



ROCK HILL-FORT MILL AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

**2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION  
PLAN AMENDMENT TWO**

AMENDMENT APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2022

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## **CHAPTER 4 ROADWAY ELEMENT**

The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan is being amended to reflect the reallocation of existing funding from the Cel-River Widening Project (Phase II) to the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration Project. With the initiation of the formal evaluation of alternatives analysis, this action will proactively position project funding to cover the range of configurations and cost bands that will emerge at the completion of this work effort. Specifically, the amount to be reallocated is \$46.2M.

# Exit 82 / I-77 Interchange



## RFATS

## 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT LIST

\*\*UNFUNDED PROJECTS ARE NOT REFLECTED IN PRIORITY ORDER\*\*

			OBLIGATION	
		FUNDING SOURCE	(MILLIONS)	MILES
<b>COST CONSTRAINED PROJECTS</b>				
1	SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration; 4 to 6 Lane Widening (Sutton Road to US 21) (SIB \$49.6 M; Guideshare \$23.4 M)	SIB & Guideshare	\$73.0 M	N/A
2	Celanese / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration (SIB \$32.5 M; \$114.8 M Guideshare)	SIB & Guideshare	\$147.30 M	N/A
3	SC 160 / I-77 Interchange RecSC 160 Widening (Rosemont / McMillan to Springfield Parkway) - 5 Lanes	Guideshare	\$28.5 M	2.86
4	I-77 / US 21 / SC 5 Interchange Area (Exit 77)	Guideshare	\$5.7 M	N/A
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$254,400,010.0</b>	
<b>STIP PROJECTS (STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)</b>				
1	System Improvement Projects (Bridge Replacements, Safety, Road Widening, Interstate Program)	FHWA / SCDOT		N/A
2	CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program)	FHWA / SCDOT		N/A
3	TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program)	FHWA / SCDOT		N/A
	<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>FUNDED ONE CENT SALES TAX PROJECTS (2011)</b>				
1	SC 160 (Gold Hill to Zoar Road; Zoar Road to NC State Line) - 5 Lanes	One Cent III	\$13.1 M	1.10
2	Hwy 274 / 279 (Hwy 274 at Landing Pointe Dr to Pole Branch Road - 5 Lanes; Pole Branch Road to NC Stateline) - 3 Lanes	One Cent III	\$37.8 M	2.40
3	US 21 North Phase I & SC 51 (Springfield Parkway to NC State Line) - 5 Lanes	One Cent III	\$40.0 M	2.90
4	Gold Hill Road / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration	One Cent III	\$12.5 M	1.00
5	SC 160 East (Springfield Parkway to Lancaster County Line; formerly project in 2003 PFP) - 3 Lanes	One Cent III	\$4.8 M	0.75
6	Riverview Road (From Eden Terrace to Celanese Road) - 3 Lanes	One Cent III	\$9.5 M	1.0
7	Mt Gallant Road (Celanese to Twin Lakes Road) - 3 Lanes	One Cent III	\$26.3 M	2.5
8	SC Hwy 72 (Hwy 901 to Rambo Road; formerly in 2003 PFP) - 3 Lanes	One Cent III	\$20.7 M	2.0
9	Hwy 557 - (Hwy 274 to Kingsburry Road) - Multilane	One Cent III	\$25.0 M	2.4
10	Fort Mill Southern Bypass / Spratt / Sutton Connector	One Cent III	\$9.0 M	0.6
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$198,700,000.0</b>	
<b>FUNDED ONE CENT SALES TAX PROJECTS (2017)</b>				
1	Cel-River Road - 2 to 5 lane widening from S-645 (Southern Eden Terrace Extension) to S-122 (Dave Lyle Blvd)	One Cent IV	\$40.5 M	2.06
2	Fort Mill Parkway (US 21 to Holbrook Road) -- 5 Lanes with Sidewalks & Bike Lanes	One Cent IV	\$23.1 M	
3	Neely & Rawlsville Road (Realignment & Improvement)	One Cent IV	TBD	
4	Neely Road & Crawford Road (Realignment & Improvement -- Adjustment for Railroad)	One Cent IV	10.9 M	
5	Sutton Road / New Gray Rock Road -- Consider Dedicated Left from NB Sutton onto New Gray Rock; Dedicated Right from EB New Gray Rock onto Sutton	One Cent IV	\$3.0 M	
6	Sutton Road / Sam Smith Road -- Consider Dedicated Left from SB Sutton onto Sam Smith	One Cent IV	\$3.0 M	
7	Sutton Road / Harris Road -- Consider Dedicated Left from SB Sutton onto Harris	One Cent IV	\$3.0 M	
8	Highway 274 / 49 / 557 -- Operational / Capacity Additions	One Cent IV	\$7.3 M	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$90,800,000.0</b>	
<b>Public / Private Partnership</b>				
1	New Interchange "Exit 81" - Located Between Celanese / Cherry Road and Dave Lyle Blvd	Public / Private	80.0 M	N/A
2	New Roadway Segment #1 (Connection from New Interchange to Paragon Way / Cel-River Road) - 3 Lanes	Public / Private	3.5 M	0.08
3	New Roadway Segment #2 (Connection from New Interchange to Mt Gallant Road Road) - 4 Lanes	Public / Private	5.0 M	0.80
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$88.5 M</b>	

