



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES**

January 28, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.

Rock Hill City Hall – Council Chambers / Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Gettys; Guynn Savage; Tom Audette; Brian Carnes
Kathy Pender; Bill Harris (Proxy); Jim Reno; and Chris Gray.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Rashad Pinckney (SCDOT); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Christopher Stevens (York County); Christina Lewis (SCDOT); Dennis Marstall (Lancaster County); Diane Dil (York County); Chris Herrmann (RFATS); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Yoland Morris (FHWA); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Bill Jordan (AECOM); John Marks (Herald); WRHI; Dave Kerns (HDR); Jason Flora (York County Economic Development); Aaron Barnes (CAC); Jorge Luna (HDR); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Scot Sibert (WSP); Mike Moore (York County); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Brandon Murr (York County); Chris Wolfe (citizen); James Dowdy (citizen); and Ed Evans (citizen).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

a. Welcome – Vice Chair Gettys called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.

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

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gettys asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the November 19th, 2021 meeting. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

a. Pennies for Progress Report – Mr. Hamilton highlighted project activity at the key project locations of Pole Branch Road; the Gold Hill / I-77 Interchange; Galleria Blvd as well as at Spratt / Fort Mill Parkway. Mr. Hamilton then noted those projects slated for construction activity in 2022 as Hwy 72; Hwy 557; US 21/51; SC 160 East; Hubert Graham Way; Riverview Road; and the intersection of Celanese / Cherry / Cel-River Road. Brief discussion then followed regarding the weather characteristics and the impact on project timelines as well as a request for the expanded version of the powerpoint as it contains a few additional slides that are wanted for review / reference.

b. SCDOT Complete Streets Policy Report – Mr. Pinckney provided an overview of the policy directive covering the adopted Complete Streets Policy by SCDOT; project and planing expectations; as well as how this policy will be an integral component to strenghtening the multi-modal character of the transportation network across the state. Additionally, it was noted that this policy is also designed to assist in favoring impacting safety; connectivity; and network efficiency.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

a. SCDOT Regional Mobility Program & FY 22 Guideshare Funding – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the major funding components from the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 or the IIJA. Specifically, it noted that the IIJA covers a five year period through 2026; federal funding levels for transportation as well as transit have been augmented by roughly 30%; and that; targeted funding for the nation’s bridges and electric vehicles were also included.

Mr. Hooper then transitioned to work SCDOT has undertaken in assessing how best to utilize this new funding across the broad range of planning and project priorities statewide. In particular, Mr. Hooper provided a brief overview of the newly developed Regional Mobility Program which is designed to augment and strengthen the existing MPO planning program by more closely aligning the links between investment decisions that are made across the state with those key areas that the Congress and USDOT have highlighted in Transportation Performance Management requirements (i.e., safety; travel time reliability; network resiliency, among many others) to ensure that the planning process is able to effectively and meaningfully move the needle in the right direction in these key areas.

With this in mind, Mr. Hooper then stated that one of SCDOT’s initial actions is raising the aggregate level of funding to all MPOs and COGs – to assist in producing the priority outcomes noted early. Mr. Hooper then stated that the annual funding allocation to RFATS has been increased by roughly \$856,000 beginning this year in FY 22.

b. FY 21-27 TIP Amendment (Bicycle / Pedestrian Funding) -- Mr. Hooper then briefly highlighted a few points from our prior discussion on completing a cost estimate update on those projects selected for funding and implementation. Mr. Hooper then stated that this work has been completed and requested preliminary approval to amend the TIP reflecting \$9,334,543 in federal funds as well as authorization of a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Pender and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. 2022 Annual Election of Officers – Mr. Hooper noted that it is that time again to complete the annual election of officers for 2022. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that the Policy Committee rotation schedule indicates that Mayor Gettys is slated to serve as Chair and a representative from York County is slated to serve as Vice Chair. Ms. Pender then made a motion to consider Mr. Gettys as Chair and Mr. Audette as Vice-Chair; seconded by Mr. Carnes and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Administrative Report.

b. Next Meeting – Mr. Gettys noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2022.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gettys and seconded by Ms. Savage; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.