

# RFATS

Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study

## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

Friday, November 20, 2009 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)  
Manchester Meadows Conference Room

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:**  
Jim Baker (York County); Sarah Rayfield (York County); Allison Love (York County); Carey Smith (CRH); Shane Belcher (FHWA); Doug Frate (SCDOT); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); Dianne Janicki (SCDOT); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); Doug Frate (SCDOT); Wendy Bell (CRCOG); Susan Britt (York County); Joe Cronin (Fort Mill); Leslie Coolidge (SCDHEC); Frances Thomas (CRH); David Hooper (CRH) and Leigh Welch (CRH).

**CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT:** Jack Flaherty (NCDOT); Bill Meyer (CRH); Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn); Theron Pickens (LandDesign); Randy Imler (CRCOG); Ralph Norman (S.C. House of Representatives); Barre Mitchell (CAC); and Mike Burgess (CAC).

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. **Welcome** – Chairman Echols called the meeting to order at 12:20 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 September 25, 2009 meeting. Hearing no comments, Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Runde seconded and the minutes were then unanimously approved.

### 3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

- A. **York County Sales Tax Projects** – In Mr. Leazer's absence, Chairman Echols stated a Pennies for Progress report is included in the agenda packets for review. Ms. Pender inquired as to the status of those projects that were on hold due to funding. Mr. Baker responded the projects will be reviewed and reassessed in the coming months in order to determine what funding options may be available.

#### 4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- A. **State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Air Quality Attainment Update:** Ms. Coolidge presented a report on the required SIP for Air Quality Attainment. Specifically, Ms. Coolidge noted that due to the regional monitor readings being below the current ozone standard, a bump up to a “serious” classification has been avoided. Ms. Coolidge went on to state the SIP was submitted in 2007, withdrawn in December 2008, and will be resubmitted on November 30, 2009. The draft SIP was available for public comment beginning September 30, 2009. Ms. Coolidge also stated a reconsideration of the 2008 Ozone Standard was requested with a final designation expected for August 2011 with SIPs due in December 2013.

Ms. Coolidge also presented information on the Breathe Better (B<sup>2</sup>) rally on November 30 from 4:30-5:30pm at the Museum of York County. Ms. Bell as noted the program is funded by a CMAQ grant through RFATS.

Mr. Motz inquired as to the ozone standard. Ms. Coolidge responded the current standard is .084 ppm.

- B. **Charlotte Region Fast Lanes (HOV/HOT) Study Results:** Mr. Flaherty, project manager, presented a report summarizing the Charlotte Region Fast Lanes Study which noted I-77 north of Gold Hill Road to the NC state line as a possible area to consider for future managed lanes. Specifically, Mr. Flaherty explained managed or fast lanes; managed lane strategies; types of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes; and the importance of managed lanes. Mr. Flaherty went on to provide an evaluation of the corridor such as travel time savings from fast lanes use, fast lanes demand, and projected revenues compared to costs for potential HOT lanes. In conclusion, Mr. Flaherty noted the next steps would be to consider the Fast Lanes study recommendations in LRTP updates; formalize interagency partnerships; conduct corridor engineering and usage studies; and address potential policy and institutional questions. Ms. Thomas then went on to state that until congestion along I-77 in south Charlotte is addressed, managed lanes in York County would be ineffective and not result in any travel time savings.

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

- A. **Dave Lyle Blvd. Extension –** Ms. Thomas presented for consideration a resolution of support for the Dave Lyle Blvd. Extension project and funding applications. Mr. Motz made a motion to approve the resolution of support for the project and funding applications. Mr. Hayes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Echols inquired as to the timeframe of the TIGER grant. Mr. Baker noted notification of funding from the TIGER grant is expected in January or February, 2010.

- B. **Congestion Management Plan Update-** Mr. Hooper requested approval of Wilbur Smith and Associates as consultants for the CMP update and authorization to negotiate a scope of services and contract. Ms. Pender made a motion to approve the consultant and to authorize the negotiation of the contract. Mr. Hayes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**C. 2010 Meeting Schedule** – Ms. Thomas present a request to accept the 2010 Meeting Schedule. There being no objections, the meeting schedule was accepted as presented.

**6. Other Business:**

A. Mr. Motz noted this as Mr. Runde’s last meeting and thanked him for his dedication and work for the RFATS area. All in attendance gave Mr. Runde a round of applause.

B. Ms. Pender made a note of the Mt. Gallant / Celanese Roads CMAQ project as still being on hold. Mr. Hooper noted the application and LPA requirements have been submitted and Rock Hill is still currently awaiting a contract agreement from the SCDOT’s LPA office.

C. Next regular meeting – January 22, 2010

**8. Adjournment:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.