	<b>PRIVATELY FUNDED: IDENTIFIED FROM I-77 AREA TRAFFIC STUDY</b>			
1	Connect Corporate / Cel-River / and Commerce in Riverwalk Industrial (Developer Paid)	Private	TBD	1.25
2	Connect Commerce and Galleria (Developer Paid)	Private	TBD	0.25
3	Connector across the Railroad between the Riverwalk Spine Road and Galleria Boulevard (Developer / City)	Private	TBD	0.25
4	Riverview Road Extension from Eden Terrace to Mt Gallant Road (Developer Paid)	Private	TBD	1.20
5	Eden Terrace (Anderson Road to Dunkins Ferry; Riverwalk Development) (Developer Paid)	Private	TBD	1.00
6	Galleria to Meeting and Cel-River @ Waterford Extension (Developer / City)	Private	TBD	1.25
	<b>TOTAL</b>			
	<b>UNFUNDED TRANSPORTATION NEEDS: ROAD WIDENINGS / NEW ALIGNMENTS</b>			
1	Gold Hill Road / Springfield Pkwy (I-77 to SC 160) -- 5 Lanes with Sidewalks & Shared Use Bike Lanes			
2	Marvin Road (US 521 to Union County line) -- 3 Lanes (Potential 4 lane from US 521 to Henry Harris Road)			
3	Harrisburg Road (Mecklenburg County Line to SC 160) -- 3 Lanes			
4	Sutton Road (Sixth Baxter Crossing to US 21) -- 5 Lanes with Sidewalks and Bike Lanes			
5	Cel-River / Red Red River Road (SC 122 to US 21) -- 3 Lanes RF; Consider Interchange Improvement at Exit 77			
6	US 21 Widening (Sutton Road / Spratt Street to SC 160) -- 5 Lanes with Sidewalks & Bike Lanes			
7	S. Dobys Bridge Road (Fort Mill Southern Parkway to US 521) -- 5 Lanes with Sidewalks & Bike Lanes			
8	US 521 -- Road Widening from Jim Wilson Road to the state line			
9	Fort Mill Parkway (Holbrook Road to SC 160) -- 5 Lanes with Sidewalks & Bike Lanes			
10	Fort Mill Parkway (US 21 to Holbrook Road) -- 5 Lanes with Sidewalks & Bike Lanes			
11	Jim Wilson Road (US 521 to Henry Harris Road) -- 5 Lanes			
12	Shelley Mullis Road (US 521 to Union County Line) -- 3 Lanes			
13	Mt Gallant Road (5-Lane widening from end of Panthers widening north to north of Celanese Road)			
14	Eden Terrace (3-Lane widening with shared use path)			
15	Meeting Blvd (5 Lanes with Sidewalks) Existing WM Connection Point to Galleria Blvd			
16	Ebenezer Road (3-Lane widening; address termini intersection to account for 3-lane section)			
17	DLB Flyover			
18	Ebinport Road (3-Lane widening; with roundabout at Maret Blvd)			
	<b>TOTAL</b>			
	<b>UNFUNDED TRANSPORTATION NEEDS: INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS</b>			
1	Dave Lyle Boulevard / Tinsley Way -- Create Dual Left Turn Lanes on westbound Dave Lyle and northbound Tinsley			
2	SC 160 (Steele / Bank Streets & Doby's Bridge Road)			
3	SC 160 / Springfield Parkway (Congestion; Safety Concerns)			
4	Dobys Bridge Road / Nims Lakes Road / Williams Road -- Consider Realignment of Nims Lakes Road (Safety / Visibility)			
5	Dobys Bridge Road / Dobys Bridge Park (Potential Congestion; Safety Issues)			
6	N. Oakland / India Hook / Alexander -- Signal / Pavement Marking Improvements			
7	Old Nation Road / North White Street -- Visibility Concerns with Left Turn Movement from Old Nation Road onto N. White St)			
8	Cavlin Hall / Harrisburg Road (Traffic Impact of Elementary School) -- Realignment; Signalization; B / P Improvements			
9	US 521 / River Road -- Consider Incorporation of Right Turn Lane onto to US 521			
10	US 521 / Jim Wilson Road -- Consider Addition of Turn Lanes and / or Widening of JWR; Consider Addition of Median between SC & JWR			
11	Gold Hill / Pleasant Road -- Timing / Operational Improvements			
12	Hwy 274 / Allison Creek Road -- Realign Campbell Road to intersection with Allison Creek (Sight Distance Considerations)			
	<b>TOTAL</b>			

