



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
May 17, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.  
Rock Hill Operations Center**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Britt Blackwell; David O’Neal; Michael Johnson; Kathy Pender (proxy); John Gettys; Bill Harris; Gary Simrill; Wes Climer (proxy); and Gwynn Savage.

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

Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Clifton Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Penelope Karagounis (Fort Mill); Joshua Meetze (SCDOT); Diane Dil (York County); David Vehaun (City of Rock Hill); Ivan McCorkle (City of Rock Hill); Steve Willis (Lancaster County); David Burgess (SCDOT); David Harmon (York County); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Mark Pleasant (FHWA); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Andy Merriman (York County); Robby Moody (CRCOG); Leah Drummeter (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Bill Meyer (City of Rock Hill); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Christopher Stephens (York County); Rox Burhans (Lancaster County); Chris Herrmann (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS).

**CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT:** Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Dr. David Keely (CAC); Larry Huntley (Town of Fort Mill); Steve Yaffe; John Marks (Fort Mill Times); Matthew Kreh (WRHI); and Scot Sibert (WSP).

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**a. Welcome** – Chairman Blackwell called the meeting to order at 12:05 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 March 22, 2019 meeting. Ms. Savage then made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Mr. Harris 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:

- Gold Hill Road / I-77 Interchange Improvement – bids were received on May 14<sup>th</sup>, total cost is estimated at \$12.77M.
- McConnell’s Hwy – construction completion is anticipated for July 2019. The contractor has exceeded contract delays and is currently in liquidated damages.
- Hwy 274 / Pole Branch Road – construction has been initiated.
- SC 160 West Widening (Springfield Parkway to York County line) – construction has been initiated.

- US 21 / Anderson / Cowan Farm Intersection Improvement – utility relocation is being completed and construction is anticipated to begin in the coming months.
- Pennies 4 Resurfacing Group 1 (Eastern York County) – New Gray Rock Road, Harris Road, Springsteen Road, and Old Friendship Road repaving projects have been completed. Mt Gallant Road is currently being repaved.
- Pennies 4 Resurfacing Group 2 (Western York County) – projects are anticipated for completion in November 2019.
- Cherry Road Resurfacing and Pedestrian Improvement – construction has been initiated and completion is anticipated for November 2019.
- Pennies 4 Resurfacing Group 4 – work has been initiated on most projects and is anticipated for completion in November 2019. Eden Terrace resurfacing has been rescheduled for spring of 2020 due to a utility project currently underway by the City of Rock Hill.
- US 21 South Turn Lanes (Catawba Area) – work has been initiated and is anticipated for completion in November 2019.
- SC 160 East Widening (Zoar Road to NC State Line) – final ROW plans have been approved by SCDOT and acquisition of ROW has begun.
- Riverview Road – final ROW plans have been approved by SCDOT and acquisition has begun; construction is anticipated to begin in 2020.
- SC 72 – a public information meeting was held on May 14th.

Mr. O’Neal then asked when will construction begin on the Gold Hill Road / I-77 Interchange Improvement? Mr. Hamilton responded that bids for the project have been received, and the project will be awarded at the June SCDOT Commission meeting. Mr. Hamilton anticipates construction to be initiated by September 2019. Mr. Johnson then asked that Mr. Hamilton provide the anticipated completion date for this project during his next update.

**b. South Charlotte Partners Regional Transportation Summit** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed this event which took place in late March covering area transportation priorities, the role of transportation investments on economic development as well as federal / state funding variables. Mr. Hooper then outlined keynote remarks from Governor McMaster which included themes of collaboration, communication, and cooperation; while also noting that Governor McMaster emphasized the need for light rail to be extended from Charlotte to Rock Hill. Discussion then followed regarding the importance of mass transit moving forward as growth continues in the RFATS area. Specific topics of discussion included: planning challenges in high growth areas, recalibrating the expectations of drivers, and ridership levels on public transit in the Charlotte region currently.

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

**a. LRTP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Transit Asset Management Targets, which are part of the larger Transportation Performance Management requirements that have been reviewed with the Policy Committee over the last 18 months (i.e., Safety, Travel Time Reliability, Pavement & Brides, etc). Mr. Hooper then summarized the LRTP Amendment reflecting the adoption of the Transit Asset Management Targets and stated that a 30-day public comment period has been completed and no comments were received. Mr. Hooper then requested final approval of this amendment. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to grant approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

**b. FY 19-20 CMAQ Funding Cycle** – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed the CMAQ application for the Adaptive Traffic Control Signalization Project on SC 160. Mr. Herrmann then asked the Policy Committee to grant preliminary approval of this application reflecting \$489,500 in federal funds, and authorize a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to grant approval; seconded by Mr. Johnson and the motion was unanimously approved.

**c. TIP Amendment** – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed the TIP Amendment reflecting the \$573,914 in FTA 5339 federal funds to be utilized on the City of Rock Hill’s new Fixed Route Service. Mr. Herrmann stated that a 21-day public comment period has been completed and no comments were received. Mr. Herrmann then requested final approval of this TIP Amendment. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to grant approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

**d. FY 19-21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized principal work activities outlined in the FY 19-21 UPWP, as well as ongoing administration of grant programs and support of the regional travel demand model. Mr. Hooper then requested preliminary approval of the Draft UPWP and initiation of a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to grant approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

**e. MPO Bylaws** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed a request made by the Policy Committee at the March meeting regarding the incorporation of clarifying language related to proxy designations. Mr. Hooper then highlighted proposed language for consideration. Discussion then followed that the applicable reference in the bylaws should state that only an existing member of the Policy Committee can be designated as a proxy. Mr. Johnson then made a motion to amend the bylaws as such; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **5. 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 scheduled for June 28, 2019.

## **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 1:05 P.M.