



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
September 23, 2016 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)
Manchester Meadows Conference Room**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: George Sheppard; Kathy Pender; Doug Echols; Brian Carnes; Trudie Bolin Heemsoth; Bill Harris; Jim Reno; Ralph Norman; and Britt Blackwell.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Kati Holland (SCDOT); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); Allison Love (York County); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); David Vehaun (City of Rock Hill); Darlene Broughton (SCDOT); Steve Willis (Lancaster County); John Boylston (SCDOT); Brian Klauk (SCDOT); Andy Merriman (York County); Keith Powell (SCDOT); Roger Sears (SCDOT); Dean Hendrix (York County); Melissa Jackson (SCDOT); Chris Herrmann (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Frank Myers (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn); Steve Turney; Anna Turney; David Kerns (HDR); David Keely (CAC); Ivan McCorkle (City of Rock Hill); Wes Climer (SC Senator Elect); Erin Pratt (Campco); Andy Heath (Heath Partners); and Scot Sibert (Parsons-Brinckerhoff).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. **Welcome** – Chairman Sheppard called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.
- b. **Citizen Comment Period** ó Mr. Heath stated that he would like for the Dave Lyle Blvd Extension project to be an active point of discussion during the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Hooper then noted that this project is reflected on the draft project list that will be reviewed along with various other points of information during an LRTP workshop that is slated to occur in October.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sheppard asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the June 24, 2016 meeting. Mr. Sheppard asked for a motion. Mr. Echols made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Carnes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

- a. **York County Local Option Sales Tax Program** – Mr. Hamilton presented an update on the following projects:
 - Fort Mill Southern Bypass Phase II ó project is complete and will be opened to traffic on June 30, 2016.
 - Tega Cay / Gold Hill Road Connector ó this project is currently under construction with anticipated construction completion in late spring / early summer 2017.
 - McConnells Highway (Heckle Blvd to Falls Road) ó this project is currently under construction with completion anticipated in late 2018.

- Fort Mill Parkway / Spratt St Intersection Improvements ó currently awaiting 70% plan comments from SCDOT; construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2017.
- Gold Hill Road / I-77 ó ROW acquisition is currently underway, construction anticipated to begin summer 2017.
- Mt Gallant Road (Dave Lyle Blvd to Anderson Road) ó ROW acquisition is complete, project is in final design phase with construction anticipated to begin in spring 2017.
- SC 160 West (Zoar Road to NC State line) ó ROW acquisition is expected to begin fall 2016, with construction anticipated to begin late 2017.
- US 21 / SC 51 (Springfield Parkway to state line) ó ROW acquisition is expected to begin fall 2016, with construction anticipated to begin in late 2018.

Mr. Hamilton then briefly reviewed the current schedule for the Pennies IV Referendum, noting the final list of project recommendations will be submitted to the County Council in May 2017.

Mr. Echols then asked if there had been discussion among the Pennies IV Commission about allocating funds toward maintenance costs, particularly work that occurs on SCDOT roadways? Mr. Hamilton noted that the County Attorney's office has indicated that the Pennies IV Commission cannot allocate funding toward maintenance as a category, rather all project types (which can include maintenance) must be defined in the referendum. Mr. Hamilton then noted that the Pennies IV Commission is considering resurfacing projects to be identified in the Pennies IV Referendum.

4. **REPORTS:**

- Greater Charlotte Regional Freight Mobility Study** – Mr. Hooper briefly provided an overview of the study, highlighting its focus on identifying ways to effectively and consistently address freight congestion and key bottlenecks. Mr. Hooper then briefly reviewed the existing transportation network, a commodity flow analysis, and the approach for prioritizing freight network needs. Mr. Hooper then explained the planned next steps in the study, which include: the development of quantifiable and trackable performance measures; prioritization of projects; integration with the LRTP Update; and a presentation of the final results in early spring 2017.

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

- Pennies IV Project List** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed previous discussion regarding the prioritization of project recommendations for the Pennies IV Referendum. In addition to the specific points within the transportation network that have been highlighted, Mr. Hooper noted that the Sales Tax Commission has requested further prioritization from RFATS. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper then listed the priorities identified by the Technical Team from the list of projects presented to the Sales Tax Commission in April: the Celanese / I-77 interchange, the SC 160 / I-77 interchange, Cel-River Road (Phase II), the Exit 77 interchange, and Ebinport Road.

Mr. Norman then inquired about what cost level would be associated with the interchange projects at Exits 82 and 85? Mr. Hooper then responded that the low estimate range for these two projects is roughly \$40.0 M (beyond the funding already provided by RFATS for preliminary engineering and right-of-way of \$6.0 - \$9.0 M), but that we would need to defer to the more detailed risk analysis that the Pennies Program is undertaking for greater specificity at this point.

Dr. Blackwell then asked why US 21 was not reflected on the short list of project priorities identified by the Technical Team? Mr. Hooper then responded that the Technical Team has noted the primary importance of focusing on the existing priorities in the LRTP. That said, Mr. Hooper also noted that because the potential widening of US 21 has been noted by multiple individual jurisdictions, the Technical Team felt that the elevation of this part of the transportation network is being effectively highlighted for further consideration by the Sales Tax Commission. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper also noted that the expanded list of priority locations already shared by RFATS with the Pennies Commission does reference US 21 as an important corridor within the regional network. Mr. Hooper then asked Mr. Hamilton if it would be fair to say that US 21 will be high on the evaluation list for the Pennies IV Referendum? Mr. Hamilton affirmed this, noting that it was the number two priority for the Town of Fort Mill.

Discussion then followed regarding the potential benefit of forwarding both the list of the top five priorities and the expanded list of additional projects to the Sales Tax Commission for further consideration, based on the possibility of additional funding being made available depending on the outcome of the SIB application. Mr. Sheppard then made a motion to include the LRTP priorities list (i.e., projects 1 through 5), and also to include the expanded project list to the Pennies IV Commission; Mr. Norman seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

- b. Metrolina Regional Model** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Socio-Economic Data Projections for the Metrolina Regional Model, noting the importance of using the most up-to-date Planning Data and Assumptions for the Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Mr. Hooper then reviewed horizon year projections for population and employment in 2015, 2025, 2035, and 2045. Mr. Hooper then briefly reviewed build-out projections by Traffic Analysis Zone through 2045. Mr. Hooper explained that the horizon year projections reflect a robust development environment within the planning area ó particularly over the next 10 years, with development activity moderating, though still near double-digit growth levels over the next two horizon years. Mr. Hooper then requested endorsement from the Policy Committee for submitting this data to our model partners. Mr. Carnes then made a motion for approval; Mr. Blackwell seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- c. CAC Reappointments** – Mr. Herrmann briefly summarized the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee and then requested consideration to reappoint Mr. David Ward (Fort Mill) and Mr. Carl Manns (Lancaster County) for additional terms. Mr. Echols then asked whether there were attendance expectations for the CAC? Mr. Hooper responded that there were attendance expectations and if a member is not consistent with their attendance, then follow-up action can be undertaken. A motion to approve these re-appointments was made by Mr. Echols; Ms. Pender seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- 6. Other Business:**

 - a. Administrative Report** – Mr. Hooper briefly touched on a few items in the Administrative Report.
 - b. Upcoming LRTP Workshop** – Mr. Hooper noted that a workshop will be held on October 28, 2016 at noon to review topics associated with the Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Mr. Hooper then noted that the agenda will include: a summary of public feedback, a review of the initial modeling outputs, the draft project list, and next steps in the process.
- 7. Adjournment**
With no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Echols and seconded by Mr. Carnes; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.