



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES**

**June 26, 2015 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)
Manchester Meadows Conference Room**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Danny Funderburk; Doug Echols, Kathy Pender (by Proxy); George Sheppard; Ralph Norman; Brian Carnes; Britt Blackwell; William Harris; and Michael Johnson

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Jordan (SCDOT); Darlene Broughton (SCDOT); Ron Pompey (York County); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); Ivan McCorkle (City of Rock Hill); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Allison Love (York County); John McCarter (SCDOT); Kara Drane (Catawba COG); Casey Lucas (SCDOT); Bill Meyer (City of Rock Hill); Julie Barker (SCDOT); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); David Larson (York County); Elizabeth Harris (Catawba Indian Nation); Audra Miller (York County); Chris Herrmann (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS)

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Larry Huntley (Fort Mill Town Council); Frank Myers (CAC); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); Frieda Price (CAC); Merritt King (KCI); Scot Sibert (Parsons-Brinckerhoff); Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn); Renee O'Neil (CN2); Hisham Abdelaziz (HDR Engineering, Inc.); and James Traynor (Clear Springs Realty, LLC).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

a. Welcome – Chairman Funderburk called the meeting to order at 12:14 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.

b. Citizen Comment Period – No comments were made at this time.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Funderburk asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the May 15, 2015 meeting. Mr. Funderburk then noted a number of points of discussion during the I-77 Corridor Review; in particular, potential operational impacts associated with a bridge connection along Sutton Road – and requested that staff include additional detail on this information in the minutes. Hearing no objection, Mr. Sheppard then made a motion to amend the minutes as requested; Mr. Blackwell seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

a. York County Local Option Sales Tax Program Update – Mr. Pompey presented an update on projects, beginning with the Fort Mill Southern Bypass Phase 2 which is currently under construction and scheduled for completion in early 2016; Mr. Pompey also noted that Phase 1B and 1C of the Bypass were awarded “Project of the Year” from the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mr. Pompey then transitioned to the Gold Hill / I-77 interchange project and noted that it is currently at 30% in the design phase and is scheduled to go out to bid in early 2017 with completion estimated for the middle of 2019.

Hubert Graham Way Connector is scheduled to go out for bid next month with project completion estimated for spring 2017. Mr. Johnson then inquired whether there were any anticipated issues with the bid process; Mr. Pompey responded that none were expected, but did note that there were some minor right-of-way matters pending resolution. McConnells Highway from Heckle Blvd to Falls Road is scheduled to go out to bid in November 2015, with construction scheduled to begin in early 2016, and project completion estimated for late 2017.

Mt. Gallant Road from Dave Lyle Blvd to Anderson Road is currently in right-of-way acquisition and is scheduled to go out to bid in early 2016, with completion is estimated for late spring 2018. SC 160 West from Zoar Road to the North Carolina State Line has received SCDOT approval on the geotechnical report and preliminary ROW plans are being prepared; this project is slated to go out to bid in late 2016 and project completion is expected for spring 2018. US 21 / SC 51 from Springfield Parkway to the North Carolina State Line is in the design phase and is scheduled to go out to bid in early 2018 with construction completion estimated for spring 2020.

As a supplement to the powerpoint presentation, Mr. Pompey then gave brief updates for the following projects: (1) the Fort Mill Southern Bypass and Sutton Road Intersection Project is currently in the planning stage; (2) Riverview Road widening should begin the design phase soon; (3) SC 72 project – staff has begun work with the consultant; (4) Sullivan Middle School project is complete; (5) Winthrop Pedestrian Safety project is in the design phase; (6) University Drive Bike and Sidewalk project – fee estimate work with the consultant is active; (7) White Street realignment is complete and the railroad crossing component is in the design phase; and (8) White Street / Constitution Blvd Roundabout project is near completion regarding right-of-way acquisition and is slated to go out to bid soon.

Celriver Road project is being managed by the City of Rock Hill and should be going out to bid soon; and the Cowan Farm Road project is in the design phase and the ROW process is underway as well. Lastly, Mr. Pompey provided an update on the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Application, stressing the importance of gaining approval from the RFATS Policy Committee, area municipalities and any other interested parties noting the priority of the projects contained in the application moving forward.

b. SCDOT Project Status Update – Ms. Broughton presented an update on projects currently under construction:

- S-101 (Ogden Road) Bridge over Wildcat Creek has approximately 42% contract quantities installed and looks to be on schedule for completion in fall 2015.
- SC 72 (Saluda Road) Bridge over Fishing Creek began construction on June 2, 2015 and is scheduled for completion on October 31, 2016.
- Dave Lyle Boulevard (I-77 / Chamberside Drive) CMAQ project is currently under construction with a completion date of July 31, 2015.
- SC 160 / Gold Hill Road CMAQ project began construction on June 25, 2015 and is scheduled for completion on March 31, 2016.
- Projects listed under the 95% Construction Plans Stage include: SC 5 (West Main Street) Bridge over Tools Fork Creek, and S-81 (Adnah Church Road) Bridge over Tools Fork Creek, S-50 (Red River Road) Bridge over Manchester Creek.

- Projects currently in the ROW stage include: SC-160 Phase 2, Celanese Road Intersections at Riverview Road and Riverchase Blvd, and the East White Street / SC-72 Intersection Improvement Project.
- Projects under preliminary design include: India Hook / Celanese Road Intersection, Clebourne / N White Street Improvements, S-654 (Church Road) Bridge over Burgis Creek, and S-655 (Auten Road) Bridge over Fishing Creek.

Ms. Broughton also noted that the following projects are pending scoping adjustments and / or supporting project scoping / cost information: US 521 / Marvin Road intersection improvement project, Lake Ridge Trail project as well as the Springfield Parkway Bicycle / Pedestrian Improvement project.

