



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Friday, May 27, 2011 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)  
Manchester Meadows Conference Room**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Danny Funderburk; Wes Hayes; Jim Reno; David Bowman; George Sheppard; Ralph Norman; and Donald Rodgers

**ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:**

Joe Cronin (Fort Mill); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); Hart Baker (SCDOT); Jessica Hekter (FHWA); John McCarter (SCDOT); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); Roy Tolson (SCDOT); Cathy Rice (SCDOT); David Vebaun (CRH); Jimmy Bagley (CRH); Wendy Bell (CRCOG); Randy Imler (CRCOG); Phil Leazer (York County); Sarah Rayfield (York County); Tobe Holmes (York County); Stephen Allen (York County); Elizabeth Harris (CIN); Susan Britt (Tega Cay); Frances Thomas (CRH); David Hooper (CRH); and Leigh Welch (CRH).

**CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT:** Debbie Hayworth (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); Jim VanBlarcom (CAC); Larry Huntley (Citizen); Gina Bass (CIN); and Larry Huntley (Citizen)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. Welcome** – Chairman Funderburk called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M.
- B. Citizen Comment Period** – Chairman Funderburk invited visitors and/or citizens who had comments to address the Policy Committee at this time. There were no comments.

**2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Funderburk asked if there were any changes, deletions or comments to the minutes of the March 25, 2011 meeting. Hearing no comments, Mr. Reno made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Bowman seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

- A. New Catawba River Bridge Crossing Feasibility Study** – Ms. Thomas stated that RFATS has completed the solicitation process for the New Catawba River Crossing Feasibility Study RFP. A total of 6 proposals were received by the May 20, 2011 deadline and are currently under review. Ms. Thomas reviewed the timeline and stated that interviews are anticipated by mid June; a finalist recommendation is scheduled to be presented at the June meeting; and work is scheduled to begin in July, 2011.

Discussion followed regarding the selection process. Specifically, the Committee and staff discussed the evaluation of proposals, interviews and finalist selection in addition to the negotiation of the scope of services and contract price.

#### **4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. SCDOT Intermodal and Freight Programs**- The Office of Railroads Director, Mr. Roy Tolson, presented information on the new SCDOT Division of Intermodal and Freight Programs. Specifically, Mr. Tolson stated Act 206 was signed into law in June, 2010 which eliminated the Division of Mass Transit and created the new Division of Intermodal and Freight Programs. The new division includes the Office of Public Transit and Office of Railroads. Mr. Tolson then reviewed and summarized the Division's objectives which include planning, developing and coordinating a comprehensive intermodal transportation program for the movement of passengers and freight through integrated highway, railroad, port, airport and other transit systems in addition to managing funding from federal, state and local transit sources.

Mr. Hart Baker, SCDOT Deputy Secretary, then spoke to the awareness of SCDOT and its activities concerning public transit, rail and freight. Furthermore, Mr. Baker encouraged public transit use and discussed the dedicated funding sources for the Office of Public Transit. Mr. Baker also discussed the future of high speed rail in South Carolina and the lack of funding for the Office of Railroads to maintain the railroads and crossings.

Mr. Norman commented on the I-73 project and the future impact of funding for SCDOT maintenance activities.

#### **5. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. TIP Amendment** - Mr. Hooper presented a request for final approval to amend the FY 09-15 TIP to reallocate FY 10-11 CMAQ funds for the Exit 90 improvements project in the amount of \$945,000 to the Springhill Farm Road project. Mr. Hooper also noted no public comments were received.

Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion to amend the TIP to reallocate FY 10-11 CMAQ funds from the Exit 90 improvements project in the amount of \$945,000 to the Springhill Farm Road project. Mr. Bowman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Transportation Conformity Determination Report Amendment and 2035 LRTP Resolution** - Ms. Thomas stated this request is to affirm the final approval of an amendment to the 2009 Transportation Conformity Determination to include the Tega Cay- Gold Hill Connector and resolution of conforming LRTP. Ms. Thomas stated no public comments were received.

Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion to affirm the final approval of the amendment to the 2009 Transportation Conformity Determination to add the Tega Cay Gold Hill Connector and conforming LRTP resolution. Mr. Bowman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- C. FY 11-12 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** - Ms. Thomas briefly reviewed the four areas of focus for the FY 11-12 UPWP which are as follows:

- 1) 10 year major update to the Metrolina Regional Model
- 2) Managing the Catawba River crossing feasibility study
- 3) Initiating the LRTP update in early 2012
- 4) Work associated with new air quality standards

Ms. Thomas stated no public comments were received and then requested final approval of the FY 11-12 UPWP.

Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion for final approval of the FY 11-12 UPWP. Mr. Rodgers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. TIP Amendment** – Ms. Thomas presented a request for preliminary approval to amend the FY 09-15 TIP to add Federal Transit Administration funds (Section 5316) in the amount of \$28,800 awarded to York Technical College; and to authorize a 15-day public comment period.

Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion to amend the TIP to add FTA Section 5316 funds in the amount of \$28,800 and to authorize a 15-day public comment period. Mr. Rodgers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**E. TIP Amendment** - Mr. Hooper summarized information regarding the previous award of FY 06-07 CMAQ funds to the City of Rock Hill trolley town tourist loop project and the completed feasibility study. Mr. Hooper then noted that following a review of the feasibility study, the City then decided against proceeding with the project and funds were transferred to the Federal Transit Administration. Subsequently, a request to reallocate the remaining balance of funds for the FY 06-07 CMAQ trolley town tourist loop project in the amount of \$1,136,000 to an existing CMAQ project – the rail yard extension project –has been received. Mr. Hooper then requested preliminary approval to reallocate \$1,136,000 to the rail yard extension project and authorization for a 15-day public comment period.

Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion to reallocate \$1,136,000 in FY 06-07 CMAQ funds to the rail yard extension project and authorize a 15-day public comment period. Mr. Rodgers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**F. FY 11-12 Transportation Enhancement Program and TIP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper stated the Sub-committee reviewed and are recommending the following three TEP applications totaling \$245,600:

York County –Exit 90 Gateway Project - \$70,000  
York County – Sutton Place Sidewalk Project - \$40,000  
City of Rock Hill – Sidney Street Improvement Project - \$146,800

Mr. Hooper also presented a request for authorization of a 15-day public comment period.

Mr. Reno made a motion for preliminary approval for the allocation of \$245,600 in federal funds for the three TEP projects and to authorize a 15-day public comment period. Mr. G. Sheppard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**G. FY 11-12 CMAQ Program** – Mr. Hooper presented a recommendation for the allocation of \$2,438, 934 in federal funds and requested authorization for the project sponsors to complete the air quality benefit analysis for the following projects:

Town of Fort Mill – Springfield Parkway Area Improvements - \$496,800  
York County – Coltharp Rd. Multi-Use Trail Improvement - \$444,000  
City of Rock Hill – Mt. Gallant / Celanese Intersection Improvements - \$400,000  
City of Rock Hill – Riverview / Riverchase Intersection Area Improvements - \$400,000

City of Rock Hill – Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades - \$387,639  
City of Rock Hill – E. White Street / SC 72 Intersection Improvement - \$154,350  
Town of Fort Mill – Electric Vehicles and Recharging Infrastructure - \$94,145  
York County – Heckle Blvd Sidewalk Improvements - \$42,000

Mr. Reno made a motion for preliminary approval for the allocation of \$2,438,934 (subject to project funding on SC 72 / E. White Street being adjusted upward based on revised cost estimates) and authorization to proceed with air quality benefit analysis for selected projects. Mr. G. Sheppard seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

**6. Other Business:**

- A. Mayor Sheppard recognized Mr. Van Blarcom, Tega Cay citizen and CAC representative, for being named Coach of the Year for his work as coach for the state champions - the Fort Mill High School lacrosse team.
- B. Mr. Rodgers briefed the Committee on the Catawba Indian Nation's effort to secure funding from the 2011 Public Lands Highway Discretionary program from FHWA for the Rivercrest Rd. project and requested letters of support from the RFATS communities and SCDOT Commissioner Nuckles by Tuesday, May 31, 2011.
- C. Next regular meeting – June 25, 2011

**7. Adjournment:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.