



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
March 22, 2013 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)
Rock Hill Operations Center – Room 132**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Harris; Danny Funderburk; Kathy Pender; George Sheppard; Ralph Norman; Jim Reno; Brian Carnes

ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT: John McCarter (SCDOT); Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Clifton Goolsby (SCDOT); Phil Leazer (York County); Allison Love (York County); David Vehaun (Rock Hill); Steve Willis (Lancaster County); Jessica Hekter (FHWA); Bill Meyer (Rock Hill); Elizabeth Harris (Catawba Nation); Patrick Hamilton (York County); Wendy Bell (CROCOG); Anna Moore (York County); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); Brian Klauk (SCDOT); Dianne Janicki (SCDOT); William Long (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS)

CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT: Jonathan Guy (Kimley-Horn); Frank Myers (CAC); Scot Sibert (STV, Inc.); Joanna Dipastena (Fort Mill)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Welcome** – Mr. Hooper noted the absence of the Policy Committee’s Chair and Vice-Chair at the meeting and stated that under these circumstances, our bylaws indicated that a majority vote of those in attendance are to elect an Acting Chair for the meeting. With this in mind, Mr. Sheppard made a motion to elect Mr. Funderburk and Ms. Pender seconded. Mr. Funderburk called the meeting to order at 12:12 P.M. Mr. Hooper welcomed Mr. Carnes, the newest member of the Policy Committee representing Lancaster County.
- b. Citizen Comment Period** – Mr. Funderburk invited citizens to address the Policy Committee. Ms. Dipastena said that she is a resident of Fort Mill and is concerned about the environmental impacts of the Tega Cay Gold Hill Connector Project and the SC 160 / Gold Hill Road Intersection Improvement Project; Ms. Dipastena also expressed an interest in serving on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Funderburk asked for any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the February 22, 2013 meeting. Hearing no comments, Mr. Sheppard made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Pender seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

- a. York County Local Option Sales Tax Program** – Mr. Leazer provided the Policy Committee with an update on the Pennies Program. Ms. Pender asked for clarification on the Ebinport Road project; specifically, that it appears to be on hold even though it is on the list of funded projects. In response Mr. Leazer noted that the projects must be completed in the

order presented as a part of the referendum process. Currently, the Ebinport project is behind two other projects that are pending implementation – and should begin this summer. That said, Mr. Leazer noted that the deterioration of the road may require some temporary patching. There were no other questions.

b. SCDOT Report – Mr. Klauk provided a status update on projects administered by SCDOT.

- US 21 Bridge over the Catawba River is nearly complete and expected to be finished in April or May.
- SC 5 Bridges (overflow and river bridge) over the Catawba River is also nearly complete and traffic is expected to shift to the new bridge in May.
- Springhill Road Phase I has finished utility relocation and is expected to be completed in August.
- Mt. Gallant Road / Celanese Road is scheduled to let in June and construction is expected to begin in August or September.

4. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

a. Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the key components of the LRTP Update process and then focused in on the projects recommended for inclusion in the Cost Constrained section of the Long Range Plan. In particular, Mr. Hooper reviewed the network LOS ratings emphasizing those locations with notable deficient operating conditions as well as other supporting information. Against this backdrop, Mr. Hooper then reviewed the results of the ACT 114 ranking process.

Mr. Hooper then transitioned to a follow-up question raised by Mr. Norman at the March meeting regarding cost per lane mile information. Mr. Guy then reviewed this information for each of the projects listed below:

- Celanese Road / I-77 interchange
 - 0.5 lane miles added (\$31 million per mile)
 - 1.56 lane miles improved (\$9.9 million per mile)
- SC 160 / I-77 interchange
 - 1.0 lane miles added (\$15.5 million per mile)
 - 4.5 lane miles improved (\$3.4 million per mile)
- SC 160 widening
 - 8.58 lane miles added (\$1.74 million per mile)
 - 11.44 lane miles improved (\$1.3 million per mile)
- Cel-River Road Project
 - 4.0 lane miles added (\$3.5 million per mile)
 - 6.0 lane miles improved (\$2.3 million per mile)
- I-77 / US 21 / SC 5 interchange
 - 0.25 lane miles added (\$8 million per mile)
 - 0.25 lane miles improved (\$8 million per mile)

Ms. Pender then asked what the best measurement is to evaluate these projects. Mr. Guy responded that cost per lane mile is certainly appropriate and useful for road widenings, but that there are various methods for evaluating other types of projects such as intersection improvements and/or interchange reconfigurations. With no further questions, Mr. Hooper stated that formal endorsement of the Cost Constrained List and Unfunded Transportation Needs Section is necessary at this point so that staff may undertake the required air quality

testing component of this process. Mr. Funderburk asked for a motion. Ms. Pender made a motion to approve the Cost Constrained Project List. Mr. Harris seconded and the comprehensive transportation project list (cost constrained and unfunded needs) was then unanimously approved.

- b. **TIP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper presented a request for preliminary approval to amend the FY 13-18 TIP to add \$2,882,780 in federal funds for the FY 12-13 CMAQ projects and authorize a 15-day public comment period. The three projects included: (1) Town of Fort Mill Clebourne / N. White Street - \$857,780.00; (2) City of Rock Hill Side Track Extension Project (Phase III) - \$1,200,000.00; and (3) York County Gold Hill Road / I-77 Interchange - \$825,000.00. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the TIP Amendment. Ms. Pender seconded and preliminary approval of the TIP Amendment was unanimously approved.
- c. **Appointment of CAC Member** – Mr. Long presented a request to consider the appointment of Frieda Price to fill the transportation disadvantaged seat on the CAC. As a point of reference, Mr. Long noted that the Study Team has reviewed the application and are recommending it for their consideration. Mr. Funderburk made a motion to appoint Ms. Price as the transportation disadvantaged representative of the CAC; Mr. Reno seconded and the appointment was unanimously approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. **Administrative Report** – Chairman Funderburk asked for any comments regarding the Administrative Report. Mr. Hooper then briefly reviewed the summary information regarding the CATS 82X as well as recently approved flexibility guidance outlined by SCDOT in implementing the new 20% road resurfacing requirement. Essentially, Mr. Hooper noted that those MPO's who have a greater need to address heavily congested intersections or undertake ITS improvements (among others), are in fact able to do so in meeting this requirement.

Mr. Hooper then mentioned that SCDOT just issued a press release regarding the formation of a new regulatory review committee that has scheduled a number of public comment opportunities throughout the state; and that, the first is slated for next week on Thursday, March 28th from Noon to 1:30pm in Rock Hill City Hall.

b. Next Regular Meeting - Mr. Funderburk announced that the next regular meeting will be April 16, 2013.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 P.M.