4. Proposed Policy Committee Action Items:

- a. LRTP & Transportation Conformity Determination Report Amendment** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Policy Committee’s prior discussions about the I-77 Corridor Review and the desire to accelerate the implementation of project work at SC 160 / I-77 and at Celanese Road / I-77. Mr. Hooper stated that a 30-day public comment period had been completed and no comments were received. Mr. Hooper then requested final approval and authorization to submit this action to SCDOT for processing. Mr. Echols then inquired about both projects being planned to progress simultaneously and Mr. Hooper noted that that is the proposed structure. Mr. Sheppard made a motion to approve; Mr. Carnes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- b. TIP Amendment (SC 160 & Celanese Road Interchange Reconfiguration Projects)** – Mr. Hooper requested approval of a TIP Amendment (contingent on any public comments being received) to program \$6.0 M in Guideshare funding to initiate preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition and authorize a 15-day public comment period. Mr. Hooper noted that as the amended LRTP and Conformity Report undergo final review / approval by FHWA and SCDOT – that finalization of the TIP Amendment would be completed following this action. Mr. Funderburk then highlighted the importance and benefits of such a streamlined approach. Mr. Sheppard made a motion to approve; Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- c. TIP Amendment (Poe / Quantz Connector Trail Project)** – Ms. Love briefly reviewed the Transportation Alternatives Program grant that was applied for in the amount of \$108,666 to undertake pedestrian improvements in the vicinity of Poe / Quantz Street. Ms. Love noted that a 15-day public comment period has been completed and no comments were received. Ms. Love then requested that the Policy Committee grant final approval and authorize staff to submit the project to SCDOT for processing. Mr. Sheppard made a motion to approve; Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- d. TIP Amendment (Addition of Federal Transit Administration funds to York County DSN)** – Ms. Love requested preliminary approval of a TIP Amendment to reflect \$48,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds to York County DSN and authorization of a 15-day public comment period. Mr. Love noted that although this action does not involve any RFATS funding, it nonetheless must be reflected in the TIP. Mr. Sheppard made a motion to approve; Mr. Echols seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- e. FY 15-16 CMAQ Program (Carowinds / Pleasant Road & India Hook / Celanese Road Intersection Improvement Projects)** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Policy

Committee's prior discussion about advancing ranked priority intersections rather than initiating a call for new projects. With this in mind, Mr. Hooper then outlined the results of the air quality benefit analysis for both projects – which reflect solid reductions in projected vehicular emissions. Mr. Hooper then requested approval from the Policy Committee and authorization to submit to SCDOT for processing. Mr. Carnes made a motion to approve; Mr. Sheppard seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

- f. FY 15-17 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the UPWP is the biennial work program for the next two fiscal years. Primary work activities include maintenance & updating of the Long Range Transportation Plan; development and incorporation of performance measures in our transportation plans and programs as required by MAP-21; advancement of the collector road study; undertaking small area studies at priority intersections and corridors; completion of a bicycle / pedestrian plan; as well as continued efforts to expedite project implementation. Mr. Hooper also noted that there are certainly other ongoing activities, such as management of the Transportation Alternatives and CMAQ grant programs, congestion management planning, and continued work in support of the regional travel demand model.

Mr. Hooper then stated that a 30-day public comment period has been completed and no comments were received. Mr. Norman then inquired whether MPO consultant services were periodically bid out? Mr. Hooper responded that these services are rebid every two years and are slated to undergo this process later this year. Mr. Norman then asked staff to provide a payment breakdown for this work. Mr. Hooper noted that this will be provided at the next meeting. Mr. Hooper then requested final approval of the UPWP from the Policy Committee. Mr. Sheppard made a motion to approve; Mr. Carnes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

- g. CAC Appointment** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee and noted the application received from Dr. David Keely; asking for Dr. Keely's consideration as a new member to the CAC. Mr. Echols made a motion of approval; Mr. Harris seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Echols then asked about the typical points of input provided by the CAC? Mr. Hooper noted that the CAC regularly submits an annual report in January outlining their focus areas during the past year.

Additionally, it was noted that the CAC has provided input on particular plans and programs at different points in the planning process as well (i.e., during the LRTP update; project recommendations; transit needs, etc.). Mr. Echols then asked whether it would be appropriate or inappropriate to ask the CAC to provide feedback to the Policy Committee relative to a particular issue? Mr. Hooper stated that that would indeed be appropriate as one of the CAC's primary roles is to provide feedback on the end product of the overall planning process.

5. Other Business

- a. Administrative Report** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted recent action by the state legislature associated with the implementation of Emma's Law and the restoration of approximately \$2.6 M in Guideshare funding that had previously been re-allocated to address applicable federal requirements. Essentially, Mr. Hooper noted that an apparent conflict between federal and state language had been sufficiently clarified resulting in the return of this funding for general programming purposes.

Mr. Norman then mentioned that recent discussions with Wells Fargo to re-establish a fourth park-n-ride in the near term will not be able to be completed due to the scheduling of maintenance related issues affecting their parking lot. Mr. Norman then asked staff about alternative locations in the area? In response, Mr. Hooper noted that there may be supporting locations near Cabela's that could effectively meet passenger needs. Mr. Norman then requested that the appropriate coordination be expedited with CATS and Cabela's and offered his assistance in advancing this work. Lastly, Mr. Norman mentioned that there is the potential for approximately \$7.0 M in C-funds coming to York County due to the availability of excess funds; this of course being dependent on whether this is reflected in the final version of the budget.

b. Next regular meeting – Mr. Funderburk announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 12:15 PM at Manchester Meadows.

6. Adjournment

With no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sheppard and seconded by Mr. Echols; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 P.M.