<b>CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS / OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE / SUBAREA STUDIES</b>			
1	Cherry Road / Mt Gallant Intersection Improvement		
2	SC 160 / Pleasant Rd / Sutton Rd Intersection Improvement		
3	Marvin Road / Henry Harris Intersection Improvement		
4	Celanese Road / Mt Gallant Road Intersection Improvement		
5	US 21 / Sutton Road / Spratt St Intersection Improvement		
6	SC 160 / Dave Gibson Blvd Intersection Improvement		
7	Albright/Main @Black, Main, White and Anderson (Adaptive Signalization Improvement)		
8	DLB (between Mt Gallant and Red River)		
9	Old York Road (Newport between Hands Mill and Rawlinson Road on SC 161 and SC 901)		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>BIKE &amp; PEDESTRIAN NEEDS / PLANNING</b>			
1	Jack White Trail - Northside Trail Ext (Shared Use Path from E. White Street to Iredell Street)	Guideshare	\$1,527,006 1.27
2	US 521 (Shared Use Path from Potts Lane to Dobys Bridge Road)	Guideshare	\$1,948,835 3.25
3	Fort Mill Southern Pkwy (Shared Use Path + Bike Lane from Spratt St at US 21to Hoolbrook Road)	Guideshare	\$1,970,314 2.45
4	Gold Hill Road - Tega Cay Drive (Bike lanes from end of Sidepath near Shoreline Pkwy to SC 160)	Guideshare	\$96,721 1.36
5	US 521 / Marvin Road; Collins Road; Shelley Mullins; River Road; Dobys Bridge; SC 160 -- Sidewalks Needed Near The Intersection		
6	SC 160 / Barberville Road and Harrisburg Road -- Sidewalks and Bike Lanes		
7	Heckle Blvd (Herlong Ave / Wade Hampton Blvd) -- Extension of Area Sidewalk Improvements;and safety improvements along corridor - limit access		
8	Highway 321 (Barrett Road to Flat Stone Dr) -- Sidewalk Construction Maintenance and Repair of Existing Sidewalk		
9	Rawlinson Road -- Extension of Multi-Use Trail from current terminus to Highway 5 School Complex		
10	Hwy 49 (Daimler Blvd to W. Liberty Hill Road) -- Construction of Bike Lane or Asphalt Multi-Use Trail Part of SIB or interchange project design		
11	SC 160 (Munn Road to Market Street) -- Recommend Connection of Fort Mill Trails with Baxter Trails & SC 160 Sidewalks		
12	Dobys Bridge Road (Fort Mill Parkway to SC 160) -- Recommended Connection of Neighborhoods & Parks		
13	Highway 274 to Highway 161 -- Duke Energy Rail Trail		
14	Eden Terrace (Riverwalk to Winthrop University) -- Corridor Improvements		
15	Add wider shoulders, restripe bike lanes, add multi-use paths along 5 priority bike routes where they fall within RFATS Area as appropriate		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,542,876.0</b>
<b>TRANSIT NEEDS / PLANNING</b>			
1	CONNECT Beyond - Development of Regional Transit Plan (i.e., Rapid Transit Option; Network Availability, etc)		
2	Initiation of Demand Response in Tega Cay & Fort Mill Area		
3	Extension of CATS Bus Service from Ballantyne to Indian Land		
4	Extension of CATS Bus Service to the Lake Wylie Area		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		



## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The RFATS has an established Public Participation Plan which outlines specific procedures for ensuring that public participation is a core component of the transportation planning process. Public participation takes many forms, and RFATS' uses a wide range of methods and approaches to secure meaningful public input.

In addition to general stakeholder identification and outreach, RFATS has established a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to expand the range of general citizen input into the organizational structure of the MPO as a part of the transportation planning process. This standing committee meets regularly to review and provide comments to the RFATS Policy Committee as appropriate. All submitted public comments related to this amendment are reflected in **Appendix C**.

**APPENDIX A: ADOPTION AND APPROVAL RESOLUTION / LETTER**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT #2 TO THE  
2050 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE  
ROCK HILL-FORT MILL AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY(RFATS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Policy Committee is the duly recognized decision making body of the 3-C transportation planning process for the Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the RFATS 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan is being amended to reflect the reallocation of existing funding from the Cel-River Widening Project (Phase II) to the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan will continue to meet the planning requirements of 23 CFR Part 450.324

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RFATS Policy Committee finds that the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program continue to conform to the purpose of the South Carolina State Implementation Plan in accordance with the Clean Air Act as Amended (CAAA), and Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

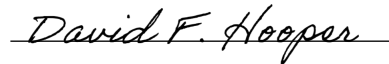
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RFATS Policy Committee authorizes the Chair to sign said Resolution on behalf of all the membership.

**APPROVED:**



John Gettys, Chair

**ATTEST:**



David F. Hooper, MPO Administrator

**APPENDIX B: TECHNICAL TEAM / POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**



**Technical Team Meeting  
(Teams Conference Call)  
Summary Minutes  
April 7, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Conference Call Attendees:** Yolanda Morris (FHWA); Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Alex Moore (Town of Fort Mill); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Rox Burhans (Lancaster County); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Diane Dil (York County); Christina Lewis (SCDOT); Stephen Allen (Catawba COG); Dianne Lackey (SCDOT); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Betsy McCall (SCDOT); and David Hooper (RFATS).

**I. Review of Minutes**

Mr. Hooper asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions from the March minutes. The minutes were then accepted as presented.

