



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
January 24, 2014 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)  
Operations Center – Room 132**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Danny Funderburk; George Sheppard; Brian Carnes; Jim Reno; Doug Echols; Britt Blackwell; Kathy Pender; Bill Harris; Ralph Norman; Wes Hayes; and Michael Johnson

**ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:**

Greg Shaw (SCDOT); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Kara Drane (CRCOG); Joy Shealy (SCDOT); Susan Britt (Tega Cay); Kevin Bronson (Rock Hill); Ryan Blancke (York County); Penelope Karagounis (Lancaster County); Phil Leazer (York County); Jimmy Bagley (Rock Hill); Julie Barker (SCDOT); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); David Burgess (SCDOT); Bill Jordan (SCDOT); Yolanda Morris (FHWA); Allison Love (York County); Elizabeth Harris (CIN); Chuck Chorak (Rock Hill); William Long (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS)

**CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT:** Carl Manns (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn); Mike Fry (CAMPCO); Scot Sibert (STV, Inc.); Don Long (Lake Wylie Chamber); Paul Anderko (Rock Hill); and Larry Huntley (Fort Mill)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**a. Welcome** – Chairman Echols called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.

**b. Citizen Comment Period** – Mr. Echols asked if there were any citizen comments. Mr. Anderko indicated that he would like to offer comments about Ebinport Road and the need to undertake much needed repairs. Mr. Anderko noted that Ebinport Road has a state rating of 1.9 – noting that any rating under 3.25 is considered in need of repair. As a point of reference, Ms. Pender noted that although this road is on the Pennies for Progress List for widening, this status has tended to work against repairs being undertaken now, and which are clearly needed. Mr. Shaw then reviewed the specific ranking of Ebinport Road – which is listed at 10<sup>th</sup> for repaving and most likely would not be ready until 2015-2016. Dr. Blackwell then noted his agreement that Ebinport Road is in very poor condition and coordinative efforts among the County, City of Rock Hill, and SCDOT should be undertaken to identify sufficient funding to correct these deficiencies.

Mr. D. Long briefly summarized the strong growth pressures in the Lake Wylie area and the expected continuation of this growth. As a point of reference, Mr. Long noted that Lake Wylie is the fastest growing area within York County and the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest in the state. Against this backdrop, Mr. Long noted that Lake Wylie's only access point from I-77 is the Buster Boyd Bridge, which currently has a demand level of 30,000 vehicles per day. Mr. Long then noted that this area is effectively boxed in with this one access point and asked that the Policy

Committee not completely drop consideration of another crossing point south of the Buster Boyd Bridge. Mr. Long then stated for the benefit of all of northwestern York County, something is going to have to be done given current and projected traffic circulation and demand pressures. Mr. Long then noted that although such improvements do involve substantial funding, it is nonetheless unrealistic to think that existing and projected traffic circulation needs can be met without another crossing point over the Catawba River.

## **2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Echols asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the November 22, 2013 meeting. Hearing no comments, Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Blackwell seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

## **3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:**

**a. SCDOT Report** – Ms. Shealy provided a status update on projects administered by SCDOT.

- SC 5 Bridge is complete
- Mt. Gallant Road / Celanese Road is under construction and is expected to be complete by June 2014
- SC 72 / Albright Road is 60% complete. The project is scheduled to be fully complete in spring 2014.
- SC 160 / Gold Hill Road is in right-of-way acquisition. Construction will begin in the fall of 2014.
- Riverview / Riverchase and Dave Lyle / Chamberside had a public meeting with positive feedback. Right-of-way will begin in April and construction in Spring 2015.
- Squire Road Bridge over Wildcat Creek was awarded under budget and will be closed for six months beginning spring 2014
- The Church Road Bridge is scheduled to begin in FY 2018 and the Auten Road Bridge is scheduled to begin in FY 2017.

## **4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**a. Transportation Infrastructure Bank** – Mr. Leazer reviewed the history of the Transportation Infrastructure Bank (TIB) and York County's past applications for the Dave Lyle Boulevard Extension Project in 1997, 2002, 2005, and 2011. Mr. Leazer then noted the approval of Act 98 – which provides roughly \$50 million dollars in additional funding (though the precise structure and allocation of these resources is pending further discussion with Commssioner Cook), for projects focused largely on maintaining / improving the functionality of the interestate.

