



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
November 16, 2018 – 12:00 p.m. (NOON)
Rock Hill Operations Center**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Britt Blackwell; Brian Carnes (proxy); David O’Neal; Jim Reno (proxy); Michael Johnson (proxy); Kathy Pender; Wes Climer (proxy); Gary Simrill; Bill Harris (proxy); and Guynn Savage.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Kenny Larimore (SCDOT); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Stephen Allen (York County); Bill Meyer (City of Rock Hill); Yolanda Morris (FHWA); Penelope Karagounis (Lancaster County); David Gamble (SCDOT); David Hudspeth (York County); Rick Wyatt (SCDOT); David Broom (Town of Fort Mill); Christopher Stephens (York County); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Matt Gallman (CRCOG); Joey Adams-Racskowski (Lancaster County); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); David Vehaun (City of Rock Hill); Steve Willis (Lancaster County); Jeremy Winkler (City of Rock Hill); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); David Harmon (York County); Jessica Hekter (FHWA); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Dean Hendrix (York County); Chris Herrmann (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Larry Huntley (Fort Mill Town Council); Kenneth Johnson (AECOM); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); David Keely (CAC); Joel Hamilton (York County Councilman Elect); Theresa Thomas (Office of Senator Lindsey Graham); Mike Fry (Campco); Theron Pickens (York County Regional Chamber); Sal Incorvaia (York County Regional Chamber); Waylon Wilson (resident of Lancaster County); David Kerns (HDR); Michael Dennis (Ramey-Kemp); John Marks (The Herald); Mark Pleasant (WSP); Rob Dubnicka (STV); and Scot Sibert (WSP).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. **Welcome** – Vice-Chairman Blackwell called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.
- b. **Citizen Comment Period** – No comments were made at this time.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Blackwell asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the September 28, 2018 meeting. Ms. Savage then made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Ms. Pender and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

- a. **SCDOT Project Status Report** – Mr. Mattox provided a brief update on the following projects:

- US 521 / Marvin Road Intersection Improvement – ROW plans are being finalized so that this phase can be initiated in FY 2019. Construction is anticipated to begin in FY 2020.

Mr. Mattox then stated that cost estimates for the project will be updated once the ROW plans are finalized. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that when funding was originally allocated for this project that it was recognized that additional funding would be needed for the construction phase once ROW acquisition was completed.

- Celanese Road / India Hook Road Intersection Improvement – Project scope has been finalized and ROW acquisition is anticipated to begin early in FY 2019. Construction is anticipated to begin in FY 2020.
- Celanese Road / Riverview Road / Riverchase Road Intersection Improvement – Project was rebid in September which resulted in a lesser bid amount. Construction is anticipated to begin in early FY 2019; construction completion is anticipated for late 2019.
- Pleasant Road / Carowinds Blvd Intersection Improvement – ROW plans are being finalized so that this phase can be initiated in FY 2019. Construction is anticipated to begin in FY 2020; timeline is dependent upon completion of the Gold Hill Road Interchange Improvement. Cost estimates for construction will be updated prior to the letting of the project.
- E White Street / Firetower Road Intersection Improvement – project has been let and bids were received that were higher than the internal estimate from SCDOT; approval from FHWA is pending to accept the low bid.
- Clebourne Street / N White Street Intersection Improvement – ROW acquisition and design are being finalized. Construction obligation is anticipated for FY 2019.
- Cel-River Road Widening Phase I – project is currently open to traffic and substantially complete.
- SC 160 Widening Project – construction is currently underway with completion anticipated for FY 2020.
- Nation Ford High School Pedestrian Improvement – project was let in August 2018; construction is anticipated for completion before the start of the 2019 school year.
- Dam Road Pedestrian Improvements – project is being developed using strip maps in order to expedite the project implementation; construction obligation is anticipated for FY 2019. Cost estimates for construction will be updated prior to the letting of the project.
- River Road Pedestrian Improvements – project is being developed using strip maps in order to expedite the project implementation; construction obligation is anticipated for FY 2020. Cost estimates for construction will be updated prior to the letting of the project.
- SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration – Kimley-Horn is the consultant selected to design the project, they are currently analyzing relevant traffic data. ROW Acquisition phase is anticipated to begin in FY 2021 and construction obligation is anticipated to begin in FY 2022. Cost estimates for PE, ROW, and construction phases will be updated as the process moves forward.

