



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

**March 28, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Hamilton (York County); Jim Walden (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Terrace Nealy (City of Rock Hill); Yiyun Zao (SCDOT); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Christopher Stephens (York County); David Vebaun (City of Rock Hill); Josh Edwards (York County); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Tommy Feemster (SCDOT); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: John Marks (Herald); Tyler Cupp (WRHI); Luther Dasher (CAC); Randy Young (JMT); Scot Couchenour (Planning Area Resident); John Cock (Bolton-Menk); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Scot Sibert (STV, Inc); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Frieda Price (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); Dr. David Keely (CAC); Liz Duda (Tega Cay); David Oxendine (York County Resident); David Kearns (HDR); and Tim Popelka (McAdams).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Welcome** – Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.
- b. Citizen Comment Period** – Ms. Duda referenced adjustments / proposed revisions to agency policy in Washington; and noted the continued importance of making good planning decisions relevant to the needs within the RFATS Study Area (i.e., multi-modal accessibility; safety, etc).

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Savage asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the February 28, 2025 meeting. Ms. Savage then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved.

3. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

- a. 2055 LRTP Update; FY 24-33 TIP; Conformity Analysis Report** – Mr. Hooper provided a brief summary of the 2055 LRTP update process and the steps completed to date. Mr. Hooper then reviewed key input / analysis points; public participation activities as well as project and policy recommendations for continuing to strengthen transportation network reliability; safety and efficiency for all users of the transportation system. Mr. Hooper then requested the Policy Committee's preliminary approval and initiation of a 30-day public comment period, and the scheduling of a public hearing in preparation for final review / approval at our next meeting on May 16th. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carnes; seconded by Mr. Huckabee and unanimously approved.

b. Memorandum of Understanding (Transit Safety; Data Analysis) – Mr. Hooper briefly noted the principal components in the Memorandum of Understanding between RFATS and the City of Rock Hill outlining FTA requirements associated with safety monitoring / data review activities. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper then noted that this MOU is periodically updated to reflect changed conditions and / or new federal / state requirements. Mr. Hooper then requested that the Policy Committee approve the updated MOU. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Luis; the motion was then unanimously approved.

c. FY 25-27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed principal work items during the FY 25-27 planning period (i.e., implementation of the 2055 LRTP; travel demand modeling; updating our Collector Streets Plan as well as continued monitoring of project implementation activities across the planning area, etc). Mr. Hooper then requested the Policy Committee’s preliminary approval and authorization to initiate a 30-day public comment period. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Mr. Audette; and unanimously approved.

d. FY 24-33 TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper requested final approval of an amendment to re-incorporate the Cel-River Road Widening Project into the FY 24-33 TIP. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that while this project is substantially complete, one component remains active, and our federal partners need this to be present as they complete a few remaining steps they’re working on. The Policy Committee then granted their final approval to this action and authorization to submit to SCDOT for processing.

e. FY 24-33 TIP Amendment (Rowells Road Bridge Replacement) – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that SCDOT has requested the programming of funding in the amount of \$3,685,000 to undertake the Rowells Road Bridge Replacement Project. Mr. Hooper then requested final approval and authorization to submit to SCDOT for processing. The Policy Committee then granted their final approval to this request.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed administrative adjustments to project funding / implementation schedules; as well as again noted expected changes during the public review process with federal / state agencies. Ms. Savage then thanked Mr. Hooper for actively monitoring expected revisions to existing guidance.

b. Next Meeting – Ms. Savage noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2025.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Savage and seconded by Mr. Gettys; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 P.M.