



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

**June 27, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Guynn Savage; Chris Gray; John Gettys; Jose Luis; Michael Johnson; Christi Cox; Watts Huckabee (P); Derrick Lindsay; Brian Carnes; Tom Audette (P); Quinlan Canty; Ben Hudgins (P); Heath Sessions; Jim Reno; and Curtis Spencer.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Yiyun Zao (SCDOT); Tony Edwards (SCDOT); Diane Dil (York County); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Tom Couch (York County); Shamika Peterson (SCDOT); Stephen Allen (CRCOG); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Conar Webster (Catawba Nation); Donna Greene (Lancaster County); Tommy Feemster (SCDOT); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Tyler Cupp (WRHI); Lucas McFadden (WRHI); Luther Dasher (CAC); Randy Young (JMT); Scot Couchenour (Planning Area Resident); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); Scot Sibert (STV, Inc); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Stephen Comer (YCNGA); Chelsea Baeuchamp (Fort Mill Resident); Brennan Groel (HDR); David Kerns (HDR); and Brett Harrelson (Stantec).

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. Baeuchamp briefly noted her previous comments regarding area connectivity and safety needs adjacent to the Fort Mill High School; and then thanked Policy Committee members for analyzing and recommending improvement funding. Mr. Couchenour then provided a brief summary of land use / zoning action, and how it can impact financial conditions / terms depending on the type of use and location of parcels within a designated area.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Savage asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the May 16, 2025 meeting. Mr. Carnes then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Mr. Gray and unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

a. SCDOT Project Status Report – Mr. Meetze and Mr. Edwards provided the latest project information for each improvement site; and then reviewed aerial drone footage of the SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration Project.

b. Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Program – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized work completed to date on the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; and then highlighted the planned initiation of the public engagement / outreach phase that will begin next month. Mr. Hooper then briefly noted the key components to assessing incident information and how that will inform the development of

the so-called “high injury network” in an effort to best identify those locations within the planning area warranting elevated attention / prioritization.

4 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. 2055 LRTP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly noted a need to amend the LRTP to reflect the final recommendations updating trail routing / connections between the Town of Fort Mill and the Carolina Tread Trail. Mr. Hooper then requested approval and authorization to initiate a 30-day public comment period. Motion to approve made by Mr. Carnes; seconded by Mr. Gettys and unanimously approved.

b. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the two project recommendations from the TAP Evaluation Sub-Committee, and noted that a 21-day public comment period has been completed and that no comments were received. Mr. Hooper then requested that the Policy Committee grant final approval to this action and authorize submittal to SCDOT for processing. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Mr. Gray and unanimously approved.

c. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the project sponsor has requested that this approval be rescheduled for the September meeting so that the latest iteration of relevant technology can be considered; and if appropriate, reflected in the project application. Motion to table was made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved.

d. RFATS / SCDOT PL Agreement Update – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that SCDOT periodically updates their PL Agreement with all MPOs and COGs throughout the state to capture the latest federal / state planning requirements. Mr. Hooper then requested the Policy Committee’s approval of the updated PL Agreement. Ms. Cox then asked about the principal changes and Mr. Hooper noted that these are largely contained within the sub-area of Transportation Performance Management (i.e., the newest and most expansive addition to the planning process since the last time the agreement was updated, etc). Motion to approve made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Mr. Luis and unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed administrative adjustments to project funding / implementation schedules that occurred between meetings.

b. Next Meeting – Ms. Savage noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2025.

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 12:55 P.M.