



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES**

**May 15, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Hamilton (York County); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Jim Walden (SCDOT); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Chris Stephens (York County); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Corey Barnes (Lancaster County); Tommy Feemster (SCDOT); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Josh Edwards (York County); Jim Foltz (Tega Cay City Council); Jeremy Winkler (City of Rock Hill); Steve Allen (CRCOG); Heather Jones (Tega Cay City Council); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Erin Pratt (Town of Fort Mill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Angela Sims (City of Rock Hill); Diane Dil (York County); Lyuba Zuyeva (WSP); Daniel Johnson (WSP) and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: John Marks (Herald); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); Ms. McManus (York County); Dr. David Ward (CAC); Amy Massey (KHA); Mr. Plumley (Tega Cay) LeeAnn Plumley (Tega Cay); Randy Young (JMT); Liz Duda (Tega Cay); Phil Leazer (KCI); David Kearns (HDR); (Scot Sibert (STV, Inc); and Scot 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 – Ms. McManus highlighted the operating challenges at the intersection of Regent Pkwy and Starlight Dr. (i.e., road curvature; sight distance considerations; elevated speed level, etc), and the need to develop a workable option for improving area safety conditions. Mr. Couchenour noted area pedestrian pathways and their importance; particularly in / around school locations.

Dr. Ward outlined his assessment regarding the planned discontinuation of the CATS 82X route, as well as the importance of maintaining this option – in some fashion moving forward; and would very much welcome the opportunity to explore this possibility. Mr. Plumley similarly provided a favorable assessment of the role that the CATS 82X serves in meeting area transit needs in a safe and reliable manner. As a point of reference, Mr. Plumley shared a personal experience involving an attempted mugging / threat of violence, emphasizing the need to maintain other options supporting non-sov mobility.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3. REPORTS:

a. Annual Transit Performance / Safety Report – Ms. Harms briefly provided an overview of area transit performance / safety characteristics for the most recent operating period. Discussion then followed regarding announced adjustments to transit service provision as well as potential options for modifying routing and supporting funding components.

4 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. SS4A CSAP Plan Development – Mr. Hooper outlined the key objectives of the Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Program, and the principal milestones governing the development of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Ms. Zuyeva then reviewed more technically oriented elements of the work effort (i.e., the systemic analysis, among other components, etc); and then Mr. Johnson provided an overview of key improvement strategies that can be applied across the planning area. Mr. Hooper then requested approval of the final plan and initiation of next steps. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Savage; seconded by Ms. Vining and unanimously approved.

b. FY 26 – 27 TAP Funding Cycle – Mr. Hooper provided a brief summary of the funding and project eligible categories of the TAP Program. Mr. Hooper then outlined the Southside Recreational Park Improvement Project (Phase II) and requested preliminary approval, and initiation of a 21-day public comment period. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Savage; seconded by Mr. Luis and unanimously approved.

c. FY 26 – 27 CMAQ Funding Cycle – Mr. Hooper provided a brief summary of the funding, project eligible categories, and associated air quality benefit analysis (AQBA) required of projects advanced through the CMAQ Program. Mr. Hooper then outlined the two projects submitted (i.e., Town of Fort Mill Traffic Signal Improvement Effort as well as the City of Rock Hill’s DLB Pedestrian Flyover Bridge Project); and then requested preliminary approval, and initiation of a 21-day public comment period. Lastly, Mr. Hooper noted that for both projects, it is understood that both agencies will receive (Phase II) funding in the amount of \$1.5M in FY 27-28. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Savage; seconded by Mr. Luis and unanimously approved.

d. 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 noted that a 30-day public comment period has been completed and no comments were received. Mr. Carnes then made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Savage and unanimously approved.

e. FY 24 – 33 TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that updated FTA funding amounts / activities need to be incorporated into our FY 24 – 33 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Hooper then requested preliminary approval, and initiation of a 21-day public comment period. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Black; seconded by Ms. Luis and unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly mentioned the City of Charlotte’s vote to rescind support for the I-77 Toll Lanes Project in NC. As a point of reference, it was noted that Mecklenburg County and the Town of Cornelius has similarly expressed their opposition to the project. Lastly, Mr. Hooper stated that SCDOT and RFATS will continue to monitor applicable developments and follow-up as appropriate.

b. Policy Committee Meeting – Mr. Gettys noted that the next Policy Committee Meeting is slated for Friday, June 27, 2026; and further confirmed that there would be no meeting over the summer.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Savage and seconded by Mr. Luis; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 P.M.