



**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.