



ROCK HILL-FORT MILL AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

**2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION
PLAN AMENDMENT THREE**

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2050 LRTP AMENDMENT

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CHAPTER 4 ROADWAY ELEMENT

The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan is being amended to the Carowinds Blvd Interchange Improvement Project (Exit 90). As a point of reference, this interchange represents a significant convergence point in the transportation network, located just south of the South Carolina State Line. This project recently received funding approval from the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank, along with local matching funds from York County. While operational improvements are not subject to a revised modeling process, non-federal funding for projects of regional significance nonetheless are reflected in relevant planning documents. With this in mind, the 2050 LRTP and the FY 21-27 TIP are being amended to reflect this planned work effort.

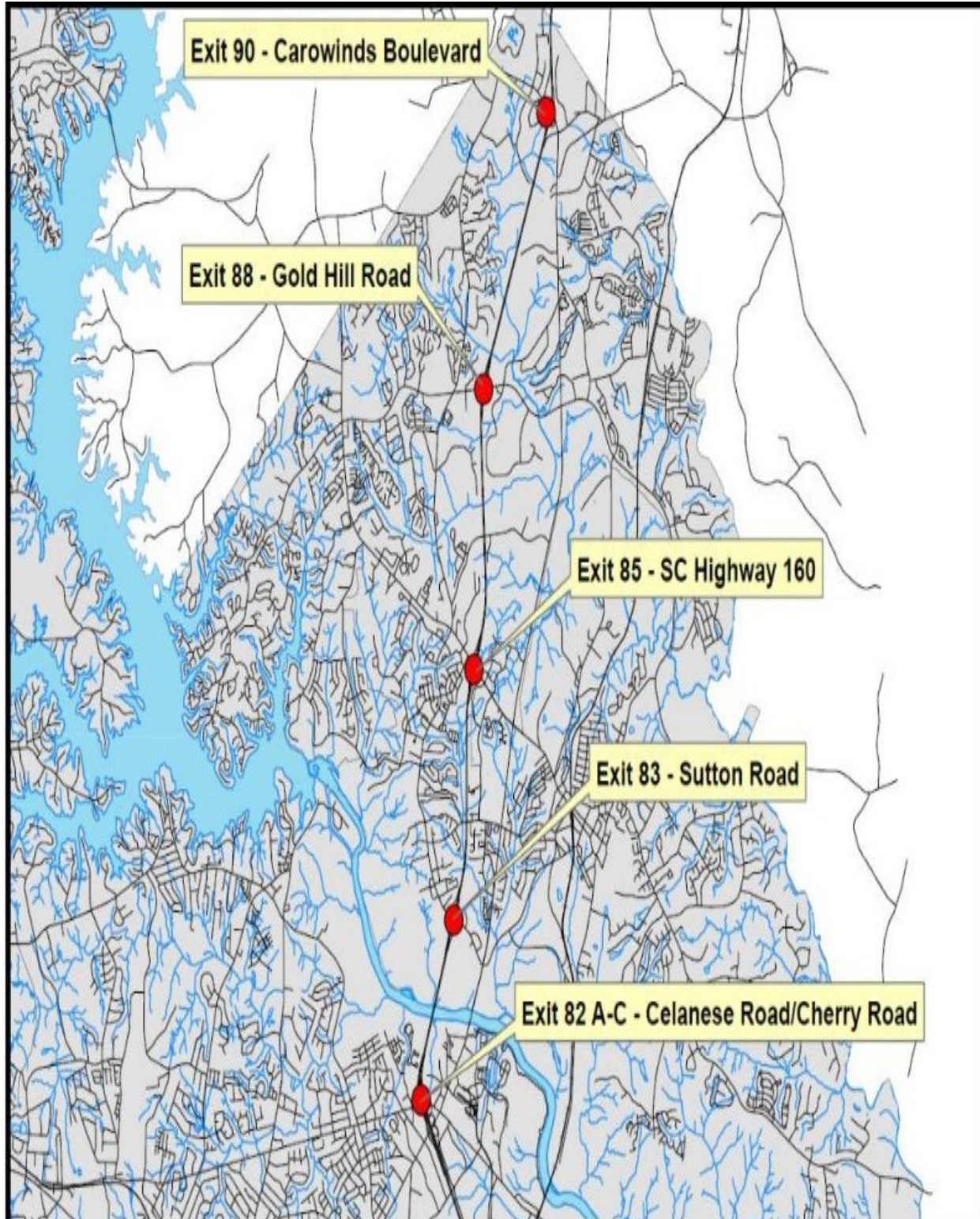
Project List

1. Carowinds Blvd Interchange Improvement Project

Funding Source

SC SIB / York County

I-77 CORRIDOR: PROJECT LOCATION IS EXIT 90



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2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT LIST

