



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
September 25, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Zoom Webinar**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Guynn Savage; David O’Neal; Michael Johnson; Kathy Pender; Jim Reno (proxy); John Gettys; Bill Harris (proxy); Wes Climer; Britt Blackwell; and Brian Carnes.

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Jerome Pearson (SCDOT); Yolanda Morris (FHWA); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Diane Dil (York County); Susan Britt (City of Tega Cay); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Diane Lackey (SCDOT); Erin Porter (SCDOT); Allison Love (SCDOT); Bill Meyer (City of Rock Hill); Christopher Stephens (York County); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Kara Drane (CRCOG); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); David Vehaun (City of Rock Hill); Terrence Nealy (City of Rock Hill); Jeremy Winkler (City of Rock Hill); Chris Herrmann (REATS); and David Hooper (REATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Al Rogat; Frank Myers (CAC); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); David Kerns (HDR); James Dowdy (HDR); John Fargher (ESP Associates); John Marks (The Herald); Matthew Kreh (WRHI); Brandon Murr (Kimley-Horn); Ed Evans (Mattern & Craig); Michael Bywaletz (Ramey Kemp); Bill Jordan (AECOM); and Phil Leazer (KCI).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. **Welcome** – Chair Savage 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

Ms. Savage asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the August 14, 2020 meeting. Mr. Johnson then made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Mr. Carnes and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

- a. **Pennies for Progress Report** – Mr. Hamilton provided a brief update on the following projects:
 - SC 160 West (Zoar Road to NC State Line) – construction is currently underway. Completion is anticipated for October 2020.
 - Hwy 274 / Pole Branch Road – construction is currently underway. Bridge replacements have been initiated.
 - Gold Hill / I-77 Interchange – construction is currently underway. Completion is anticipated for 2021.
 - Anderson Road / Cowan Farm Intersection – project completion is anticipated for October 2020.

Mr. Hamilton then provided a brief summary on the Pennies 4 Resurfacing projects, noting that the majority of the projects have been bid out and all projects are anticipated to be completed by 2022. These projects are currently \$5 M under the original estimated budget.

Mr. Hamilton next explained that the revenue for Pennies 4 has been impacted by COVID-19; Feb-April revenue was down 4.2% compared to the same time frame in 2019. Mr. Hamilton noted that this decrease in revenue has not impacted progress on any active projects at this point.

Dr. Blackwell then asked for an update on the widening project of US 21 from SC 160 to Springfield Parkway. Mr. Hamilton responded that 30% design plans are being completed.

b. CONNECT Beyond Initiative – Mr. Hooper summarized work completed to date on the development of a regional transit plan being led by Centralina and CATS; highlighting project priorities and a recently completed travel market analysis across the study area. Mr. Hooper then provided an overview of a Total Mobility Network and how it functions operationally across modes and a range of route structures. Mr. Hooper then transitioned to review the candidate corridors for high capacity transit.

Specifically, Mr. Hooper noted that candidate corridors have been identified along I-77; US 21; the commuter rail line, US 521, and along Hwy 5 leading out to Hwy 321 north. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that the US 21 corridor was the endorsed locally preferred alternative for mass transit from a previously completed MIS study. Mr. Hooper then highlighted the relatively close proximity of high capacity transit lines operating near I-77 as well as US 521 – and how such lines would need to function so as to maximize efficient operation, reliability and cost effectiveness.

Mr. Hooper then asked whether there were any questions or concerns with the candidate corridors identified thus far as well as whether any additions locations should be considered. Mr. Johnson then noted that a connection from US 521 to Fort Mill should be included for further analysis as the consultant team continues to advance this work effort. Mr. Carnes and Ms. Savage agreed that this connection would certainly be welcomed given heavy commuter travel patterns; though Ms. Savage noted that she would certainly welcome more detailed information on the relevant operational variables before finalizing such an addition to the final plan document. Lastly, Mr. Hooper briefly summarized the project timeline with final results expected by summer 2021.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

a. Conformity Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized the LRTP & Conformity Amendment reflecting the planned 5-lane widening of Mt Gallant Road from Anderson Road to John Ross Parkway. As a point of reference, this is associated with the planned interchange at Exit 81 and the new connecting roadways to Mt Gallant on the west and to Paragon Way on the east. Mr. Hooper then noted that this has been reflected in the modeling process and has passed the conformity analysis. Mr. Carnes then made a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Gettys and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. Transportation Performance Management – Mr. Herrmann briefly summarized the CMAQ Performance Measures outlined in the updated CMAQ Performance Plan. Mr. Herrmann noted that no adjustments were recommended for either Non-SOV or PHED during the initial two-year evaluation period. Mr. Herrmann then requested final approval of the updated CMAQ Performance Plan. Ms. Pender then made a motion for approval; seconded by Mr. Gettys and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. TIP Amendment – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed the TIP Amendment reflecting the FY 20-21 FTA funding allocations, as well as recently awarded CARES Act funding. Mr. Herrmann noted that no RFATS funding was associated with this TIP Amendment but it is federal funding that must be reflected in the TIP. Mr. Herrmann then requested preliminary approval of this TIP Amendment and authorization to initiate a 21-day public comment period.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Admin Report – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Administrative Report.

b. Next meeting – Mr. Hooper noted that a Policy Committee Workshop to review the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update is slated for Friday, October 23rd. Given the nature of this meeting, it is expected that the workshop will be conducted in person for the Policy Committee and limited staff, with the broader audience of federal and state agency personnel and public participation occurring via Zoom.

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 12:51 P.M.