



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
January 26, 2024 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Audette; Brian Carnes; Guynn Savage; John Gettys; Chris Gray; Kevin Sutton; Christi Cox; Derrick Lindsay; Michael Johnson; Ben Hudgins; Jim Reno; and Watts Huckabee.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Hamilton (York County); Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Diane Dil (York County); David Hudspeth (York County); Jim Walden (SCDOT); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Michael Moore (York County) Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Tommy Feemster (SCDOT); Nic Cauthen (City of Tega Cay); Stephen Allen (CRCOG); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); Zack Zapack (Pennies Sales Tax Commission); Teresa Thomas (Office of Senator L. Graham); Frank Myers (CAC); Liz Duda (City of Tega Cay); Tyler Cupp (WRHI); John Marks (Herald); Brett Harrelson (Consultant); Dr. David Keeley (CAC).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. **Welcome** – Chair Audette called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.
- b. **Citizen Comment Period** – No citizen comments were made.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Audette asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the December 20, 2023 meeting. Mr. Audette then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

- a. **Pennies For Progress Report** – Mr. Hamilton provided a brief overview of existing project priorities (i.e., Sutton / New Gray Road; Celanese / Cherry; Hwy 160 East; Hwy 557; Riverview Road, etc); specifically incremental steps in implementation; upcoming project activity; as well as the projected timeframe for finalization of projects for the Pennies V Referendum.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

- a. **2055 LRTP Update** – Mr. Hooper provided an overview of the LRTP Update process; its core components; expansive nature of the process; public participation activities; as well as resulting project / planning recommendations. Mr. Johnson then noted the importance of proactive programmatic activities (i.e., Collector Roads; Access Management; Inter-Connected Driveways, etc) and asked about

opportunities to improve this part of the process. In response, Mr. Hooper suggested bringing this to the Land Use Subcommittee for their review / recommendations; and that this information could be shared with the Policy Committee later this year. As a point of reference, there was unanimous support among the Policy Committee for this action. Mr. Hooper then completed the larger summary of the LRTP Update and then asked for the Policy Committee's endorsement of the work effort and its supporting schedule. Mr. Audette then motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved.

b. 2050 LRTP Amendment (Annual Adoption of State Safety Targets) – Mr. Hooper provided a brief overview of the latest safety information from SCDOT as well as the recommended performance targets for 2024. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper summarized Transportation Performance Management requirements and the important coordination between the State DOT; MPOs and COGs – in demonstrating progress in a number of National Goal areas as identified by Washington. Mr. Hooper then requested approval for the amendment (contingent on any comments being received) to the LRTP to reflect adoption of the State Safety Targets and authorization of a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Audette made a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Gettys and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. FY 24-33 TIP Update – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that SCDOT is in process of updating the State Transportation Improvement Program or STIP from FY 21-27 to FY 24-33; and that all MPOs and COGs in the state need to similarly bring their Transportation Improvement Program or TIP into alignment with the new planning period. Concurrently with action this action, Mr. Hooper recalled Policy Committee's discussion about the importance of maintaining sufficient budgetary flexibility during our most recent meeting finalizing SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Project as we move into the implementation phase. With this in mind, Mr. Hooper confirmed that additional funding was identified for the US 521 / Marvin Road Intersection Improvement Project – as this addition is also reflected in the update TIP Financial Statement. Discussion then followed with Mr. Audette making a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Carnes; the motion was unanimously approved.

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

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Next Meeting – Mr. Audette noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2024.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Audette and seconded by Ms. Savage; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 P.M.