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

		OBLIGATION	
	FUNDING SOURCE	(MILLIONS)	MILES
COST CONSTRAINED PROJECTS			
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
	TOTAL		\$254,400,010.0
STIP PROJECTS (STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)			
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
	TOTAL		
STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK			
1	Carowinds Blvd Interchange Improvement Project (Exit 90)	SIB / York County	\$88,806,000 N/A
	TOTAL		\$88,806,000
FUNDED ONE CENT SALES TAX PROJECTS (2011)			
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 State Line) - 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 Kingsbury 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
	TOTAL		\$198,700,000.0
FUNDED ONE CENT SALES TAX PROJECTS (2017)			
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 Grey 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
	TOTAL		\$90,800,000.0
Public / Private Partnership			
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
	TOTAL		\$88.5 M
PRIVATELY FUNDED: IDENTIFIED FROM I-77 AREA TRAFFIC STUDY			
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
	TOTAL		
UNFUNDED TRANSPORTATION NEEDS: ROAD WIDENINGS / NEW ALIGNMENTS			
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 Marett Blvd)		
	TOTAL		

	FUNDING SOURCE	OBLIGATION	
		(MILLIONS)	MILES
UNFUNDED TRANSPORTATION NEEDS: INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS			
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 Alliso Creek (Sight Distance Considerations)			
	TOTAL		
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS / OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE / SUBAREA STUDIES			
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)			
	TOTAL		
BIKE & PEDESTRIAN NEEDS / PLANNING			
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			
	TOTAL	\$5,542,876.0	
TRANSIT NEEDS / PLANNING			
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			
	TOTAL		

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 #3 TO THE
2050 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE
ROCK HILL-FORT MILL AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY(REATS)**

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 recently approved funding from the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank and York County to undertake the Carowinds Blvd Interchange Improvement 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 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 18th day of November 2022. *David F. Hooper*

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

APPROVED:

John P. Gettys

John Gettys, Chair

ATTEST:

David F. Hooper

David F. Hooper, MPO Administrator



**APPENDIX B: TECHNICAL TEAM / POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES AND AGENCY COMMENTS**



**Technical Team Meeting
(Teams Conference Call)
Summary Minutes
November 3, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.**

Conference Call Attendees: Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Rox Burhans (Lancaster County); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Christina Lewis (SCDOT); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Jim Walden (SCDOT); Christopher Stevens (York County); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Scot Sibert (WSP, USA); Sierra Haynes (WSP, USA); Bradley Reynolds (WSP, USA) and David Hooper (RFATS).

I. Review of Minutes

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

II. Old Business

A. Policy Committee Meeting

- 1. Annual Socio-Economic Update** – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized the principal discussion points at the September Policy Committee meeting and noted the endorsement of this data for incorporation into the travel demand model.
- 2. 2050 LRTP & FY 21-27 TIP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper stated that the LRTP & TIP Amendment reflecting the funding award for the Carowinds Blvd Interchange Project received preliminary approval and is out for public comment, with final approval slated for the November meeting.
- 3. Transportation Performance Management** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the PM3 CMAQ targets have been updated in coordination with adjacent planning agencies consistent with the applicable regulations.

B. US 521 Corridor Study – Mr. Hooper briefly noted the initial discussions and submitted comments from the October meeting, and then asked Mr. Reynolds to review the revised alternative capacity options that will be shared with the Policy Committee in November. Discussion then followed regarding a range of variables (i.e., ROW; cost components; transit and safety considerations).

C. SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration Project – Mr. Mattox provided an update on this work effort and an adjustment in the road widening alignment associated with the identification of eight unmarked graves located east of SC 160 and just north of I-77. As a point of reference, Mr. Mattox noted that the planned road work has been revised to avoid this location and this will be reviewed with the Policy Committee at their November meeting.

