

RFATS

Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Danny Funderburk; Wes Hayes; Jim Reno; George Sheppard; Buddy Motz; Kathy Pender; Donald Rodgers; Ralph Norman; and Sarah Nuckles

ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Sarah Rayfield (York County); Wendy Bell (CRCOG); Shane Belcher (FHWA); Brian Klauk (SCDOT); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); Stan Bland (SCDOT); Joe Cronin (Fort Mill); Frances Thomas (CRH); David Hooper (CRH); and Leigh Welch (CRH).

CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT: Jim VanBlarcom (CAC); Lestina Potts (CAC); Mike Burgess (CAC); Cody Deyton (SCDOT – Guest); Andrea McKie (CAC); Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn); and Mark Ullmer (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.

At this time, Chief Rodgers updated the Committee on the efforts by the Catawba Indian Nation to assist in identifying funding for the Dave Lyle Boulevard Extension project. Chief Rodgers stated he appeared before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations of Indian Affairs to request an appropriation of 10 million dollars to assist with the Dave Lyle Boulevard Extension project. Chief Rodgers also noted lobbying efforts will begin in July and August to include the project in the SAFETEA-LU reauthorization later this year.

- 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 February 26, 2010 meeting. Hearing no comments, Mr. Sheppard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Norman seconded and the minutes were then unanimously approved.

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

- A. **York County Sales Tax Projects** – Mr. Motz noted Mr. Leazer was unable to attend and no report is available at this time.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- A. **New RFATS Logo and Website** – Ms. Thomas presented the new stand-alone RFATS website and updated logo. Ms. Thomas cited features such as a public comment section; RFATS information and staff contact information; archives of agendas and minutes; featured information; useful links to local, state and federal public agencies; and direct links to the RFATS communities' websites. Ms. Thomas noted the website as a tool of public outreach as indicated in the RFATS Public Participation Plan.

Ms. Thomas also noted the address - www.rfatsmpo.org and stated the site is expected to be published and available on line in April, 2010.

5. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **TIP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper presented a request for final 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. Mr Hooper noted no public comments were received.

Mr. Sheppard made a motion for final approval to reallocate \$129,142 in federal TEP funds. Mr. Norman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Public Participation Plan and Bylaws** – Ms. Thomas reviewed the proposed changes to the Public Participation Plan and Bylaws. A request was presented to the Policy Committee to consider amendments to the Public Participation Plan and Bylaws to change the public notification period from 30 days to 15 days for specified Policy Committee actions to expedite routine processes, such as TIP amendments.

Sen. Hayes made a motion to consider the proposed changes to the Public Participation Plan and Bylaws and authorize a 45-day public comment period. Commissioner Nuckles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Norman noted previous discussions regarding public notification in The Herald and the use of email notification and website links for additional public outreach. Ms. Thomas indicated an email database would be compiled using contacts from local, state and federal agencies and other local interested parties.

Commissioner Nuckles also inquired if the public notification period could be extended if needed. Ms. Thomas stated the language allows for an extension if needed.

- C. **Unified Planning Work Program** – Mr. Hooper briefly summarized the work activities included in the draft FY 2010-11 UPWP. Specifically, Mr. Hooper noted the cost to update the Regional Travel Demand Model; maintenance of the current LRTP; update to the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and ongoing BRT implementation activities.

Mr. Funderburk made a motion for preliminary approval of the FY 2010-11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and authorize a public comment period. Ms. Pender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

D. RFATS Logo - Ms. Thomas presented a request to consider the endorsement of the new RFATS logo.

Mr. Funderburk made a motion to endorse the new logo. Mr. Sheppard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Other Business:

A. Sen. Hayes stated a meeting was held with SCDOT Secretary of Transportation Limehouse, Commissioner Nuckles, and others regarding the possibility of seeking funding for the Dave Lyle Boulevard Extension project. Following staff discussion regarding the current funding status, Mr. Motz requested staff prepare a report on the history and background of the project in addition to the funding possibilities moving forward and present at a future meeting.

B. Next regular meeting – May 28, 2010

7. Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.