POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES

June 26, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Gettys; Guynn Savage; Tom Audette; Derrick Lindsay; Watts Huckabee (P); Brian Carnes; Anne Harty; Christi Cox (P); Ben Hudgins (P); and Sarah Vining.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:
Patrick Hamilton (York County); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Jim Walden (SCDOT); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Chris Stepthens (York County); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Mr. Vehaun (City of Rock Hill); Thomas Counch (York County); Jim Foltz (Tega Cay City Council); David Garner (York County); Steve Allen (CRCOG); Shana Marshburn (City of Rock Hill); Nick Cauthen (City of Tega Cay); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Corey Barnes (Lancaster County); Erin Pratt (Town of Fort Mill); Angela Sims (City of Rock Hill); Colin Harrington (STV); Scot Sibert (STV); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: John Marks (Herald); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Tyler Cupp (WRHI); Luther Dasher (CAC); Randy Young (JMT); Ashley Hill (Tega Cay); Kathleen Hickey (Area Resident) Greg Yost (Tega Cay); Phil Leazer (KCI); Stephen Comer (Lancaster County Resident); David Kearns (HDR) and Will Hogarth (KHA).

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. Hill highlighted the value she sees in the CATS 82X route, and advocated for his continuation as an important component to broad-based accessability and mobility.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gettys asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the May 15, 2026 meeting. Mr. Carnes then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Ms. Savage and unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

a. Collector Street Plan Update – Mr. Hooper provided a brief overview of this work effort and then outlined progress realized to date since the original Collector Road Plan was developed; in particular, highlighting the number of new collector roads completed; those evaluated, but not incorporated; as well as proposed new additions to the network. Mr. Sibert then provided technical; zoning and environmental variables and how they are reflected in the updated planning document. Lastly, Mr. Hooper noted that this work effort will continue over the summer and return to the Policy Committee at their September meeting for approval.

4 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. Carbon Reduction Program (Project Recommendation) – Mr. Hooper provided a brief overview of the CRP funding program, and the project recommendation identified by the SCDOT District Office for programming. Mr. Johnston then summarized area development / operating specifics supporting this project needs. Mr. Hooper then requested preliminary approval and authorization to initiate a 21-day public comment period. Motion to approve made by Mr. Audette; seconded by Mr. Carnes and unamiously 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 final approval of this action and authorization to submit to SCDOT for processing. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carnes; seconded by Ms. Savage 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 final approval of this action and authorization to submit to SCDOT for processing. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Audette; seconded by Ms. Savage and unanimously approved.

d. FY 24 – 33 TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that updated FTA funding amounts / activites need to be incorporated into our FY 24 – 33 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Hooper then requested final approval and authorization to submit to SCDOT for processing. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carnes; seconded by Ms. Savage and unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly noted the latest on the I-77 Toll Lanes vote and expected next steps. Mr. Hooper then provided an overview of the House Transportatoin Sub-Committee "mark-up" of the so-called BASICS Act as it makes it way over to the Senate later this year. Lastly, Mr. Hooper noted a panel discussion he participated in with the South Charlotte Partners regarding the US 521 Corridor as well as a range of proactive planning steps such as collector roads. access management, etc on May 21st.

b. Policy Committee Meeting – Mr. Gettys noted that the next Policy Committee Meeting is slated for Friday, September 25, 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. Carnes; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 P.M.