As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that the owner at three of the four quadrants of this interchange are willing to donate the ROW for the project which should assist in expediting project implementation.

- Exit 82 Interchange Reconfiguration – while there are related variables that remain active (York County SIB, completion of I-77 Corridor Analysis, etc.); project activity has not been initiated.

Mr. Mattox then gave brief updates on Area Federal-Aid Bridge Projects including: S-81, SC-5, S-655, US-21 BUS, S-50, S-654, SC 72, S-1069, S-55, S-560, S-166, and S-103. Ms. Savage then asked whether any work is planned to resolve maintenance and safety issues on the I-77 bridge over the Catawba River? Mr. Johnston explained that a contract for deck replacement on the bridge for both NB and SB lanes was let earlier this year but the lone bid received was \$3M over the estimate. Mr. Johnston noted that the contract is being redeveloped and the project will be rebid soon.

Mr. Mattox then summarized project coordination regarding projects impacting the I-77 Corridor including Carowinds / Pleasant, SC 160 Widening, Gold Hill / I-77 Interchange Improvement, and the SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Improvement.

4. REPORTS:

a. I-77 Corridor Analysis – Mr. Pleasant provided an overview of the I-77 Corridor Analysis; specifically, its focus on assessing existing operating and land use conditions, current and projected growth estimates, and the identification of a range of planning options / strategies for further improving the operational efficiency along this critical corridor. Mr. Hooper then outlined the principal evaluation points for developing a solid picture of the existing built environment (i.e., land use characteristics, right-of-way availability, driveway density and accident data, etc.) – highlighting the fundamental role these variables play in shaping current operating conditions as well as the range of improvement options for further strengthening the capacity of the transportation network to process increasing overall demand levels from all users of the transportation system.

Mr. Sibert then outlined a range of corridor improvement strategies on a short, intermediate, and long term basis. These included operational and capacity improvements as well as supporting planning policies that should be applied during the development review and approval process. An important point of the discussion also included the increasing role of innovative (versus traditional) improvement strategies given the existing built environment, current and projected demand levels on key corridors, and the cost implications associated with this shift in improvement planning and implementation. Some of the specific types discussed included unique intersection designs (i.e., fully displaced left turns, restricted crossing u-turns, superstreets, grade separation, etc), targeted road widenings, adaptive traffic control systems, access management, as well as different interchange configurations. Discussion then followed with the understanding that staff would provide additional detail regarding sequencing and timelines at the next meeting.

5. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

a. LRTP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the CMAQ Performance Measures that have been established by USDOT which include Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) and Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle Travel (Non-SOV). Mr. Hooper then summarized the LRTP Amendment reflecting the adoption of the CMAQ Performance Targets and requested approval contingent upon any comments received during the 30-day public comment period. Ms. Pender then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. Metrolina Regional Model – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the latest socio-economic data; specifically housing, population and employment as well as school enrollment data. Mr. Sibert then explained that housing and population data this year reflects Certificate of Occupancy data provided by Catawba COG and Lancaster County 911; noting that this data is used to give a more accurate estimate of occupied dwelling units. Mr. Hooper highlighted that the key points of the update include: population growth of 9.8% in two years and total employment growth of 13.1% in the same time period. Mr. Hooper then requested endorsement from the Policy Committee to submit this data for use in the travel demand modeling process. Ms. Savage then made a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Reno and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. CAC Appointments – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee and then requested consideration to reappoint Mr. Jim Van Blarcom and Mr. Frank Myers for additional 3-year terms. Mr. Simrill then inquired as to where Mr. Myers residence was located? Mr. Herrmann responded that Mr. Myers is a resident of the City of Rock Hill. Ms. Pender then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Pender and the motion was unanimously approved.

d. 2019 Policy Committee Meeting Schedule – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2019 and then requested consideration of its approval. Ms. Savage then noted that there was support from some members to consider an alternative meeting schedule, so that meetings were not held on Fridays. Mr. Hooper responded that he would follow-up regarding the range of potential options. Ms. Savage then made a motion to table this agenda item for a later date; seconded by Mr. O’Neal and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

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

b. Next meeting – Dr. Blackwell noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2019.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Pender and seconded by Ms. Savage; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.