



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
November 22, 2013 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)  
Manchester Meadows Conference Room**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Danny Funderburk; George Sheppard; Brian Carnes; Jim Reno; Doug Echols; Britt Blackwell; Kathy Pender; Bill Harris

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

Greg Shaw (SCDOT); John McCarter (SCDOT); Robby Moody (CRCOG); David Vebaun (Rock Hill); Joy Shealy (SCDOT); Brian Klauk (SCDOT); Susan Britt (Tega Cay); Ryan Blancke (York County); Steve Willis (Lancaster County); Bill Meyer (Rock Hill); Dianne Janicki (SCDOT); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); David Burgess (SCDOT); Allison Love (York County); Elizabeth Harris (CIN); Chuck Chorak (Rock Hill); William Long (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS)

**CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT:** Carl Manns (CAC); Frank Myers (CAC); Mike Fry (CAMPCO); Scot Sibert (STV, Inc.); and Larry Huntley (Fort Mill)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**a. Welcome** – Chairman Echols called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M. and welcomed all in attendance.

**b. Citizen Comment Period** – Mr. Echols asked for any citizen comments. There were no comments.

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

Mr. Echols asked if there were any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the September 27, 2013 meeting. Hearing no comments, Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. G. Sheppard seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:**

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

- US 21 Bridge is complete
- SC 5 Bridge will be 100% complete in December 2013
- Springhill Farm Road is complete
- Mt. Gallant Road / Celanese Road utility relocation is done. The project is scheduled to be completed in summer 2014.
- SC 72 / Albright Road is 50% complete. The project is scheduled to be completed in spring 2014.

- Squire Road Bridge over Wildcat Creek was let on November 13<sup>th</sup> and will be closed for six months beginning spring 2014
- The Church Road Bridge is scheduled to begin in FY 2018 and the Auten Road Bridge is scheduled to begin in FY 2017.

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

- a. Flyover Bridge Project** – Mr. Chorak reviewed the commercial development on Dave Lyle Blvd and the growing residential and industrial development continuing to increase traffic congestion at the I-77 interchange. Mr. Chorak then reviewed current and projected travel demand and workable options for upgrading network capability. Taking account of cost variables and spacing constraints, Mr. Chorak noted that incorporation of a flyover bridge project would represent the most efficient and least expensive option for upgrading area network capability.

Discussion then followed regarding additional analysis of the Galleria area – assessing the full impact such an improvement would represent. Mr. G. Sheppard then asked about the nature and scope of the analysis process and asked about the broader regional impact of such an improvement. Mr. Funderburk noted the importance of tracking and assessing the operational conditions at each of the interchanges within RFATS. With this in mind, Mr. Chorak noted that he will continue to evaluate the model data at the interchange areas and provide a summary update at a later meeting.

- b. Alignment of STIP / TIP Practices and Procedures** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed ongoing efforts to streamline the process of project implementation and then outlined potential options for more closely aligning the TIP / STIP process – a core coordination function for how projects are programmed and reflected in our planning documents. Mr. Hooper then summarized practices at SCDOT as well as at MPO's throughout the state and noted that certain project scope and cost changes are managed administratively within established change thresholds. Mr. Hooper then outlined suggested thresholds for the Policy Committee to consider. A follow-up discussion will occur at the January meeting.

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

- a. FY 13-14 UPWP & FY 14-19 TIP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper noted that a request to initiate an MPO urbanized area transit study received preliminary approval at the September meeting. There has been a 15-day public comment period with no comments received. Mr. Hooper then asked for final approval of amendments to the UPWP and the FY 14-19 TIP. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion for approval; Ms. Pender seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

- b. FY 14-19 TIP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper briefly reviewed the 20% road resurfacing / intersection improvement requirement and the 2013 programming recommendation to the Riverview / Riverchase project. There has been a 15-day public comment period with no comments received. Mr. Hooper asked for final approval programming \$556,000 to the Riverview / Riverchase CMAQ project. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion for approval; Ms. Pender seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

- c. FY 14-19 TIP Amendment** – As a continuation to the discussion about the new 20% road resurfacing / intersection improvement requirement, Mr. Hooper noted that SCDOT has indicated that the preferred approach is for MPO's to identify and program funding through the entire TIP period rather than on an annual basis. With this in mind, Mr. Hooper said that

the Study Team is recommending that we continue to work to close the remaining shortfall on existing projects on the state system and has identified the following ACT 114 ranked intersections: (1) Riverview / Riverchase; (2) Dave Lyle Blvd / Chamberside Dr; and (3) Charlotte Highway / Marvin Road. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion for approval; Mr. Carnes seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

**d. Public Participation Plan** – Mr. Long stated that at the September meeting, the Policy Committee granted preliminary approval to the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP), and authorized a 45-day public comment period – no comments were received. Mr. Long then asked the Policy Committee to grant final approval to the updated Public Participation Plan. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion for approval; Mr. Funderburk seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

**e. 2014 Policy Committee Meeting Schedule** – Mr. Hooper reviewed the proposed 2014 meeting schedule and noted that the May and November meetings are slated to occur on the third Friday of the month due to the memorial and thanksgiving day holidays. Mr. Echols then asked for a motion. Ms. Pender made a motion for approval; Dr. Blackwell seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**a. Administrative Report** – Mr. Hooper noted that there was one item identified from SCDOT's quarterly update.

**b. Next Regular Meeting** – Mr. Echols announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Operations Center – Room 132.

**c. State Infrastructure Bank** – Mr. Echols noted that the State Infrastructure Bank recently made substantial commitments to I-77 and I-85. Mr. Echols then asked if anyone was aware of any details or why those projects were selected? Mr. Echols then noted that there are many worthy RFATS projects that should be put forward to the SIB for programming consideration. Mr. K. Sheppard then suggested bringing this item to the SCDOT commissioner for guidance / assistance. Mr. Echols then requested that staff identify what projects (in addition to the Dave Lyle Blvd Extension) would qualify for SIB consideration and present short list at the January meeting.

**d. I-77 Southbound Exit 79 Off Ramp** – Mr. Echols noted the completion of the design work on I-77 Southbound Exit and the expected loss of trees associated with this work. Mr. Chorak then summarized the design evaluation process, and although a number of trees are slated to be removed – the placement of new trees is envisioned. Mr. Klauk then stated that the placement of new trees appears workable and is federally eligible – so the trees will be incorporated into the project plan.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.