



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES**

**January 24, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Britt Blackwell; David O’Neal; Michael Johnson; Kathy Pender; Jim Reno; John Gettys (proxy); Brian Carnes; Gene Branham; and Guynn Savage.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Kenny Larimore (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Clifton Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Fort Mill); Bill Meyer (City of Rock Hill); Diane Dil (York County); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Allison Love (SCDOT); Jeremy Winkler (City of Rock Hill); Robby Moody (Catawba COG); Jessica Hekter (FHWA); Chris Herrmann (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Luther Dasher (CAC); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); David Keely (CAC); Nikita Jackson (Rock Hill City Council); Liz Duda (Eat Smart Move More York County); ; David Kerns (HDR); Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn); Michael Dennis (Ramey-Kemp); Bill Jordan (AECOM); Phil Conrad (Mobility Solutions); John Marks (Fort Mill Times); Billie Morton (York County Bike Ped Coalition); and Scot Sibert (WSP).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

a. Welcome – Chairman Blackwell called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.

b. Citizen Comment Period – Ms. Liz Duda offered comments emphasizing the role of bicycle / pedestrian options as important components of a multi-modal transportation system; specifically noting the importance of providing safe pedestrian / bicycle infrastructure to the SC 160 / I-77 Interchange improvement.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Blackwell asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the November 22, 2019 meeting. Mr. Carnes then made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

a. Pennies for Progress Project Status Report – Mr. Hamilton provided a brief update on the following projects:

- Cherry Road Resurfacing and Pedestrian Improvement – construction is complete.
- SC 160 West (Zoar Road to NC State Line) – construction is currently underway. Completion is anticipated for fall 2020. Mr. Hamilton noted that a new traffic signal will be installed at the SC 160 / Zoar Road intersection as a part of this project. Mr. Hooper noted that NC 160 has been identified for a widening improvement by NCDOT and the relevant planning agencies are

actively coordinating on this project as well as others in an effort to minimize the transition time during project planning and construction.

- Hwy 274 / Pole Branch Road – construction is currently underway. Mr. Hamilton noted that the detour currently in place is anticipated to be lifted in May 2020.
- US 21 / Anderson / Cowan Farm Intersection Improvement – construction is currently underway. Completion is anticipated for spring 2020.
- Gold Hill / I-77 Interchange Improvement – construction has been initiated, majority of work will be completed at night. Completion is anticipated for summer 2021.
- SC 557 – ROW acquisition is currently underway. 95% design plans are being submitted to SCDOT.
- US 21 / SC 51 – ROW acquisition is currently underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2021. Mr. Hamilton noted that the ROW acquisition phase has progressed, but is proving to be a lengthy process as there are 100 property owners impacted.
- SC 160 East Widening (Springfield Parkway to York County Line) – ROW acquisition is currently underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2021.
- Riverview Road – ROW acquisition is currently underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2021.
- SC 72 – ROW acquisition is currently underway.
- Cel River Road (Eden Terrace to Dave Lyle Blvd) – ROW plans are expected for May 2020. Mr. Hamilton noted that the Galleria Blvd project will tie into Cel River Road, ROW plans for Galleria Blvd are being finalized.
- Fort Mill Southern Bypass / Spratt / Sutton Widening – 30% Design plans are expected to be submitted to SCDOT in February 2020. Mr. Hamilton noted that this project is separate from the intersection improvement at Spratt Street, which is anticipated to begin construction in fall 2020.
- Hubert Graham Way Extension – ROW acquisition is currently underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2021.
- HWY 49 / 274 / 557 Intersection Improvement – ROW plans have been submitted to SCDOT for review. ROW acquisition is anticipated to begin in fall 2020.
- US 21 / Springdale Intersection Improvement – 30% Design plans are currently being developed.
- Sutton Road Intersections – ROW plans are currently being developed. Mr. Hamilton noted that a public meeting is anticipated for March 2020.
- Flint Hill Community Drainage – 30% Design plans have been submitted and reviewed by SCDOT. Mr. Hamilton noted that a public meeting is anticipated for spring 2020.
- Celanese / Cherry Intersection Improvement – 70% Design plans are currently being developed.
- US 21 (SC 160 to Springfield Parkway) – 30% Design plans are currently being developed.

