SCDOT); Brian Klauk (SCDOT); Sarah Rayfield (York County); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); David Burgess (SCDOT); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); David Hudspeth (Fort Mill); Frances Thomas (CRH); and David Hooper (CRH).

**CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT:** Jim Van Blarcom (CAC Chairman)

### 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 April 24, 2009 meeting. Mr. Runde commented on item 4.C. stating that preliminary approval was given on the draft UPWP and authorizing submittal to SCDOT and FHWA for review. The Policy Committee's approval was not clearly stated in the minutes. Hearing no other comments, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented; the minutes were then unanimously approved.

### 3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

- A. **York County Sales Tax Projects** – Mr. Leazer provided an update on the 1997 and 2003 Pennies for Progress Projects located within the RFATS Area. Mr. Leazer then stated that the Hwy 5 project is moving ahead with lanes opening for traffic within the next few weeks. Mr. Leazer also gave a status

update on 2003 Project #1- Mt. Gallant Road stating plans and ROW acquisition are nearly complete and that the project should be let fairly soon. Additionally, Mr. Leazer briefly reviewed the status of the Fort Mill Southern Bypass and highlighted for Policy Committee members that an updated map of this project has been included in their packets for reference. Mr. Echols then inquired about the probable referendum schedule for the 2010 Pennies Projects. Mr. Leazer stated that a special election to include these projects on a referendum can be considered if funds would run out prior to a regular election, and that the County is still considering the scheduling of the referendum at this time.

- B. **SCDOT Report** – Mr. Klauk updated the Committee on the US 21 Bridge Replacement and stated that railing enhancements have been incorporated into the final plans; he then confirmed that bidding is slated to begin in December 2009. Mr. Klauk also stated that the preliminary plans for the SC 5 Catawba River Bridge and overflow bridge are under review at SCDOT, with ROW acquisition expected to occur in the fall; construction is expected to begin in summer 2010.

#### 4. **POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:**

##### A. **FY 09-10 TEP Project Recommendations and TIP Amendment**

Mr. Hooper stated that the TEP Sub-Committee met to review TEP applications and is requesting preliminary approval of a joint application that was submitted by the City of Rock Hill, Town of Fort Mill, and York County to fund pedestrian enhancements as a part of the US 21 Bridge Project. Specifically, Mr. Hooper requested that the Policy Committee grant preliminary approval to allocate \$165,670 in federal funds; authorize a 30-day public comment period and amend the TIP to reflect this project. A motion was made by Mr. Runde and seconded by Mr. Reno; the motion was then unanimously approved.

##### B. **FY 09-10 CMAQ Program Project Recommendations:**

Mr. Hooper stated that the CMAQ Sub-Committee met to review three CMAQ applications that were submitted. The Sub-Committee selected the following two applications: (1) Springhill Farm Road Project (York County); and (2) Riverview/Riverchase Area Traffic Flow Improvement Project (City of Rock Hill). Mr. Hooper then requested that the Policy Committee grant preliminary approval to allocate \$2,591,012 in federal funds, authorize a 30-day public comment period, and instruct the project sponsors to complete the required air quality benefit analysis and submit the results no later than August 7, 2009. A motion was made by Mr. Funderburk and seconded by Mrs. Pender; the motion was then unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Hooper stated that the FY 09-10 UPWP has undergone public review and no comments were received. Mr. Hooper then requested final approval of the

UPWP and planning process certification. Ms. Nuckles made a motion for final approval; this item was seconded by Mr. Motz and was then passed unanimously.

**D. Metrolina Regional Model MOA:**

Ms. Thomas provided information about the Metrolina Regional Model Memorandum of Agreement, the governing document that ties RFATS to the Charlotte region and other MPOs in terms of a travel demand model to review the effectiveness of projects. Ms. Thomas then stated in 2003, RFATS executed an agreement to partner with other MPOs in the Charlotte region to develop a regional travel demand model. This MOA has been updated and each MPO owner is being asked to approve the revised MOA, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model partners, and authorize the RFATS chairman to execute the agreement. Mr. Runde inquired as to the amount of the financial contribution of RFATS. Ms. Thomas stated RFATS contributes approximately \$7,000. A motion was made to approve by Mr. Reno and seconded by Mr. Runde; the motion was passed unanimously.

**4. Other Business:**

Mr. Echols inquired as to the amount RFATS has received in ARRA funds. Ms. Thomas stated RFATS has directly received approximately \$836,000, and when added to the State funds for projects within the RFATS Area, that total ARRA funding exceeds \$20,000,000. Mr. Echols inquired about how funds such as the Stimulus funds are being used and project information presented to the public. Ms. Nuckles noted the information is available on the SCDOT website. Ms. Thomas stated a press release could be issued indicating the amount of funds and project selection for the area.

Next regular meeting – June 26, 2009

**5. Adjournment:**

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.