With this in mind, Mr. Leazer then reviewed all the interchanges in the RFATS Area and summarized the relevant operating dynamics and area characteristics feeding into each location. Additionally, Mr. Leazer noted the area surrounding Exit 79 (Dave Lyle Blvd), and indicated that given the current and planned project activity (widening of Cel-River Road, build out and impact of Riverwalk, Galleria Mall Area, Springdale Road, and the Flyover Bridge) – could constitute a very strong TIB application. Discussion then followed regarding the application process, and Mr. Leazer noted that application preparation would probably require the hiring of a consultant for a third-party study. Mr.

Echols then asked that the Study Team prepare a one-page profile of each potential location for the Policy Committee to consider at their March meeting.

Notwithstanding the points mentioned during today's discussion, Mr. Hayes said that he doesn't want us to inadvertently communicate the impression that we're giving up on the Dave Lyle Blvd Extension Project, given the impact and benefit such an improvement would have to the region. Additionally, Mr. Haynes noted that although the cost involved is substantial, it is not insurmountable. With this in mind, Mr. Haynes requested that staff extend a special invitation to the SCDOT Commissioner about attendance at the February meeting as the Policy Committee continues discussion on this topic and related plans in the area.

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

**a. Alignment of STIP / TIP Practices & Procedures** – Mr. Hooper reviewed the suggested procedures for streamlining the process for undertaking amendments and corrections to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The changes include allowing staff to make administrative corrections without going through the full amendment process – which is consistent with the approach utilized by SCDOT. Mr. G. Sheppard said that the members of the committee have confidence in staff, and do believe such an approach would enhance the project implementation process. Mr. Echols then asked for a motion to approve the updated TIP procedures. Mr. Hayes made a motion for approval; Ms. Pender seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

**b. TIP Amendment – Final approval of FY 14-19 programming recommendations for 20% road resurfacing / intersection improvement requirement** – Ms. Love said that a TIP amendment for programming the 20% road resurfacing / intersection improvement received preliminary approval at the November 2013 meeting. The amendment included Riverview / Riverchase, Dave Lyle / Chamberside, and US 521 / Marvin. After a 15-day public comment period, there were eight comments on the US 521 / Marvin Road project. Ms. Love noted that all the comments mentioned the need for turn lanes on Marvin Road and the extension of the left turn lane on US 521 southbound. Additionally, Ms. Love, noted that the crossover at Black Horse Run was mentioned as needing to be closed on multiple occasions. Lastly, Ms. Love noted that one short-term improvement was mentioned that focused on the incorporation of “U-turn must yield” signage. Ms. Love asked for final approval of the TIP amendment. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. Harris made a motion for approval; Mr. Carnes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved

**c. CMAQ Program – Approval of FY 14-15 schedule, criteria, and selection process** – Mr. Hooper reviewed the annual call for projects for the CMAQ program. The FY 14-15 allocation will be roughly \$3 million. Mr. Hooper then asked the Policy Committee to approve the application schedule and process, as well as the reappointment of a subcommittee to evaluate this year's applications. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion to approve the CMAQ application schedule and subcommittee; Mr. Carnes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved

**d. Transportation Alternatives Program – Approval of FY 14-15 schedule, criteria, and selection process** – Mr. Long reviewed the annual call for projects for the TAP program. The FY 14-15 allocation will be \$108,666 – up approximately \$1,500 from last year. Mr. Long then asked the Policy Committee to approve the application schedule and process, as well as the reappointment of a subcommittee to evaluate this year's applications. Mr. Echols asked

for a motion. Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion to approve the TAP application schedule and subcommittee; Ms. Pender seconded and the motion was unanimously approved

**e. 2014 Officers** – Mr. Hooper noted that according to the Policy Committee Officer rotation, Dr. Blackwell is slated for consideration as Chairman, and Mr. Funderburk as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. Hayes made a motion to elect Dr. Blackwell as Chairman and Mr. Funderburk as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Carnes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**a. Administrative Report** – Mr. Hooper presented the Administrative Report and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**b. Next Regular Meeting** – Mr. Echols announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Manchester Meadows Conference Room.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 P.M.