**II. Old Business**

**A. Policy Committee Meeting**

- 1. SCDOT Project Status Report** – Mr. Hooper brief summarized the emphasis points on the SC 160 / I-77 and the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Projects. Discussion then followed regarding project cost variables; supply chain disruption and the generally upward trajectory of other macro-economic variables (i.e., inflationary pressures, etc) and expected impacts to project implementation over the short to intermediate term.
- 2. US 521 Corridor Study** – Mr. Hooper noted that an overview was provided to the Policy Committee at their most recent meeting. Discussion then briefly followed regarding feedback provided by the SCDOT District Office as well as the scheduling of a coordination call with Mr. Burhans that is slated for next week.
- 3. Transit Pilot Project** – Mr. Hooper stated that the Policy Committee has provided direction that outreach to federal and state agencies should be initiated regarding the preferred funding program, along with related contractual matters for establishing Demand Response service in the Town of Fort Mill, City of Tega Cay, and the Lake Wylie area.
- 4. CAC Reappointments** – Mr. Hooper confirmed that the Policy Committee approved the reappointment of Ms. Cleopatra Allen and Ms. Frieda Price to a new three year term on the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- 5. Bicycle / Pedestrian Projects (Network Priorities)** – Mr. Mattox provided the latest information on project scheduling (i.e., Tega Cay Trail; Spratt Street and DLB Projects); and then Mr. Hooper reviewed the short list of action items on the DLB Pedestrian Improvement Effort given the range of related activities occurring along this corridor (i.e., drainage improvement; repaving, etc).

6. **Bicycle / Pedestrian Coalition of York County** – Mr. Hooper followed up on the prior discussion at the March Technical Team meeting about specific ways to contribute to and support the good work of this group. Discussion then followed regarding the importance of always having a municipal planning professional in attendance; coordination of appropriate agency and/or jurisdictional speakers, as well as their updated quarterly meeting schedule.
7. **Dam / Gardendale Roads (Development of Regional Impact)** – Ms. Britt provided an overview of area development activity and expected roadway improvement needs. Discussion then followed regarding the perspective of the SCDOT District Office as well as a few potential next steps as things progress.
8. **FY 22-23 TAP & CMAQ Funding Cycle** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that project applications are due by EOD today. Discussion then followed regarding expected project submissions.

### III. New Business

- A. **Policy Committee Meeting for April 22, 2022** – Mr. Hooper briefly outlined a recommended change in format for periodic updates / reports from SCDOT and Pennies for Progress. Specifically, routine items will be included in the agenda packets, but not reviewed unless there are questions from the Policy Committee; and that, summary comments will be focused on just a few key projects with material developments.
- B. **2050 LRTP Amendment (Celanese / I-77)** – Mr. Hooper noted that this amendment to reallocate funding from the Cel-River Road Widening Project (Phase II - which was selected for Pennies IV) to the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Project consistent with the initiation of the formal alternatives analysis evaluation. Lastly, it was noted that this item is slated for final approval at the April meeting.
- C. **New Intersection Safety Project (SCDOT)** – Mr. Mattox briefly mentioned that SCDOT has identified a new intersection safety project at the US 21 / Mt Gallant Road intersection; and that, this project is being led by the SCDOT Traffic Safety Section.
- D. **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Hooper stated that the FY 22-23 UPWP will be presented for review / approval (covering a few budgetary changes, along with the inclusion of a CMP Pilot Project in coordination with SCDOT this year) at the April Policy Committee meeting.
- E. **CAC Reappointments** – Mr. Hooper stated that one reappointment / vacancy remains pending for a representative from the Lake Wylie Area (if possible).
- F. **Administrative Report** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the Administrative Report will be provided to the Policy Committee at the April meeting.

### IV. Other Business

- A. **CRAFT & Other Regional Planning Initiatives** – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized discussion items from the most recent meeting in March; in particular, it was noted that there was some discussion about “Professionalism and the 3-C Planning Process” that governs that actions and expectations of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Given recent examples of CRTPO attempting to directly contact

jurisdictional members of RFATS as well as their “bulk” email practices, it was decided that this should type of activity should be brought to close. Mr. Hooper then asked everyone who may receive these types of emails, to please forward them to his attention so that he may follow-up with the appropriate agency / personnel.