D. Bicycle / Pedestrian Projects – No updates were provided.

III. New Business

A. Policy Committee Meeting for November 18, 2022 (Due no later than Nov 8th)

B. SCDOT Project Status Report – Mr. Hooper stated that an update will be provided at the next meeting.

C. US 521 Corridor Study – Mr. Hooper stated that a presentation would be made to the Policy Committee at their November meeting.

D. 2050 LRTP & TIP Amendment (Carowinds Blvd Interchange Funding Award) – Mr. Hooper stated final approval of this amendment is slated for the November meeting.

E. CMP Annual Report (CMP Pilot Project) – Mr. Hooper stated that a presentation regarding the CMP Pilot Project is expected in November.

F. 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Schedule – Mr. Hooper stated that the proposed meeting schedule will be presented at the November meeting.

G. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the Administrative Report will be provided to the Policy Committee at the November meeting.

IV. Other Business

A. CRAFT & Other Regional Planning Initiatives – Mr. Hooper stated that he participated in a panel discussion supporting Lancaster County's Comp Plan Update last week and reviewed principal evaluation points from the US 521 Corridor Study.

B. Next Technical Team Meeting – Mr. Hooper noted that the next Technical Team meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2023.

V. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
September 23, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Chris Stevens (York County); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Michael Moore (York County); Steve Allen (CRCOG); Amy Britz (City of Rock Hill); Jim Walden (SCDOT); and David Hooper (REATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: John Marks (Herald); Kenneth Johnson; Cleopatra Allen (CAC); David Kearns (HDR); Frank Myers (CAC); Tyler Cupp (WRHI); Luther Dasher (CAC); Frieda Price (CAC); Carl Manns (CAC); Jim Van Blar Com (CAC); Liz Duda (Tega Cay); Tim Popella; and Scot Sibert (WSP).

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 June 24th, 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 Pennies for Progress Report** – Mr. Hamilton briefly summarized the latest information on key projects (i.e., Pole Branch Road; Galleria Blvd), outlining scheduling and funding variables; and then asked if there were any questions on these or any other projects.
- b. **Land Use Sub-Committee Progress Report** – Mr. Hooper provided background information the formation of the subcommittee (i.e., concurrent work activity; enhanced jurisdiction coordination, etc); and then transition into briefly summarizing initial areas of focus that the subcommittee has identified for further effort. In particular, it was noted that local regulation consistency and adoption specifically targeted at transit supportive land uses; bicycle / pedestrian requirements; and application of collector roads warrant follow-up at the jurisdictional level across the planning area. Discussion then briefly followed on the next steps and related decision points for subsequent action.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. Annual SE Data Update – Mr. Sibert reviewed the latest changes in population, employment and school enrollments as well as shifting trends in key “sub-areas” across the study area (i.e., movement in the relative concentration of particular employment types, etc). Mr. Hooper then requested endorsement from the Policy Committee to submit this data for use in the travel demand modeling process. Mr. Gettys then made a motion for approval; second provided by Mr. Hamilton and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. 2050 LRTP & FY 21-27 TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized the recent award from the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank to the I-77 / Carowinds Blvd Interchange in the amount of \$64,354,500 and \$21,451,500 from York County. This total funding amount of \$85,8M will enable a critical convergence point in the transportation network to be addressed in a comprehensive manner. Mr. Hooper then thanked Mr. Simrill for his leadership in highlighting the importance and critical role this interchange serves in the RFATS Planning Area. Mr. Gettys also thanked Mr. Simrill for his commitment and effectiveness in advancing this priority location. Mr. Hooper then asked the Policy Committee to grant preliminary approval to an LRTP & TIP Amendment and authorization of a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to approve; second by Mr. Audette and unanimously passed.

c. Transportation Performance Management – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed applicable TPM requirements, in particular the CMAQ Performance Targets (i.e., Peak Hour Excess & Percent of Non-Sov Transit) with a request to support the reaffirmed targets from our coordination efforts with NCDOT; SCDOT; and adjacent planning agencies in North Carolina. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to approve; second by Ms. Savage and 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 November 18, 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 1:22 P.M.



