POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
June 19, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Zoom Webinar

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Guynn Savage; David O'Neal; Michael Johnson (proxy); Kathy Pender; Jim Reno; John Gettys; Bill Harris; 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); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Diane Lackey (SCDOT); Jonathan Buono (York County); Bill Meyer (City of Rock Hill); Steve Allen (Catawba COG); Christopher Stephens (York County); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); David Gray (SCDOT); Jeremy Winkler (City of Rock Hill); Chris Herrmann (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: Frank Myers (CAC); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Liz Duda (Eat Smart Move More York County); Phil Leazer (KCI); Matthew Kreh (WRHI); Dustin Silbereisen; Ed Evans; Lauren Hannah; Scott Woodward; Mitchel Cooper (Pond Co); David Kerns (HDR); and Teresa Thomas (Senator Lindsey Graham's Office).

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 May 29, 2020 meeting. Ms. Pender then made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; this was seconded by Mr. Gettys and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:
a. SCDOT Project Status Report – Mr. Mattox provided a brief update on the following projects:

- E White Street / Firetower Road Intersection Improvement – construction is complete.

Mr. Gettys then noted that the pavement laid at this intersection was quite rough and asked Mr. Mattox to follow-up with SCDOT District 4 Office to see if there were any possibilities to resolve this. Mr. Mattox affirmed that he would do so.

- Celanese Road / Riverview Road / Riverchase Blvd Intersection Improvement – construction is complete.
- US 521 / Marvin Road Intersection Improvement – ROW Acquisition is currently underway and construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2021.
- Clebourne Street / N White Street Intersection Improvement – project was awarded in spring 2020, construction is anticipated for completion by end of 2020.

- Celanese Road / India Hook Road Intersection Improvement – ROW Acquisition is currently underway and utility coordination is being finalized. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2021.
- Pleasant Road / Carowinds Blvd Intersection Improvement – ROW Acquisition is currently underway; initiation of construction is dependent upon the completion of the Gold Hill Road Interchange Improvement. Mr. Mattox noted that an increase to construction funding has been identified.
- SC 160 Widening Project (Phase II) – construction is currently underway and is anticipated for completion by the end of 2020.
- River Road Pedestrian Improvement – construction is complete.
- Dam Road Pedestrian Improvement – construction is complete.
- SC 160 Adaptive Signals Project – equipment has been installed and the system is anticipated to be operational by fall of 2020.
- SC 160 / I-77 Interchange Reconfiguration – preliminary design and environmental permitting is currently underway. ROW Acquisition is anticipated to begin in FY 2021.
- Exit 82 Interchange Reconfiguration – while there are related variables that remain active (York County SIB, etc.); project activity has not been initiated.

Mr. Mattox then gave brief updates on Area Federal Aid Bridge Projects including: US 21 BUS over Steele Creek, S-654 over Burgis Creek, SC 72 over Stony Fork, S-50 over Manchester Creek, S-1069 over Manchester Creek, S-103 over Fishing Creek, S-560 over Stony Fork, and S-55 over Twelve Mile Creek.

Mr. Mattox then summarized coordination regarding projects impacting the I-77 Corridor including Carowinds / Pleasant, SC 160 widening, Gold Hill / I-77 Interchange Improvement, US 21 Widening through Pennies for Progress, and the SC 160 / I-77 Interchange. Mr. Hooper then briefly highlighted funding challenges currently being experienced by NCDOT and expected delays to a widening project on NC 160 from the state line to Tryon Street in North Carolina.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:
a. TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized a TIP amendment reflecting $88.5 M in project funding for new interstate access at Exit 81. Mr. Hooper noted that this amendment does reflect a combination of federal, state, local, and developer participation. Mr. Gettys then inquired as to the scope of the project and what improvements are supported by the total cost? Mr. Hooper responded that the total funding does reflect the cost of the interchange as well as two roadways that will connect to Mt Gallant on the west of I-77 and Paragon Way on the east. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper stated that this funding does not include the widening of Mt Gallant Road; adding that this change would come back for review by the Policy Committee at a later date.

Mr. Gettys then inquired whether bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be included in the design of the project? Mr. Hooper responded that SCDOT has acknowledged that the bicycle and pedestrian component will be included in the project and the design elements for the full project are anticipated to be reviewed with the Policy Committee later this year. Mr. Hooper then requested approval for this TIP Amendment as well as authorization to initiate a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Gettys then made a motion for final approval; seconded by Mr. Reno and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. Transportation Alternatives Program – Mr. Herrmann briefly summarized the application received from the City of Tega Cay for a Pedestrian Safety Enhancement project at Tega Cay Drive / Heron Harbor Drive. Mr. Herrmann noted that the application requested $48,400 in federal TAP funding. Mr. Herrmann then briefly summarized the application received from the City of Rock Hill for the existing

Oakland Avenue Streetscape Improvement. Mr. Herrmann noted that the application requested $64,587 in federal TAP funding. Mr. Herrmann then requested final approval to amend the TIP to reflect the allocation of the FY 20-21 TAP funds, contingent upon the completion of the 21-day public comment period. Mr. Reno then made a motion to grant final approval; seconded by Mr. Carnes and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. **TIP Amendment** – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed a TIP amendment reflecting $100,000 in SCPRT Recreational Trails Program funding awarded to the City of Rock Hill in support of Phase IV of the Catawba River Trail Extension project. Mr. Herrmann noted that although no RFATS funding is involved with this change, all federal funding is required to be reflected in the TIP. Mr. Herrmann then requested final approval, contingent upon the completion of the 21-day public comment period. Mr. Gettys then made a motion for approval; seconded by Ms. Pender and the motion was unanimously approved.

d. **CAC Appointment** – Mr. Herrmann briefly reviewed the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee and then requested consideration to appoint Mr. Aaron Barnes for a 3-year term. Mr. Gettys then made a motion to grant approval; seconded by Ms. Savage and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
a. **Admin Report** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the Administrative Report.

b. **Next meeting** – Ms. Savage noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2020. Mr. Hooper then noted that there may be a potential need to schedule an additional meeting during the summer depending on external agency action.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**
The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. O'Neal and seconded by Mr. Carnes; the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 P.M.