



ROCK HILL-FORT MILL AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

**2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION
PLAN AMENDMENT FOUR**

AMENDMENT APPROVAL: NOVEMBER 18, 2022

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CHAPTER 4 ROADWAY ELEMENT

The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan is being amended to reflect an updated cost estimate on project work at Exit 77-- in an effort to advance overall network operations, congestion management, and safety along the I-77 Corridor within the planning area. Updated project cost estimate at Exit 77 is \$17.7M

PROJECT AREA MAP AT EXIT 77:



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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; \$102.8 M Guideshare)	SIB & Guideshare	\$135.30 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	\$17.7 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 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 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 Paraqon 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			
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 #4 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 reallocate Guideshare funding in the amount of \$17.7M to address adjacent I-77 project work at Exit 77;

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 27th day of January 2023.

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

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Gettys".

John Gettys, Chair

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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
January 5, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.**

Conference Call Attendees: Mark Pleasant (FHWA); Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Jim Walden (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Rox Burhans (Lancaster County); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Christina Lewis (SCDOT); Christopher Stevens (York County); Steve Allen (CRCOG); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Diane Dil (York County); Erin Porter (SCDOT); Dianne Lackey (SCDOT); Scot Sibert (WSP, USA); and David Hooper (RFATS).

I. Review of Minutes

Mr. Hooper asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions from the November minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were then accepted as presented.

II. Old Business

A. Policy Committee Meeting

1. **2050 LRTP & FY 21-27 TIP Amendment (Carowinds Blvd Interchange)** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the Policy Committee granted final approval at the November meeting.
2. **2050 LRTP Amendment (Exits 81 & 77)** – Mr. Hooper stated that the funding reallocation of \$17.7 M received preliminary approval and is out for public comment, with final approval slated for the January meeting.
3. **FY 21-27 TIP Amendment (FTA 5310 Funding Award)** – Mr. Hooper noted that 5310 funding of \$100,000 was awarded to YCDNSB and needs to be reflected in the FY 21-27 TIP. This amendment has completed a 21-day public comment period and will now be submitted to SCDOT for processing.
4. **2023 Meeting Schedule** – Mr. Hooper noted that the proposed meeting schedule for 2023 received approval from the Policy Committee at their November meeting.

B. 2020 Urbanized Areas (Initial Data Release) – Mr. Hooper provided a brief overview of the 2020 Urbanized Areas that the US Census Bureau published in the Federal Register on December 29th. With this official announcement now completed, review and discussion with the Policy Committee will now occur as we prepare to update our planning area boundary consistent with the intent and provisions of the planning statutes that govern this process. Discussion then followed regarding the more notable changes outlined by the Census Bureau; specifically, the increased focus on housing density, etc.

C. Demand Response (York County Access North) – Mr. Hooper discussed the initiation of service operations of York County Access North – the new service focused on Lake Wylie, Tega Cay, and Fort Mill that will effectively ensure transit service availability countywide. Mr. Hooper then recognized the important work and leadership of Mr. Goolsby. Discussion

then followed regarding specific examples of members of our community that will directly benefit from this option.

- D. FY 23-25 UPWP Development** – Mr. Hooper reviewed priority items for consideration in the FY 23-25 UPWP; specifically, updating our planning area boundary consistent with the 2020 Urbanized Area outputs; preparing an update to our Collector Road Plan; Transit Service planning and monitoring as well as updating the Long Range Transportation Plan, among many others. Lastly, Mr. Hooper noted that he will prepare budgetary estimates at subsequent meetings so that individual members can incorporate this information into their own budget development processes.
- E. Bicycle / Pedestrian Projects** – Mr. Mattox provided a brief overview of continuing progress on these projects.

