



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES**

**March 27, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Gettys; Tom Audette; Jose Luis; Carmen Miller, Watts Huckabee (P); Derrick Lindsay; Brian Carnes; John Black; Christi Cox (P); Guynn Savage (P); Ben Hudgins; Sarah Vining; and Britt Blackwell.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Hamilton (York County); Tony Edwards (SCDOT); Shamika Peterson (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Jim Walden (SCDOT); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Chris Stephens (York County); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Corey Barnes (Lancaster County); Nick Cauthen (City of Tega Cay); David Vebaun (City of Rock Hill); Thomas Couch (York County); Cary Vargo (Town of Fort Mill); Allison Love (SCDOT); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Beth Ann Scruggs (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Angela Sims (City of Rock Hill); and David Hooper (REATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: John Marks (Herald); Tyler Cupp (WRHI); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Elizabeth Harris (HNTB); Randy Young (JMT); Phil Leazer (KCI); David Kerns (HDR); Gavin McMaon; (Scot Sibert (STV, Inc); and Scott Couchenour.

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** – Mr. Couchenour provide observations regarding area safety; zoning and operational variables within the planning area.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gettys asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the February 27, 2026 meeting. Mr. Audette then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Mr. Hudgins and unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

- a. **SCDOT Project Status Report (Non-Interstate)** – Mr. Edwards provided a detailed review of all active bicycle / pedestrian projects across the planning area, and then outlined the next immediate steps in project implementation and timeline.
- b. **Safe Streets & Roads For All (Draft Recommendations; Public Engagement Phase II)** – Mr. Hooper provided a brief overview of the work effort to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan or CSAP across the planning area emphasizing the priority objectives consistent with the Safe Streets & Roads For All Program. Mr. Hooper then reviewed key draft recommendations across a range of project categories. Mr. Hooper next noted that Public Engagement Phase II is slated to begin in April.

Lastly, Mr. Hooper stated that the plan will be presented for approval at the May 15th Policy Committee meeting.

4 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. FY 25-27 UPWP (FY 26-27 Annual Update) – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized expected work tasks during the upcoming FY 26-27 planning period. Mr. Hooper then requested approval of the FY 26 - 27 UPWP and initiation of a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Carnes then made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Audette and unanimously approved.

b. CAC Reappointment (Mr. Barnes) – Mr. Hooper briefly highlighted the solid contribution that Mr. Barnes makes as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, and requested his reappointment to a new 3 year term. Mr. Audette then made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Gettys and unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that SCDOT is hosting an event on improved safety conditions across the state, and a link should be available on their website later today.

b. Policy Committee Meeting – Mr. Gettys noted that the next Policy Committee Meeting is slated for Friday, May 15, 2026.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carnes and seconded by Mr. Audette; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.