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
November 18, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Gettys; Guynn Savage; Jim Reno; Brian Carnes; Chris Gray; Tom Audette; Heath Sessions (P); Kathy Pender; Bill Harris; Joel Hamilton; Wes Climer; and Gene Branham.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Dennis Marstall (Lancaster County); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Terrence Nealy (City of Rock Hill); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); David Hudspeth (York County); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Chris Stephens (York County); Brent Denton (City of Rock Hill); Steve Allen (CRCOG); Diane Dil (York County); Amy Britz (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Jeremy Winkler (City of Rock Hill); Katie Compton (City of Rock Hill); Brent Rewis (SCDOT); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: John Delfausse (Lancaster County); John Marks (Herald); Morgan Newell (WBTV); Patti Mercer (Talk of the Town Carolina's); Zane Cina (CN2); Tina Terry (WSOC-TV); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Mike Fry (CAMPCO); Kenneth Johnson (AECOM); Liz Duda; Frank Myers (CAC); Zachary Zapack; Brett Harrelson; Tyler Cupp (WRHI); Jim Van BlarCom (CAC); David Keely (CAC); John Fargher; William Roddey (York County Council); Teresa Thomas (Office of Senator L Graham); David O'Neal (SC House); Scot Sibert (WSP); Bradley Reynolds (WSP); and Sierra Hayes (WSP).

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** – Mr. Delfausse (member of the Lancaster County CTC and resident of Sun City) provided comments on the US 521 Corridor Study; and the importance of land use and infrastructure decisions on the preservation of an area's quality of life.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gettys asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the September 23rd, 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 Progress Report & Notification of Guideshare Funding Adjustment** – Mr. Mattox provided an overview of all active projects in his written report, and highlighted the latest progress on a few priority projects; specifically, the US 521 / Marvin Road Intersection Project (pending completion of ROW); India Hook / Celanese Intersection Project (pending completion of project utility work and upcoming precon meeting); and the SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Project (minor roadway adjustment due to

positioning of grave sites east of I-77; project bids expected early summer 2023). Mr. Rewis then provided an overview of action taken by the SCDOT Commission to augment the aggregate funding level to all MPOs & COGs statewide.

b. US 521 Corridor Evaluation (Presentation of Study Progress) – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Policy Committee’s guidance to initiate this work effort, and the importance of the US 521 Corridor Study within the transportation network serving the planning area. Mr. Reynolds then walked through the different alternative configurations being evaluated and the benefits and drawbacks of each (i.e., degree of operational improvement and reliability; impact on corridor safety; and ROW considerations, etc). Discussion then followed regarding general cost bands for each configuration and the need for further discussion at a subsequent meeting.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. 2050 LRTP & FY 21-27 TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly referenced the recent award from the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank to the I-77 / Carowinds Blvd Interchange Project in the amount of \$64,354,500 and \$21,451,500 from York County. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that this total funding amount of \$85.8M will enable a critical convergence point in the transportation network to be addressed in a comprehensive manner. Mr. Hooper then asked for final approval from the Policy Committee pending completion of the 30-day public comment period. Ms. Savage then made a motion to approve; second by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved.

b. 2050 LRTP & FY 21-27 TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized a reallocation request shifting a portion of funding from the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Project (i.e., it should be noted that overall project funding is above project cost estimates by some margin), to two other network projects along I-77; specifically, adjacent roadwork to the new interchange at Exit 81 – enabling it to be fully operationalized when the interchange is complete, as well as planned project work at Exit 77. Mr. Hooper then noted that this action is requesting approval contingent on completion of a 30-day public comment period.

Discussion then followed with Mr. Audette expressing concerns about the utilization of funding on a private roadway while in litigation. Additional points of discussion included questions about the reallocation process more generally (i.e., committee reviews; etc). Mr. Gettys then offered a point of clarification regarding bankruptcy proceedings and litigation, and options for making improvements at a project location. Mr. Gettys then noted that this reallocation request is centered on providing funding support to undertake related infrastructure work so that area drivers can utilize the new interchange once all other work is complete. Lastly, Mr. Gettys noted that this action also assumes that this funding would not be utilized until the subject roads are owned by a public body.

Mr. Carnes then shared his thoughts about the timing of the reallocation request and a pending resolution date later this year. In response, Mr. Gettys noted that completion of the settlement process is slated for December 14th, and this request is contingent on completion of a 30-day public comment period, which would place finalization after this date thereby avoiding any conflict. Mr. Hamilton asked if an amendment to the motion can be made that completion of this action is contingent on the adjacent roadways being subject to public ownership? Mr. Audette then expressed continued concerns about taking action while litigation remains active. Mr. Hamilton then shared additional comments about the need and value of bringing the new interchange to a state of public utility for the benefit of taxpayers of York County; and that, this discussion is being placed somewhat in a brierpatch of other matters not related to RFATS.

