



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
August 14, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Zoom Webinar**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Guynn Savage; David O’Neal; Michael Johnson; Kathy Pender; Jim Reno; John Gettys; Bill Harris; Gary Simrill; Wes Climer; and Brian Carnes.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Jerome Pearson (SCDOT); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Berry Mattox (SCDOT); Diane Dil (York County); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Alex Moore (Town of Fort Mill); Diane Lackey (SCDOT); David Hudspeth (York County); Bill Meyer (City of Rock Hill); Steve Allen (Catawba COG); Christopher Stephens (York County); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); David Vebaun (City of Rock Hill); Jeremy Winkler (City of Rock Hill); Chris Herrmann (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Aaron Barnes (CAC); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Liz Duda (Eat Smart Move More York County); Scot Sibert (WSP); Jonathan Guy (Kimley-Horn); Carol Jones (Mead-Hunt); Bill Jordan (AECOM); Rob Smith (Moore & Van Allen); Lyndsey Glover; Rachel Richardson (CN2); Ed Evans; and Teresa Thomas (Senator Lindsey Graham’s Office).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. **Welcome** – Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.
- b. **Citizen Comment Period** – No comments were made at this time.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Savage asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the June 19, 2020 meeting. Mr. Carnes then made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Ms. Pender and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

- a. **SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Project** – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the Policy Committee received an initial overview of the three final alternative configurations for the SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Project. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that following this initial discussion, the Policy Committee wanted to coordinate a follow-up meeting on this topic once the State Infrastructure Bank completed their review and made a decision on the pending interchange funding application.

Mr. Mattox then provided a brief summary of the principal benefits and trade-offs of each configuration option (i.e., DDI; SPUI, and Directional Interchange), as well as the related cost components. Mr. Mattox then noted that the directional interchange would provide the strongest operational outcome, and the longest expected timeframe of enhanced performance – taking account of both current and projected operational demand levels along this corridor. Additionally, Mr. Mattox noted that this result is also

consistent with the preferred choice identified during the public outreach meeting that occurred earlier this year.

Mr. Mattox then reviewed the various cost components of the project (i.e., utilities, ROW, and construction, etc.); and then emphasized a few particular aspects of the project beyond the interchange itself – including a multi-use trail; a 4 to 6 widening from Sutton Road to US 21; and a taper on SC 160 east extending just past US 21. Discussion then followed regarding a total project budget of \$73M, with \$49.6M provided by the SIB award and \$23.4M from RFATS. Lastly, Mr. Mattox noted that the next steps in the project schedule include ROW occurring from 2020 to 2022, and construction slated to begin in 2022 thru 2024.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

a. TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized a TIP Amendment in support of the SC 160 Interchange Reconfiguration and 6-lane widening project from Sutton Road to US 21. The Amendment reflects \$42.2M in SC State Infrastructure Bank funding, \$7.4M local match provided by York County, and RFATS Guideshare funding in the amount of \$23.4M. Mr. Hooper then requested preliminary approval for this TIP Amendment as well as authorization to initiate a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Carnes then made a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Johnson and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized a TIP Amendment in support of the Interchange Improvements for Exit 82A, B & C. The Amendment reflects \$32.5M in SC State Infrastructure Bank funding and \$5.7M local match provided by York County. Mr. Hooper noted that the anticipated cost for this project is expected to be higher than the amount funded by the SIB and the Policy Committee will need to plan on adjusting the budgetary commitment reflecting a final design at a later point.

Mr. Gettys then asked if the analysis will evaluate the Celanese Corridor from Mt Gallant to I-77? Mr. Hooper noted that this will be captured both through the travel demand modeling process as well as through a comprehensive evaluation and analysis of different interchange configuration alternatives. Mr. Hooper then requested preliminary approval for this TIP Amendment as well as authorization to initiate a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Carnes then made a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Reno and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. Transportation Performance Management – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed the applicable requirements for transportation performance measurement. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that this process is fundamentally designed to improve both accountability and transparency in transportation decision-making by tracking and effectively reporting on the operational outcome of transportation system investments. Mr. Herrmann then summarized the CMAQ Performance Measures that have been established by USDOT. These include Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) and Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (Non-SOV) Travel. As a point of reference, Mr. Herrmann then noted that these performance measures involve the development of a unified target, given that they are associated with UZAs of 1 million or more residents. In the greater Charlotte region, this requirement involves NCDOT, SCDOT, CRTPO and RFATS.

Mr. Herrmann then briefly reviewed the criteria used to establish targets for both metrics as well as the operational data over the last two years; and noted that it is recommended that no adjustments in the applicable performance targets should be undertaken during this initial two year evaluation point. Mr. Herrmann then requested approval of the updated CMAQ Performance Plan, contingent upon the completion of the 21-day public comment period and any subsequent comments that might be received. Mr. Gettys then made a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Reno and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Administrative Report, and then took a moment to recognize the recent passing of Robby Moody, a long serving member of the RFATS Technical Team as well as a Senior Planner at the Catawba COG. Mr. Hooper emphasized that Mr. Moody was an important and thoughtful contributor to the planning process at RFATS, as well as more broadly across both York & Lancaster counties. On behalf of the Technical Team, Mr. Hooper noted that Mr. Moody will certainly be missed. Ms. Savage offered continued prayers for the Moody family.

b. Next meeting – Ms. Savage noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2020.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carnes and seconded by Mr. O'Neal; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.