



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
December 20, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Hamilton (York County); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Diane Dil (York County); David Vehaun (City of Rock Hill); David Hudspeth (York County); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Michael Moore (York County) Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Kevin Madden (York County); Tommy Feemster (SCDOT); Stephen Allen (CRCOG); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); Zack Zapack (Pennies Sales Tax Commission); Daniel Mummey (Clear Spring Development); Frank Myers (CAC); Liz Duda (City of Tega Cay); Tyler Cupp (WRHI); and Renee O’Neil (CN2).

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 November 18, 2023 meeting. Mr. Audette then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved.

3. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

- a. **SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration Project** – Mr. Hooper provided an overview of the planned project; specifically, both the interchange and corridor widening components. Mr. Hooper highlighted the critical evaluation steps in the process resulting in the recommended configuration from the alternatives analysis process. Discussion then followed regarding the range of expected operational benefits to be realized. Mr. Hooper then covered the historical evolution of cost variables and the utilization of a “join project programming” approach that includes an award from the State Infrastructure Bank; RFATS Guideshare Funding; and supplemental funding from York County. Lastly, Mr. Hooper reviewed the working schedule of upcoming project activity provided by the SCDOT Project Management Team.

Discussion then followed regarding the benefits and challenges of undertaking this type of network improvement and the significant budgetary commitment that the RFATS Policy Committee has provided this project. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper then noted increased budgetary flexibility offered by Secretary Hall to make available an additional year of Guideshare funding in order to ensure that all other

project priorities will be able to maintain their established schedule should the need materialize. Ms. Cox then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Mr. Carnes. Mr. Sutton then requested that the motion be amended to have the email confirmation that this additional funding flexibility (i.e., email correspondence from Sec Hall) be reflected in the meeting minutes. An amended motion was then made and unanimously approved. ****Requested Email from Secretary Hall Attached****

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Next Meeting – Mr. Audette noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2024.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Audette and seconded by Mr. Carnes; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 P.M.

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David – I sent this to the County today. I understand they authorized county staff to proceed with the \$16M. What can I do to help RFATS ? I understand your concerns about maxxing out the line of credit. If we adjust the amount and timing of whats available in a line of credit to ensure you all have some backstop for some future unknown event, does that help? Please give me a call so we can discuss and see if we can get something worked out.

Thanks,
Christy

From: Hall, Christy A

Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 5:12 PM

To: Hudspeth, David <David.Hudspeth@yorkcountygov.com>

Cc: Cox, Christi <Christi.Cox@yorkcountygov.com>; Butler, Jerri L <ButlerJL@scdot.org>

Subject: SC 160

As discussed earlier this week.

Jeri – please provide to Chairman White.

Thanks