Mr. Climer then asked a clarifying question regarding the exact language of the motion so that contingency of public ownership is clear. Mr. Gray then expressed his concern that this action feels like we're putting the cart before horse and would suggest tabling this motion. Ms. Savage then shared her assessment of the work of RFATS and the important work all the jurisdictional members do. Ms. Savage also noted guidance from her town council and town attorney about participating in vote associated with the prior project; as such, she noted that she would be recusing herself on this matter.

Mr. Harris then offered his assessment that this is a complex problem that needs to be addressed, and it should be noted that this type of reallocation request has been undertaken previously at multiple times by various jurisdictions within RFATS. Mr. Harris then noted that our objective should be to allocate funding wisely and solve the problem. Discussion concluded with the Policy Committee voting to approve the amended motion with a vote of 8 to 3. Those in favor included: Mr. Gettys; Mr. Hamilton; Ms. Pender; Mr. Branham; Mr. Sessions; Mr. Reno; Mr. Climer; and Mr. Harris; Those opposed included: Mr. Audette; Mr. Gray; and Mr. Carnes; Lastly, Ms. Savage did not vote due to her earlier stated recusal.

c. FY 21-27 TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that York County DSNB was recently awarded 5310 funding in the amount of \$100,000 for capital acquisition and requested preliminary approval and authorization of a 21-day public comment period. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carnes; and seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion received unanimous approval.

d. 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Schedule – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the proposed schedule for 2023 and then requested its approval. Mr. Gettys then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly noted RFATS long standing commitment to effective regional coordination through CRAFT; and then transitioned to a few recent work efforts during the last couple of years; specifically the Beyond 77 study and CONNECT Beyond, and the resulting decision of RFATS to formally withdraw from the former for a range of policy and programmatic reasons as well as the decision to table taking action on CONNECT Beyond given how it was developed omitting the proper role of Catawba Regional in South Carolina as well as other comments / recommended changes from RFATS that were not ultimately incorporated into the final plan document, etc).

Mr. Hooper then cited a recent email he received from Centralina related to their decision to issue an RFQ for consultant proposals to support the implementation of recommendations from CONNECT Beyond for the next three years, and asking for representation from RFATS or Catawba Regional as part of the selection committee. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that there was no coordination or consultation in developing the RFQ or the wisdom of its condensed evaluation schedule in December. Mr. Hooper then stated that he has informed Centralina that given the Policy Committee's decision to table taking any action, it logically would not be appropriate for him to then participate in that very activity. Mr. Audette then offered his assessment that RFATS was very clear a number of months back about our concerns with CONNECT Beyond, and that RFATS will not be a part of this work effort – though Mr. Hooper did add that the continued advancement of transit service availability and planning will occur at RFATS and be broadly coordinated with adjacent planning agencies / transit operators as appropriate.

Mr. Hooper then cited one additional example of unwelcome behavior from Centralina when they apparently attempted to make a presentation at the South Carolina American Planning Association Fall Conference by contacting Catawba Regional to gauge their interest – effectively bypassing RFATS even though the entire portion of the study component in South Carolina is contained within RFATS? Mr.

Hooper stated that he thought the Policy Committee should be aware that this type of behavior is occurring “behind the scenes,” and is not consistent with the purpose or effective functioning of CRAFT.

Mr. Climer then asked what other additional steps are needed to bring this type of unprofessional conduct to a stop. In response, Mr. Hooper noted that this behavior is occurring within the broader context of the pending release of the 2020 Decennial Census, and is not coincidental. Mr. Hooper then noted previous examples of the timing of work efforts just prior to the 2020 Census (i.e., Beyond 77; CONNECT Beyond; the attempted scheduling of meetings in Charlotte without even considering the availability of RFATS; etc).

Mr. Hooper then cited similar behavior during the 2010 Census where Centralina undertook a transportation planning study regarding potential organizational changes (though this was not sought or supported by a majority vote of the CRAFT members), and ultimately every agency responded in the negative that no such approach is desired, needed or consistent with the historical evolution of the MPO planning process in the CRAFT area. Mr. Rewis then commented that SCDOT is aware of this behavior and is strongly supportive of the work of RFATS.

b. Next Meeting – Mr. Gettys noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 27, 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 1:52 P.M.



APPENDIX C: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS