



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMARY MINUTES

June 25, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

Rock Hill City Hall – Council Chambers / Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: David O’Neal; John Gettys (proxy); Guynn Savage (proxy); Tom Audette; Kathy Pender; Jim Reno; Bill Harris; and Brian Carnes.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Jerome Pearson (SCDOT); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Allison Love (SCDOT); Steve Allen (Catawba COG); David Gamble (SCDOT); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); David Hudspeth (York County); Amy Blinson (SCDOT); Dean Hendrix (York County); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Chris Herrmann (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Scot Sibert (WSP); Jason Wager (Centralina COG); Jorge Luna (HDR); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); David Keely (CAC); Brandon Murr (Kimley-Horn); Phil Conrad (Mobility Solutions); John Fargher (ESP Associates); Dave Kerns (HDR); Matthew Kreh (WRHI); Liz Duda; Al Rogat; Steve Yaffe; Agustin Rodriguez (CRTPO); Matthew Blaszyk (City of Rock Hill); Melissa Harmon (City of Rock Hill); and Bill Jordan (AECOM).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

a. Welcome – Chair O’Neal called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.

b. Citizen Comment Period – No comments were made at this time.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. O’Neal asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the May 21st, 2021 meeting. Mr. O’Neal then made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Mr. Carnes and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

a. CONNECT Beyond: Project Status Report – Mr. Hooper provided an overview of the CONNECT Beyond Initiative and progress completed to date. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that back in September, the Policy Committee received information on draft candidate corridors for high capacity transit. Since this time considerable progress has been realized, and today’s presentation will cover the broader planning milestones that have been achieved as well as upcoming next steps.

Mr. Hooper then discussed the different components that comprise the predominant range of mobility options that make up a connected and efficient approach to the provision of public transit (i.e., commuter routes, vanpools, fixed route, demand response, light rail, etc). Mr. Hooper then outlined how a network of connected mobility options not only are beneficial to managing traffic congestion and passenger convenience (both improvement objectives), but further how a solid public transit system can favorably impact economic competitiveness; growth patterns, environmental impacts; social equity; and of course,

broadly expand the range of transportation choices so that every trip does not unnecessarily result in a single occupancy vehicle travel, when another option may be a better fit.

With this in mind, Mr. Hooper noted that the draft plan recommendations will be reviewed during a joint Planning & Technical Advisory Committee meeting in July; and then final approval is expected in September. Following each of the next steps, Mr. Hooper that he will keep members of apprised of subsequent steps to follow.

b. SCDOT TAMP Report – Mr. Hooper gave an overview of the TAMP Performance Report, noting that this is a planning requirement for State Departments of Transportation as they assemble and outline changes / progress in the various measures in Transportation Performance Management during this reporting period. Mr. Hooper then noted that this report will be incorporated into the appendix of the current LRTP Amendment pending final approval later in the agenda.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

a. FY 21-22 CMAQ Program – Mr. Herrmann gave a brief summary of the project applications submitted this funding cycle. Mr. Herrmann then noted that the Policy Committee granted preliminary approval to allocate \$3,726,098 in federal funding at the May meeting, and authorized a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Herrmann then noted that the public comment period has been completed and no comments were received. Mr. Herrmann then requested final approval for the TIP Amendment. Mr. Reno then made a motion to allocate \$2,090,000 in Guideshare funding for the City of Tega Cay project; \$620,105 in CMAQ funding for the York County / Town of Fort Mill project; and \$1,015,993 in CMAQ funding for the City of Rock Hill project. This motion was seconded by Mr. Carnes and was unanimously approved.

b. FY 21-22 Transportation Alternatives Program – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed the application submitted by the City of Rock Hill for the Jack White Trail Extension Project. Mr. Herrmann highlighted that the application is requesting the full allocation of TAP funds for FY 21-22 as well as Guideshare funding. Mr. Herrmann then noted that the Policy Committee granted preliminary approval for this request and the public comment period for this change had been completed and no comments were received. Mr. Herrmann then requested final approval of the TIP Amendment to reflect \$112,987 in federal in TAP funding and \$183,766 in Guideshare funding. Mr. Reno then made a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Audette and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. 2045 LRTP & FY 21-27 TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly explained that as part of TPM requirements, transit providers are required to coordinate with MPOs on establishing transit safety targets. Mr. Hooper noted that the City of Rock Hill has done this for the My Ride Transit System and the LRTP and TIP need to be amended to reflect these performance targets. Mr. Hooper then requested that the Policy Committee grant final approval of the LRTP & TIP Amendment; contingent upon the completion of the 30-day public comment period. Mr. O’Neal then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Pender and the motion was unanimously approved.

d. Citizens Advisory Committee – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee and then requested consideration to reappoint Dr. David Keely for an additional 3-year term. A motion to grant approval was made by Ms. Pender; seconded by Mr. Reno and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Next Meeting – Mr. O’Neal noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2021.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. O'Neal and seconded by Mr. Reno; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 P.M.