

RFATS

Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

Friday, February 26, 2010 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)
Manchester Meadows Conference Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Echols; Danny Funderburk; George Sheppard; Paul Lindemann; Buddy Motz; Kathy Pender; Donald Rodgers; Ralph Norman; and Sarah Nuckles

ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Phil Leazer (York County); Sarah Rayfield (York County); Allison Love (York County); Dave Pettine (York County); Shane Belcher (FHWA); Brian Klauk (SCDOT); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); Dianne Janicki (SCDOT); Cathy Rice (SCDOT); Herb Cooper (SCDOT); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); Stan Bland (SCDOT); David Burgess (SCDOT); Joe Cronin (Fort Mill); Elizabeth Harris (CIN); Carey Smith (CRH); Jim Baker (York County); Frances Thomas (CRH); David Hooper (CRH); and Leigh Welch (CRH).

CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT: Denise Williams (CAC); Hisham Abdelaziz (HDR); David Gamble (SCDOT); Jim VanBlarcom (CAC); Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn); Theron Pickens (LandDesign); and Mark Ulmer (Citizen) .

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. **Welcome** – Chairman Motz called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.
- B. **Citizen Comment Period** – Chairman Motz 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 Motz asked if there were any changes, deletions or comments to the minutes of the January 22, 2010 meeting. Hearing no comments, Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sheppard seconded and the minutes were then unanimously approved.

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

- A. **York County Sales Tax Projects** – Mr. Leazer provided an update on the 1997 and 2003 Pennies for Progress projects and presented the Policy Committee with information on the proposed schedule of the third Pennies for Progress referendum. Specifically, Mr. Leazer noted 14 total 1997 Pennies for Progress projects of which 9 have been opened to traffic; 4

under construction; and 1 under FHWA review and permitting. Mr. Leazer also noted a total of 38 2003 Pennies for Progress projects; of which 7 have been opened to traffic; 9 under design and ROW acquisition; 2 holding for additional funding; and additional funding located for 2 projects (Springhill Farm Rd. and Hwy 160 – Goldhill Rd. to Zoar Rd.)

Mr. Leazer went on to discuss the referendum regarding a third round of Pennies for Progress program. Mr. Leazer noted a date would not be attached to the proposed referendum but would be referred to as the third Pennies for Progress program for several reasons. Mr. Leazer stated revenue can not begin until existing program collections were complete and the 2003 program tax collections are projected to end in the fourth quarter of 2011. Mr. Leazer went on to summarize the schedule as follows: February – June 2010- public meetings and input; Summer 2010-development of final project list; September, 2010 – present final project list to York County Council for approval; November, 2010 - First reading and public hearing; and June, 2011 - Referendum.

Mr. Norman inquired if the ROW had been acquired for the future projects. Mr. Leazer stated the program is pay as you go and ROW is acquired as each project is initiated.

Mr. Leazer also noted York County is working with SCDOT and FHWA on the design/permitting/ROW process.

Ms. Pender inquired if additional federal funding may be available for current projects and ROW acquisition. Mr. Baker noted that because the projects are prioritized and are pay as you go, the ROW acquisition can not be accelerated.

- B. 82X and 78X Bus Services** – Mr. Hooper presented a report summarizing the last five months of ridership data. Specifically, Mr. Hooper stated the 82X ridership was down 33% from last year due to low fuel cost and the adverse economy. Mr. Hooper noted a decline in ridership with all regional express routes. Mr. Hooper went on to state the Celanese Corridor Express - 78X route is a start up route that has been operating since October, 2009. Mr. Hooper noted low ridership and slow to moderate growth anticipated for the 78X route at this time.

Mr. Hooper then noted a proposed fare increase by CATS will be considered by the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC). The current fare is \$3.00 for a one-way trip.

- C. TEP and CMAQ Projects** – Mr. Hooper presented the following quarterly reports for the TEP and CMAQ projects:

TEP: Currently six funded projects – 3 active; 1 pending reprogramming of funds; and 2 under evaluation for possible reallocation requests

CMAQ: Currently fifteen projects – 4 active; 6 elected SCDOT as project managers; 3 pending administrative clearance; and 2 (Springhill Farm Road and Riverview/Riverchase) completed the technical review process

Commissioner Nuckles introduced Mr. Cooper, SCDOT's LPA Administrator. Mr. Hooper also introduced Ms. Rice, SCDOT, as the primary coordinator of the TEP program.

Ms. Pender also thanked SCDOT for the approval to move forward with the Mount Gallant and Celanese Road intersection project.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

5. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

A. TIP Amendment- Ms. Thomas presented a request for final approval of an amendment to the FY 09-15 TIP to add FY 09-10 CMAQ projects in the amount of \$2,775,500 in Federal funds. Ms. Thomas also noted no public comments were received.

Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve the request to amend the TIP to add CMAQ projects in the amount of \$2,775,500 in Federal funds. Ms. Pender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Klauk noted the amount provided as information in the agenda packet as \$1,905,500 for the Springhill Farm Rd project and noted the TIP reflects a total amount of \$2, 250,500. Mr. Hooper clarified by noting \$315,000 was recently reallocated to the project which, along with the local match of \$30,000, would revise the total to \$2,250,500. Mr. Motz requested the motion reflect the total amount listed.

B. TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper presented a request for preliminary approval to reallocate \$129,142 in de-obligated federal Transportation Enhancement Program funds to the City of Tega Cay's Molokai Drive Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$50,122 and the City of Rock Hill's Saluda Street Project (Phase III) in the amount of \$79,020 and authorize a 30-day public comment period.

Mr. Echols made a motion to give preliminary approval to reallocate \$129, 142 in federal TEP funds and authorize a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Lindemann seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Administrative TIP Amendment – Mr. Hooper presented a request for consideration of an administrative change to the FY09-15 TIP to reflect shifting of all CMAQ projects to FY 2010.

Mr. Klauk explained the shift of funds is only an administrative or bookkeeping correction to allow the funds to be spent moving forward.

Mr. Echols made a motion to approve the administrative amendment to the TIP to shift all CMAQ projects to FY 2010. Ms. Pender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Citizens Advisory Committee – Ms. Thomas briefly summarized the role of the CAC and requested consideration of Ms. Mckie-Bradley and Ms. Potts as minority population representatives on the CAC. Ms. Thomas also noted a three year term effective March 01, 2010.

Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve the two candidates as the minority population representatives. Mr. Lindemann seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

E. CMAQ and Transportation Enhancement Programs - Mr. Hooper noted the funding amounts for TEP (\$165,670) and CMAQ (\$2,800,000) for FY 10-11. Mr. Hooper then requested approval of the FY 10-11 grant schedules, eligibility requirements and selection process and to re-appoint the subcommittee to evaluate the submitted applications.

Ms. Pender made a motion to proceed with the grant schedules and approve the reappointment of the subcommittee to evaluate submitted applications. Mr. Rodgers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Other Business:

A. Chief Rodgers offered assistance from the Catawba Indian Nation to the RFATS communities to continue to seek funds for the Dave Lyle Blvd Extension project in lieu of the recent announcement of the TIGER grant funds.

B. Next regular meeting – March 26, 2010

7. Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.