**B. Next Technical Team Meeting** – Mr. Hooper noted that the next Technical Team meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2022.

**V. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
March 25, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.  
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132 / Zoom**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Gettys; Guynn Savage; Jim Reno (P); Tom Audette; Brian Carnes; Kathy Pender; Bill Harris; and Gary Simrill (P).

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

Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Yolanda Morris (FHWA); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); David Gamble (SCDOT); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Steve Allen (CRCOG); Christopher Stevens (York County); Adam Humphries (SCDOT); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Diane Dil (York County); Dennis Marstall (Lancaster County); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Diane Lackey (SCDOT); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Amy Britz (City of Rock Hill); and David Hooper (RFATS).

**CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT:** John Marks (Herald); Bill Jordan (AECOM); Jonathan Guy (Kimley-Horn); Dan Mummey (ClearSprings); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Denise Williams; Martin Wheeler; Phil Conrad (Mobility Solutions); David Keely (CAC); Steve Yaffe (citizen); John Delfausse (citizen); Steven Stone (citizen); Liz Duda (citizen).

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- a. **Welcome** – 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 February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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. **SCDOT Project Status Report** – Mr. Mattox provided a brief overview of the development of the SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Project; and the periodic cost shifts that typically occur with refinements to a project's scope and related activities (i.e., PE; ROW; etc) during implementation. Mr. Mattox then reviewed the most recent construction engineer's estimate of probable cost, and a \$27.4 M upward revision was noted – due largely to the broader inflationary environment that is apparent across the economy.

Against this backdrop, SCDOT has updated the cost range (including a significant reserve) so that this can be proactively addressed at one time, rather than on multiple occasions. Mr. Mattox then noted that it is important to stress that should market conditions substantially revert to a more normal environment, the potential for the project cost estimate to come in roughly \$8 to \$10.0 M lower is certainly possible. Discussion then followed among the Policy Committee recognizing that this is reflective of the broader economic environment impact all projects; and is not specific to this location.



Mr. Mattox then transitioned to the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Evaluation Study that is now beginning and reviewed some of the key planning variables and assumptions. Additionally, Mr. Mattox shared some of the initial thoughts of the consultant team; and then shifted to a review of the working schedule. Discussion then followed regarding different configuration types; applicable benefits and drawbacks as well as right-of-way implications. Lastly, Mr. Mattox noted that an initial coordination meeting occurred this morning at the staff level to ensure that all are thinking comprehensively as this process is initiated.

**b. US 521 Corridor Evaluation** – Mr. Hooper briefly referenced the prioritization of the US 521 Corridor during the most recent LRTP Update, along with the recognition that this corridor is critical to the broader transportation network; and of course, is the central transmission belt for movement within Lancaster County. Mr. Hooper then reviewed current and projected growth characteristics and the need to develop a thorough understanding of potential configurations for widening and/or adding capacity in the most beneficial manner. Mr. Hooper then stated that this work effort has been structured to coincide with Lancaster County’s Comprehensive Plan Update that will also occur this year.

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

**a. 2050 LRTP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized that with the initiation of the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Evaluation Study and the cost escalation noted by Mr. Mattox, that it is advisable to reallocate funding from the Cel-River Road Widening Project (Phase II), which was selected for the Pennies IV referendum and reprogram this funding to the Celanese / Cherry Road / I-77 Interchange Improvement Project. Mr. Hooper then requested approval for this LRTP amendment and initiate a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Gettys then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

**b. Transit Pilot Project** – Mr. Hooper reviewed existing transit service availability as well as those few areas without service options beyond the commuter express service (CATS 82X); specifically, Fort Mill, Tega Cay and the Lake Wylie Area. Mr. Hooper then discussed the importance of achieving and strengthening connectivity across the RFATS Planning Area. With this in mind, Mr. Hooper requested approval to undertake a pilot project initiating demand response service over the next few years to meet area needs as well as develop a solid understanding of the demand level while utilizing CMAQ and/or other appropriate funds designed to support this type of initiative.