III. New Business

A. Policy Committee Meeting for January 27, 2023 (Due no later than Jan 17th)

- B. Pennies For Progress Status Report** – Mr. Hooper stated that an update will be provided at the next meeting.
- C. 2020 Urbanized Areas** – Mr. Hooper stated that a presentation would be made to the Policy Committee at their January meeting.
- D. Demand Response (York County Access North)** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that a presentation will be made covering the initiation of service operations of York County Access North, effectively ensuring transit service availability countywide for the first time in our history. As a point of reference, it was noted that as demand levels increase in the panhandle, additional service augmentation is envisioned. Lastly, it was noted that a 10 year transit plan will be developed to facilitate and support this outcome.
- E. FY 23-24 TAP & CMAQ Funding Cycle** – Mr. Hooper stated that a presentation will be made to the Policy Committee at their January meeting to initiate the FY 23-24 TAP and CMAQ Funding Cycle.
- F. FY 21-27 TIP Amendment (FTA 5310 Funding)** – Mr. Hooper stated that YCDSNB was awarded \$100,000 in FTA 5310 funds, and final approval for this TIP Amendment is slated for the January meeting.
- G. 2023 Annual Election of Officers** – Mr. Hooper stated that Mr. Audette (York County) is slated to serve as Chair and that Mr. Carnes (Lancaster County) is scheduled to serve as Vice-Chair in 2023.
- H. Administrative Report** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the Administrative Report will be provided to the Policy Committee at their January meeting.

IV. Other Business

- A. CRAFT & Other Planning Initiatives** – Mr. Hamilton briefly outlined the working schedule for the next Pennies Referendum, and indicated that he would follow-up with individual members regarding specific presentation dates.
- B. Next Technical Team Meeting** – Mr. Hooper noted that the next Technical Team meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023.

V. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.



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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Gettys; Gwynn 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.



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
January 27, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Gettys; Guynn Savage; Bill Harris; Jim Reno; Brian Carnes; Chris Gray; Tom Audette; Kathy Pender; Heath Sessions; Christi Cox; and Wes Climer.

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); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); David Hudspeth (York County); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Michael Moore (York County); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Chris Stephens (York County); Steve Allen (CRCOG); Jonathan Buono (York County); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Adam Humphries (SCDOT); Katie Compton (City of Rock Hill); Christy Hall (SCDOT); Leland Colvin (SCDOT); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: John Marks (Herald); Zane Cina (CN2); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); Scot Sibert (WSP); Hisham Adelaziz (CDMSmith); Bret Baronak (CTT); and David Kearns (HDR).

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** – There were no comments.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gettys asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the November 18th, 2022 meeting. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Ms. Audette and unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

a. **Pennies for Progress ReportS** – Mr. Hamilton provided a brief overview of existing project priorities and the various stages of project implementation for each.

b. **2020 Census (Urbanized Area Designations)** – Mr. Hooper provided an overview of the 2020 Urbanized Area Designations published in the federal register in late December as well as the principal planning implications for Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as RFATS. Mr. Hooper then noted specific changes to the Rock Hill Urbanized Area, the significant reduction in the Charlotte UZA population in SC (i.e., a roughly 70% reduction); and the complete elimination of the Gaston UZA north of Clover. Discussion then followed regarding upcoming next steps and the working schedule to complete associated action items (i.e., expected funding changes; updating roadway classification as appropriate; detailed information on the distribution of urbanized population among jurisdictional members, etc).

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. 2050 LRTP & FY 21-27 TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized the principal points of discussion from the November meeting as well as the submitted feedback from the public comment period. Discussion then followed regarding the latest budgetary estimate on project work at Exit 81; and that resources from the existing funding composition should be sufficient to complete the remaining road work out to Mt Gallant Road, so that the interchange can be fully operationalized upon project completion. With this in mind, a motion was made by Mr. Audette; seconded by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved to modify the LRTP Amendment removing Exit 81, and proceeding to completion with the \$7.7 in funding support for Exit 77.

b. 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 final approval. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carnes; seconded by Ms. Savage and received unanimous approval.

c. RAISE Letter of Support – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed an application that the City of Rock Hill is planning to submit to advance the Downtown Connector Trail Project to the Northside Recreation Center. Discussion then followed with approval of the proposed letter of support. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Audette; seconded by Mr. Carnes and unanimously passed.

d. CAC Reappointments – Mr. Hooper summarized the contributions that both Dr. David Ward (Fort Mill) and Mr. Carl Manns (Lancaster County) have made to the Citizens Advisory Committee, and requested that they be reappointed to a new 3 year term. A motion was then made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Ms. Savage and unanimously approved.

e. 2023 Annual Election of Officers – Mr. Gettys then noted the rotation schedule for committee leadership; and that Mr. Audette is slated to serve as Chair and Mr. Carnes as Vice-Chair. A motion was made for approval by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Ms. Savage and unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Mattox noted an upcoming public meeting in February associated with the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Evaluation Study.

b. Next Meeting – Mr. Gettys noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2023.

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 1:02 P.M.



APPENDIX C: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS