



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
May 31, 2013 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)  
Manchester Meadows Conference Room**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Echols; Bill Harris; Danny Funderburk; George Sheppard; Ralph Norman; Brian Carnes; Michael Johnson; Jim Reno; Kathy Pender

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

Vic Edwards (SCDOT); Phil Leazer (York County); Allison Love (York County); Steve Willis (Lancaster County); Jessica Hekter (FHWA); Bill Meyer (Rock Hill); Robby Moody (CRCOG); Jimmy Bagley (Rock Hill); Penelope Karagounis (Lancaster County); Joy Shealy (SCDOT); Susan Britt (Tega Cay); Chuck Chorak (Rock Hill); Dianne Janicki (SCDOT); Julie Barker (SCDOT); Ryan Blancke (York County); Drew Stokes (SCDOT); William Long (RFATS); and David Hooper (RFATS).

**CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT:** Jonathan Guy (Kimley-Horn); Frank Myers (CAC); Frieda Price (CAC); Scot Sibert (STV, Inc.)

**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** ó Mr. Echols asked for any citizen comments. There were no comments.

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

Mr. Echols asked for any changes, deletions, or comments to the minutes of the April 26, 2013 meeting. Hearing no comments, Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Carnes seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **FY 13 – 18 TIP Amendment** – Ms. Love said that the amendment to reflect \$78,800 in funding support from FTA has completed a 15-day public comment period and no comments were received. Ms. Love stated that York County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs will be utilizing 5310 funds for vehicle acquisition in the amount of \$50,000; and that, York Tech will be utilizing 5316 funds for operating assistance in the amount of \$28,800; no RFATS funding is involved in these requests. Ms. Pender asked what the operating assistance is used for at York Tech. In response Mr. Hooper noted that York Tech offers transportation assistance to and from job skills training sites. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion to approve the TIP amendment. Mr. Funderburk seconded and it was unanimously approved.

**b. FY 13 – 18 TIP Amendment** ó Mr. Hooper said that this TIP amendment is for a re-allocation of existing CMAQ funding in the amount of \$257,875.00 to the Mt. Gallant / Celanese Road Intersection Improvement Project; and \$92,011 to the Princeton / Springsteen Intersection Improvement Project. Mr. Hooper noted that the latest engineering range for bid submissions has been revised upward to reflect changes in materials cost and some project scope additions, including a sidewalk relocation and drainage issues on the Princeton / Springsteen Project. Mr. Norman asked if the \$92,011 was just for sidewalks? Mr. Chorak responded that the existing sidewalk needed to be relocated, along with some drainage work and pedestrian oriented safety work. Mr. Hooper then asked for approval of the TIP amendment; initiation of a 15-day public comment period; and authorization to submit to SCDOT pending receipt of any comments. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. Funderburk made a motion for approval; Mr. G. Sheppard seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

**c. 2035 Long Range Plan Update, AQ Conformity Report, and FY 14-19TIP**

**1. Presentation of 2035 LRTP Update and Air Quality Conformity Determination** – Mr. Guy began by summarizing the overall process for updating the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Guy then transitioned to summarizing each of the LRTP chapters, as well as public input received, transportation needs, regional priorities, and available funding. Mr. Guy also discussed the FY 14-19 Transportation Improvement Program; its role as a short-term project implementation plan (i.e., that it is fiscally constrained), and then highlighted some of the current projects -- including Cel-River Road, Coltharp Road Interchange Feasibility Study, among others.

Mr. Guy then described the Conformity Analysis Report (i.e., air quality testing). Mr. Guy noted that this report outlines and documents how and whether the projects identified in the LRTP and TIP, are in compliance with the approved motor vehicle emissions budget for the RFATS Non-Attainment Area. Essentially, Mr. Guy noted that the conformity process is a modeling analysis designed to determine the impact planned improvements will have on the transportation network; and in particular, on the relevant air quality standards for our area. As a point of reference, Mr. Guy noted that the recent expansion of the RFATS boundary has resulted in both attainment and non-attainment areas within the RFATS boundary. Specifically, Mr. Guy stated that the panhandle of Lancaster County, Catawba Indian Nation, and urbanized areas of York County to the west are currently classified as being in attainment. Lastly, Mr. Guy concluded that RFATSøConformity Analysis passed well below the applicable standard.

Mr. Echols noted that Charlotte is planning an intermodal facility and asked how RFATS can get recognition that trucks using I-77 to Charlotte are contributing to the RFATS non-attainment designation. Mr. Hooper noted that such cross over activity within the model is an important point that will be raised with our model partners during an upcoming meeting of the Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation. Mr. Echols also pointed out that having a Secretary of Transportation who understands the Charlotte-Rock Hill Metro Region is a window of opportunity for RFATS; and suggested that RFATS have something ready for consideration for the USDOT in the months ahead when it comes to tracking / monitoring regional freight movement.

Mr. Hooper then highlighted changes made to the LRTP documents and Conformity Report; specifically, it was noted that projects with a regional impact (such as the Dave Lyle Blvd Extension), typically warrant a separate summary statement describing the basis and expected impact to the transportation network. With this in mind, Mr. Hooper noted that a summary of

the East-West Connector Project has been added to the Highway Element. Additionally, Mr. Hooper mentioned that the terminus on the SC 160 widening project has been incorporated as well (i.e. ending the project at the Rosemont / McMillian intersection versus Calvin Hall Road). Lastly, Mr. Hooper noted that the specific triggers of a conformity determination have been added to the Conformity Analysis Report.

Mr. Leazer then highlighted changes made to the FY 2014-2019 TIP. Specifically, Mr. Leazer noted that SCDOT is requesting a few minor adjustments to three existing CMAQ projects:

- Shifting construction funds for the Riverview / Riverchase area improvement project from FY 2013 to FY 2014;
  - Moving up the right-of-way acquisition phase for the SC 160 / Gold Hill Road project from FY 2014 to FY 2013; additionally, that the construction estimate has been reduced by \$290,000 -- which will enable it to be reallocated to other CMAQ funding needs;
  - Shifting funding on the Dave Lyle / I-77 exit ramp project from FY 2013 to FY 2014; and
  - Moving the 20% road resurfacing / intersection requirement from FY 2014 to FY 2013
- Mr. Leazer said that the resurfacing adjustment will be made by shifting a portion of the funding on the Cel-River Road project from FY 2013 to FY 2014 and using the FY 2013 money for resurfacing or intersection improvements as outlined in SCDOT policy. Lastly, Mr. Leazer emphasized that these adjustments will not adversely affect any of the projects.

Mr. Hooper then noted that this process has been an involved one over the last year or so; and that, it has included extensive public outreach, project identification and evaluation, air quality testing, staff input and a public review process. With this in mind, Mr. Hooper then asked if there were any additional questions and / or comments on any of the three documents. Hearing none, Mr. Hooper asked the Policy Committee to consider adoption of the updated 2035 LRTP; AQ Conformity Report and FY 14-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and to authorize staff to submit these documents to USDOT for final review / approval. Mr. Hooper noted that this action involves a resolution approving and endorsing the updated LRTP and TIP and a resolution approving and endorsing the Air Quality Conformity Report. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. Norman made a motion for adoption and approval. Mr. Reno seconded and the action was unanimously approved.

**d. FY 13-14 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Hooper noted that the Policy Committee was presented with the draft UPWP at the April meeting; as a point of reference, Mr. Hooper stated that this document outlines RFATS activities for the upcoming fiscal year. The UPWP has gone through a 30-day public comment period and received no comments. Mr. Hooper asked for final approval of the FY 13-14 UPWP. Mr. Echols asked for a motion. Mr. G. Sheppard made a motion for final approval of the UPWP. Mr. Funderburk seconded and it was unanimously approved.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**a. Gold Hill Road – Video Footage of Peak Period Traffic Flow** – Mr. G. Sheppard requested that the item be tabled until the next meeting. Without objection, this item will be discussed at the June meeting.

**b. Administrative Report** ó Hearing no questions or comments, the report was accepted as presented.

**c. Next regular meeting** – Mr. Echols announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Friday, June 28, 2013 at the Manchester Meadows Conference Room.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 P.M.