



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

**September 26, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Hamilton (York County); Tony Edwards (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Corey Barnes (Lancaster County); Chris Herrman (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Josh Edwards (York County); Shamika Peterson (SCDOT); Stephen Allen (CRCOG); Diane Dil (York County); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Terrence Nealy (City of Rock Hill); Christopher Stevens (York County); Jeremy Winkler (City of Rock Hill); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Jason Vance (City of Rock Hill); Tommy Feemster (SCDOT); and David Hooper (REATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Tyler Cupp (WRHI); Luther Dasher (CAC); Randy Young (JMT); Scott Couchenour (resident); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Scot Sibert (STV, Inc); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Will Hogarth (WFH); Linda Lott (resident); Dan Lott (resident); Melanie Stone (resident); Dr. David Keely (CAC) Elizabeth Harris (HNTB); Tim Popelka (resident); David Kerns (HDR); Phil Leazer (KCI); 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. Stone provided a summary of pedestrian safety concerns within the Whitley Mills neighborhood and noted a conceptual option for consideration. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper then briefly noted that the SCDOT District Office is in the process of completing an area assessment, and that a recommendation is expected shortly. Mr. Couchenour briefly noted recent land use / zoning action, and relevant area considerations important for effective implementation.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Savage asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the June 27, 2025 meeting. Ms. Savage then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Mr. Gettys and unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

- a. Pennies For Progress Status Report** – Mr. Hamilton provided an update on the latest activity across the planning area (i.e., Hwy 160 East; US 21 / 51; Riverview Road; Hwy 557 and Hwy 72, etc). Mr. Hamilton also noted that approximately 15 miles of resurfacing work has / is occurring as well.

b. Safe Streets & Roads For All Progress Report (Review of Crash Data Analysis) – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized the principal objective of this work effort; and then transitioned into the crash data analysis completed during the summer. Principal points of discussion included the development of the “high injury network” across the planning area as well as the level of concentration along particular corridors / intersections associated with the incident totals. Mr. Hooper then reviewed the next steps in the public engagement phase, which will continue through early November. Looking ahead, Mr. Hooper then noted that a draft list of recommendation will be completed in early QI – with overall completion slated for late QII.

4 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. 2055 LRTP Amendment II – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized an LRTP Amendment to incorporate a multi-use path along Clebourne Street. Mr. Hooper then requested approval and authorization to initiate a 30-day public comment period. Motion to approve made by Ms. Gettys; seconded by Ms. Savage and unanimously approved.

b. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the amended project recommendation this funding cycle; and then requested that the Policy Committee grant preliminary approval to this action and initiate a 21-day public comment period. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Mr. Luis and unanimously approved.

c. TIP Amendment (FTA 5339 Funding) – Mr. Hooper briefly noted that the City of Rock Hill has been awarded FTA 5339 funding support vehicle acquisition. Mr. Hooper then requested approval of this action and initiation of a 21-day public comment period. Motion to approve made by Mr. Savage ; seconded by Mr. Reno and unanimously approved.

d. CAC Reappointments – Mr. Hooper noted the contributions that Ms. Allen and Ms. Price have made to the Citizens Advisory Committee over the years and recommended their reappointment. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Savage and unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Administrative Report – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed administrative adjustments to project funding / implementation schedules that occurred between meetings. Lastly, Mr. Hooper noted that RFATS will be hosting the next CRAFT Technical Committee meeting on October 28th. As always, all are invited to attend; and a summary presentation will be made at your next meeting.

b. Policy Committee Workshop – Ms. Savage noted that a Policy Committee Workshop is slated for Friday, October 24, 2025. As a point of reference, it was noted that the next regular meeting is slated for Friday, November 21, 2025.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Savage and seconded by Mr. Gray; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 P.M.