Mr. Hamilton then provided a brief update on the York County SIB Application, noting that the revised application was submitted on September 3rd, 2019. The request for funding reflected 3 interchanges: Exit 85, Exit 90, and Exits 82A, B, &C. The total amount of funding requested is \$125.5M. The SIB Board has sent written correspondence twice asking clarifying questions related to the application. Mr. Johnson then noted that the SIB Board has noted that funding matches in the form of RFATS funding or Pennies for Progress improvements will not be considered, funding matches will be required to come in the form of C-funds or other funds provided by York County.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

a. HWY 49 Corridor Study – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed a meeting held in Lake Wylie with various stakeholders including members of the legislature, the chamber of commerce, the Secretary of Transportation, York County staff and a member of council to discuss available options for further improving the operating conditions along this corridor. Mr. Hooper then provided a brief overview of the key variables in the area such as the growth rate, the Pole Branch Road Project as well as project planning

evaluating the feasibility of incorporating an additional bridge crossing in North Carolina from New South Hope Road to just below CLT (i.e., the Catawba Crossings Project). As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that he is serving on the steering committee for this work effort and will periodically update the Policy Committee as things progress. Lastly, Mr. Hooper noted the planning importance of network connectivity and land use decisions given the physical layout of Lake Wylie as additional development occurs west and south of the Hwy 49 Corridor.

Mr. Hooper then reviewed the Technical Team recommendation to initiate a Corridor Study along SC 49 exploring the range of operating variables and to identify potential targeted improvement options. Mr. Hooper noted that this work could be completed under the current on-call consultant contract. Mr. Hooper then requested approval for the initiation of the SC 49 Corridor Study. Mr. Carnes then made a motion to grant approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. LRTP Amendment – Mr. Herrmann briefly summarized Transportation Performance Management; noting that this is a strategic approach that uses system generated information to make investment and policy decisions to achieve transportation system performance goals. Mr. Herrmann reviewed that Congress has developed national goals and USDOT has established performance measures in each goal area that must be used to develop appropriate performance targets by state DOTs, MPOs and COGs. These targets are all set and the relevant planning documents such as the LRTP must be amended to reflect these actions. Essentially, this is an effort to improve accountability and transparency in the transportation planning process.

Mr. Herrmann then outlined the National Goal Areas for safety that have been established by USDOT that are required to be reported to FHWA each year. These include: Number of Fatalities, Fatality Rate per 100 million VMT, Number of Serious Injuries, Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, Number of Non-motorized Fatalities, and Number of Non-motorized Serious Injuries. Mr. Herrmann then briefly reviewed the performance targets for each of these goal areas. As a point of reference, Mr. Herrmann reviewed the State Safety Targets for 2020 developed by SCDOT, noting where RFATS stands in each category as compared to the state as well as other MPOs.

Mr. Herrmann then requested approval for the adoption of the State Safety Targets for 2020, as well as the amendment of the 2045 LRTP to reflect these changes. Ms. Savage then made a motion to grant approval; seconded by Mr. Reno and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. TIP Amendment – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed a TIP amendment reflecting \$2,245,935 in FTA Section 5339 Funding for the City of Rock Hill's My Ride Transit Service. Mr. Herrmann noted that this funding did not include any RFATS funding, however all federal funding must be reflected in the TIP. Mr. Herrmann then requested preliminary approval and authorization to initiate a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Carnes then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Pender and the motion was unanimously approved.

d. TIP Amendment – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed the TIP Amendment reflecting the removal of \$108,666 in TAP Funding for the Poe / Quantz Street Trail Project. Mr. Herrmann then requested preliminary approval and authorization to initiate a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Reno then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

e. 2020 Election of Officers – Mr. Hooper noted that according to the Policy Committee rotation schedule, the Town of Fort Mill is slated for consideration as Chair, and the City of Tega Cay as Vice-Chair. A motion to consider Ms. Savage as Chair and Mr. O'Neal as Vice-Chair was then made by Ms. Pender; seconded by Mr. Carnes and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Admin Report – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Administrative Report. Mr. Hooper noted the public meeting for the SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Improvement scheduled for January 30th, 2020 at Real Life Church in Fort Mill, to be hosted by SCDOT.

b. Next meeting – Dr. Blackwell noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2020.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Savage and seconded by Mr. O’Neal; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 P.M.