



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
March 22, 2024 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Carnes; Guynn Savage; John Gettys; Tom Audette; Jose Luis; Christi Cox; Derrick Lindsay; Michael Johnson (P); Ben Hudgins; Carmen Miller (P); 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); Christopher Stevens (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); Nick 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); Zack Zapack (Pennies Sales Tax Commission); Teresa Thomas (Office of Senator L. Graham); Frank Myers (CAC); Jeffrey Rumble (Town of Fort Mill); Liz Duda (City of Tega Cay); David Kerns (HDR); and Tyler Cupp (WRHI);

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. **Welcome** – Chair Carnes called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.
- b. **Citizen Comment Period** – Ms. Duda noted the recent completion of a walkability assessment in the Town of Fort Mill and thanked all participants for their time and energy on this important work effort. Mr. Rumble then spoke about the fatal accident involving a crossing guard outside of Fort Mill Middle School. Mr. Rumble cited his own experiences as a crossing guard and the important need to improve communication with SCDOT and local law enforcement.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Carnes asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the January 26, 2024 meeting. Mr. Carnes then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Mr. Reno and unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

A. SCDOT Project Status Report – Mr. Mattox provided a summary of existing project priorities and implementation variables; specifically, working schedules, budgeting, etc. Mr. Mattox then provided a more detailed overview on the SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Project. In particular it was noted that the official “project kick-off” took place a few weeks back on March 11th and the expected schedule for upcoming phases of work (i.e., utilities coordination; construction, etc). Discussion then followed regarding the scale of the project and the importance of communicating with the public about the timeline

for next steps to ensure an efficient, safe, and productive outcome for all users of the transportation system.

Mr. Mattox then provided a brief summary of the last update on the Celanese / I-77 Interchange Evaluation Study – with a specific focus on the working short list of alternative configurations, along with new data on a few additional approaches based on feedback from the November meeting. Discussion then followed regarding the value of scheduling a supplemental evaluation session for those who would appreciate an opportunity to explore some of the technical aspects in greater detail.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. Transit Performance Measures / Targets – Mr. Goolsby provided an overview of transit operations (i.e., number of service vehicles; routing; etc); and then reviewed applicable safety targets and identified “safety events” that are reported to SCDOT and the FTA. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that this information has been reviewed with the Technical Committee consistent with federal / state requirements.

b. Title VI Plan Update – Mr. Hooper provided a brief overview of the Title VI Plan and the regular review conducted every 3 years to ensure its continued effectiveness and compliance with applicable federal requirements. Mr. Hooper then requested that the Policy Committee grant preliminary approval and authorize a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Carnes then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

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

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carnes and seconded by Ms. Savage; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 P.M.