



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

**May 16, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE / TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Hamilton (York County); Jim Walden (SCDOT); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Yiyun Zao (SCDOT); Chris Herrmann (City of Rock Hill); Christopher Stephens (York County); Allison Hardin (Lancaster County); Tony Edwards (SCDOT); Diane Dil (York County); Leah Youngblood (City of Rock Hill); Josh Meetze (SCDOT); Corey Barnes (Lancaster County); Jimmy Bagley (City of Rock Hill); Dennis Marstall (Lancaster County); Jason Johnston (SCDOT); Kevin Madden (York County); Rob Ruth (City of Rock Hill); Jonathan Buono (York County); Cliff Goolsby (City of Rock Hill); Tommy Feemster (SCDOT); and David Hooper (RFATS).

CITIZENS / VISITORS PRESENT: John Marks (Herald); Tyler Cupp (WRHI); Luther Dasher (CAC); Randy Young (JMT); Scot Couchenour (Planning Area Resident); Cleopatra Allen (CAC); Scot Sibert (STV, Inc); Jim Van Blarcom (CAC); Elizabeth Harris (HNTB); Liz Duda (Tega Cay); Stephen Comer (YCNGA); David Speer (HDR); David Kearns (HDR); Chris Guido (HDR); and Sylvia Nitz (Sylvia Nitz Architecture).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

a. Welcome – Vice Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.

b. Citizen Comment Period – Mr. Couchenour noted two observations regarding federal design standards and the Fort Mill Parkway Design Overlay. Ms. Duda then noted work completed on the trail feasibility study and the need to incorporate the latest recommendations into the updated 2055 LRTP. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper then briefly indicated that a planned amendment is indeed slated for presentation at the next meeting; and that this sequence has been discussed, and concurrence received from the Technical Team. Lastly, Ms. Nitz summarized an evaluation effort she is working on regarding “under-utilized” assets in the area.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gray asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the March 28, 2025 meeting. Mr. Gray then made a motion to approve; this was seconded by Mr. Gettys and unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS:

a. Pennies For Progress Report – Mr. Hamilton provided an overview of Pennies project activity; and specifically highlighted Hwy 160 East; Riverview Road; Hwy 557; Hwy 72 and US 21 / Hwy 51. In short, Mr. Hamilton confirmed that all Pennies 5 projects are under contract for design services..

b. Transit Performance Measures / Targets – Mr. Goolsby provided an overview of transit safety and performance data as well as the planning / operational impact of the bankruptcy filing of the vehicle fleet provide Proterra. Lastly, Mr. Goolsby highlighted the most recent routing adjustment consolidating the number of My Ride routes from 4 to 2. As a point of reference, Mr. Hooper noted that this information has been reviewed with the Technical Committee consistent with federal / state requirements.

4 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

a. 2055 LRTP Update; FY 24-33 TIP; Conformity Analysis Report – Mr. Hooper provided a brief overview of the 2055 LRTP update process; a summary of all agency and public comments received; and then requested final approval from the Policy Committee. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Mr. Hudgins and unanimously approved.

b. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Mr. Hooper briefly outlined the two project recommendations from the TAP Evaluation Sub-Committee (i.e., Sam Smith Sidewalk Project and the Southside Regional Pedestrian Facilities Project – Phase I), and then requested preliminary approval and authorization to initiate a 21-day public comment period. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Mr. Sutton and unanimously approved.

c. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) – Mr. Hooper outlined the one project application from the CMAQ Sub-Committee covering traffic signal coordination improvements along the Celanese Corridor. Mr. Hooper then requested preliminary approval and authorization to initiate a 21-day public comment period. Motion to approve made by Mr. Huckabee; seconded by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved.

d. Lancaster County SIB Application – Mr. Hooper noted that Lancaster County is preparing a SIB Application for planned improvements along the US 521 Corridor; and then requested the Policy Committee's endorsement of a resolution of support for this effort. Motion to approve made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Mr. Carnes and unanimously approved.

e. FY 25-27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed principal work items during the FY 25-27 planning period (i.e., implementation of the 2055 LRTP; travel demand modeling; updating our Collector Streets Plan as well as continued monitoring of project implementation activities across the planning area, etc). Mr. Hooper then requested the Policy Committee's final approval and authorization to submit to SCDOT / FHWA for processing. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Gettys; seconded by Mr. Carnes; 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 – Mr. Gray noted that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2025.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

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