Discussion then followed with a consensus opinion among Policy Committee members that we should proceed on a two-tiered approach; specifically, that staff should proceed with funding and contractual matters for a demand response service; and that, updating relevant data, operating needs and budgetary estimates for the establishment of a corridor circulator with trip origination and destination entirely contained within the RFATS Planning Area should be scheduled as well. Mr. Audette then reemphasized that the focus for the corridor circulator will only be further explored within York County as the next incremental step in augmenting transit service availability at this time. Lastly, Mr. Hooper stated that he would reach out to the appropriate federal and state agencies with this understanding.

**c. CAC Reappointments** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee and then requested consideration to reappoint Ms. Cleopatra Allen and Ms. Frieda Price for an additional 3-year term. A motion to grant approval was made by Mr. Gettys and 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 April 22, 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 1:28 P.M.



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
April 22, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.  
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132 / Zoom**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Gettys; Gwynn Savage; Jim Reno (P); Tom Audette; Kathy Pender; Bill Harris (P); Chris Gray; and Gary Simrill.

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

Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Yolanda Morris (FHWA); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); David Gamble (SCDOT); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Christina Lewis (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Steve Allen (CRCOG); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Christopher Stevens (York County); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Rox Burhans (Lancaster County); Diane Lackey (SCDOT); Diane Dil (York County); Dennis Marstall (Lancaster County); Cindi Howard (City of Rock Hill); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Amy Britz (City of Rock Hill); and David Hooper (RFATS).

**CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT:** John Marks (Herald); Bill Jordan (AECOM); Scot Sibert (WSP); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); David Kerns (HDR); Phil Conrad (Mobility Solutions); Steven Stone (citizen); James Dowdy (citizen).

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- a. **Welcome** – Chair Gettys called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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. Hooper briefly summarized the recommended change in format; and asked if there were any questions on the project information contained in the agenda packets. Hearing none, Mr. Gettys then stated that this approach is intended to strengthen our time and focus.

b. **SCDOT Report Re New Intersection Safety Project** – Mr. Mattox briefly noted that the intersection of US 21 / Mt Gallant Road has been identified for a detailed evaluation and supporting improvement work to strengthen its operating capacity; safety and overall efficiency. Lastly, Mr. Mattox stated that updated information will be provided at a subsequent meeting.

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

a. **FY 22-23 UPWP** – Mr. Hooper summarized priority work items slated for FY 22-23; in particular, the US 521 Corridor Study; initiation of new transit service in Fort Mill, Tega Cay and Lake Wylie as well as the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Evaluation Study. Mr. Hooper then asked for preliminary

approval and authorization to initiate a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Gettys then made motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Audette and the motion was unanimously approved.

**b. 2050 LRTP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the Policy Committee previously granted preliminary approval to amend the 2050 LRTP reflecting the reallocation of \$46.2M from the Cel-River Road Widening Project (Phase II) to the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration Project. Mr. Hooper then asked for final approval, contingent on any other comments being received and authorize submission to SCDOT for processing. Mr. Gettys then made a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Simrill and the motion was unanimously approved.

**c. FY 22-23 TAP & CMAQ Programs** – Mr. Hooper reviewed the three TAP and one CMAQ project applications submitted this funding cycle. Mr. Hooper then requested preliminary approval to amend FY 21—27 TIP and authorize a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Getts then made a motion for approval; second by Mayor Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

**d. FY 21-27 TIP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted FTA funding awards that need to be reflected in the FY 21-27 TIP; specifically, CARES Act and ARP funding as well as utilization of 5307 funding to the Rock Hill Small Urbanized Area.

## **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 June 24, 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 12:43 P.M.

**APPENDIX C: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**