



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
March 24, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Audette; Brian Carnes; Kathy Pender (P); Chris Gray; Heath Sessions (P); Christi Cox; Jim Reno; Michael Johnson; Guynn Savage; Bill Harris; and John Gettys.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Alex Moore (Town of Fort Mill); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Chris Stephens (York County); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Jim Walden (SCDOT); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Steve Allen (CRCOG); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Melanie Mobley (SCDOT); Terrance Nealy (City of Rock Hill); Katie Compton (City of Rock Hill); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: John Marks (Herald); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); Liz Duda (Tega Cay); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); David Kearns (HDR); Luther Dasher (CAC); Phil Leazer (KCI); Stephen Comer (Lancaster County); Tyler Cupp (WRHI); and Nikki Honeycutt (STV).

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** – There were no comments received.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Audette asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the February 24, 2023 meeting. Mr. Gettys noted the reference in item 5.b. Ms. Savage then made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; this was second by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

a. **Celanese / I-77 Interchange Evaluation (Presentation of Work Completed To Date)** – Mr. Hooper initiated this item by providing a brief overview of the operating variables at this location (i.e., current and projected growth characteristics; distribution of the demand level on all approaches, etc). Mr. Mattox then transitioned into a review of key technical inputs and the principal component of different interchange configurations; in particular, a diverging diamond and a contra-flow left. Discussion then followed regarding the benefits and drawbacks of each as well as expected impacts to driver behavior on adjacent roads such as Riverchase and Riverview.

Additional discussion points included the merging and integration function on I-77; considerations associated with potentially “de-signalizing” Riverchase; as well as operating dynamics at the Cel-River / Cherry Road intersection. Lastly, it was noted that this work effort will continue to develop / analyze options; and that, this information will be presented to the Policy Committee at a subsequent meeting.

b. 2020 Census (Urbanized Area Designations) – Mr. Hooper provided a brief summary of key discussion points from the February meeting; and then transitioned into a detailed breakdown of the urbanized population across the planning area among jurisdictional members. Discussion then followed regarding different options associated with the composition to the Policy Committee. It was then requested that staff present a follow-up report at the April meeting covering this topic in more detail.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. FY 23-25 Draft Unified Planning Work Program – Mr. Hooper briefly outlined principal work activities noted in the FY 23-25 UPWP. Mr. Hooper then requested preliminary approval of the Draft UPWP and initiation of a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Audette then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – There were no comments or discussion on the items contained in the Administrative Report.

b. Next Meeting – Mr. Audette noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2023.

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 1:00 P.M.