



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
June 22, 2012 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)  
Manchester Meadows Conference Room**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Danny Funderburk; Kathy Pender; David Bowman; Bill Harris; George Sheppard; Wes Hayes; and Britt Blackwell.

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

Jessica Hekter (FHWA) ; Brian Barnes (SCDHEC); Jim Frierson (SCDOT); Joy Shealy (SCDOT); Greg Shaw (SCDOT); John McCarter (SCDOT); Mark Lester (SCDOT); Kevin Sheppard (SCDOT); Elizabeth Harris (CIN); Jimmy Bagley (CRH); Joe Cronin (Fort Mill); Bill Meyer (CRH); Jim Baker (York County); Susan Britt (Tega Cay); Stephen Allen (York County); Allison Love (York County); Wendy Bell (CRCOG); David Hooper (RFATS); and Leigh Welch (RFATS)

**CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT:** Sheri Williamson (STV); Scot Siebert (STV); Frank Myers (CAC); Denise Williams (CAC); Larry Huntley (FM Town Council); Jim VanBlarcom (CAC); Luther Dasher (CAC); and Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**A. Welcome** – Chairman Sheppard called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

**B. Citizen Comment Period** – Chairman Sheppard invited visitors and/or citizens who had comments to address the Policy Committee at this time. There were no comments.

Chairman Sheppard then recognized Senator Hayes, who presented Sarah Nuckles with a resolution from the SC House and Senate recognizing her work during her term as SCDOT Commissioner. Ms. Nuckles thanked all in attendance and expressed her appreciation for the privilege to sit on the RFATS Policy Committee. Ms. Nuckles received a round of applause.

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

Chairman Sheppard asked if there were any changes, deletions or comments to the minutes of the May 25, 2012 meeting. Hearing no comments, Sen. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Pender seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:**

**A. SCDOT Report** – Ms. Shealy provided an update on the two bridge projects currently under construction. Specifically, Ms. Shealy stated that the new US 21 bridge is open to traffic – one lane in each direction and the demolition of the old bridge is being initiated. Ms. Shealy then noted that the portion of construction for the SC 5 bridge involving the river is 100% complete; the bridge construction is 70% complete; roadway construction is 25% complete; and construction completion is scheduled for Summer 2013.

- B. Express Bus Service Update** – Mr. Hooper updated the Committee on the CATS 82 X Express Bus Service. Specifically, Mr. Hooper stated that quarterly ridership was just under 11,000 - averaging 170 riders a day. Year-over-year data reflects a 1.3% increase with a stable trend in ridership. In response to Mr. Frierson’s question, Mr. Hooper stated that the ridership amounts reflect the last three months not the last quarter due to the release schedule of ridership data from CATS.

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

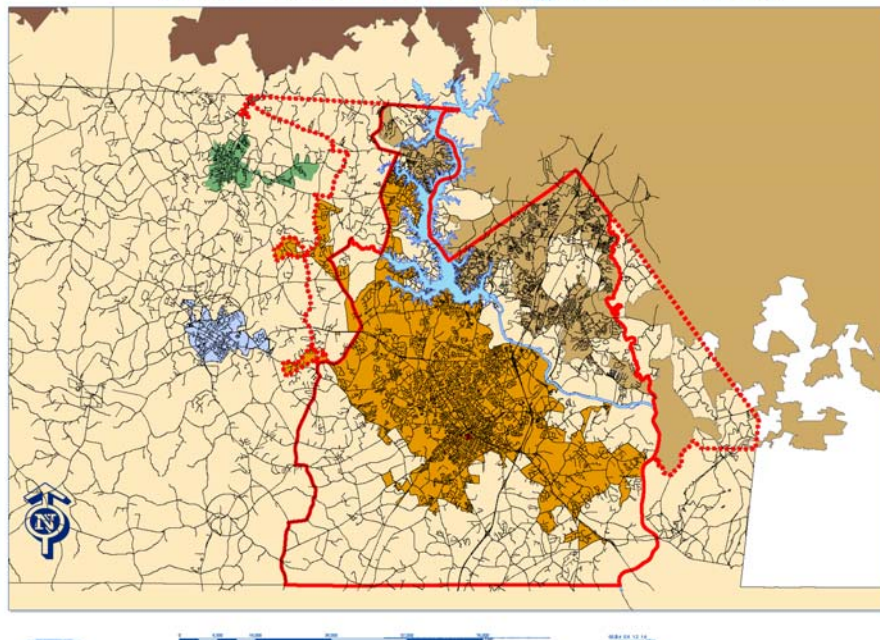
- A. 2010 Census** – Mr. Hooper presented the Policy Committee with summary information about the release of the new urbanized area boundaries and the importance of this information to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process. As a part of this presentation, Mr. Hooper also provided information about the MPO governance process more generally.

Next, Mr. Hooper outlined the options for completing required and potential adjustments to the current RFATS boundary. At a minimum, Mr. Hooper noted that the RFATS boundary would need to be adjusted to include the expansion of the Rock Hill Urbanized Area beyond our existing Study Area boundary. Mr. Hooper then reviewed potential adjustment options that included the panhandle of Lancaster County (as a newly urbanized area); that portion of the Gaston Urban Area extending across the Stateline north of Clover; and consideration of the Town of Clover and the City of York – given their continuing designations as Urban Clusters.

With this in mind, Mr. Hooper then noted that staff met with representatives from each jurisdiction and informed members that Lancaster County indicated that an invitation to join RFATS would be welcome, as would the extension of RFATS west to incorporate that portion of the Gaston UZA north of Clover. Mr. Hooper then noted that neither the Town of Clover or the City of York wanted to become a part of RFATS at this time.

Sen. Hayes then inquired about the expansion of the boundary in Lancaster County, particularly with regard to not extending the boundary to include Hwy 5. In response, Mr. Hooper confirmed that Lancaster County had discussed this option, but preferred to exclude Hwy 5 due to the lack of infrastructure in the area. Mr. Hooper then went on to complete a summary of the recommended adjustment to the RFATS boundary – see below:

## RFATS - PROPOSED BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT



Sen. Hayes made a motion to submit this recommendation to SCDOT for their review / feedback. Mr. Blackwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously. In response to Ms. Pender, Mr. Hooper noted that the proposed boundary will be brought before the Policy Committee following SCDOT's review for discussion regarding funding and planning implications as well as to consider any adjustments to the composition of the Policy Committee. The final boundary and all supporting documentation will be submitted in March 2013.

Mr. Hooper then presented the Committee with information related to MPO governance. Specifically, Mr. Hooper spoke about the establishment of an MPO; membership representation; the distinction between jurisdictional and coordinative representatives; and lastly, different MPO voting structures. Mr. Hooper explained that voting structures are typically based on one of the following approaches:

- One Government – One Vote: population among members is roughly comparable
- One Person – One Vote: population varies among jurisdictions

Mr. Hooper then reviewed the population distribution within RFATS and the current number of voting members. Following a discussion of this information, Mr. Bowman then requested staff to provide a copy of the presentation to the Policy Committee.

### 5. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **TIP Update 2013-18** – Mr. Hooper presented a request for final approval to update the planning period covered by the Transportation Improvement Program from FY 09-15 to FY 13-18. Mr. Hooper noted that no public comments have been received to date. Mr. Funderburk made a motion to grant final approval to update the planning period of the Transportation Improvement Program to FY 13-18. Mr. Bowman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. TIP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper presented a request for final approval of the TIP amendment to add \$1,006,555 in federal funds for the FY 11-12 CMAQ projects; no public comments were received. Mr. Bowman made a motion to grant final approval to amend the TIP to add \$1,006,555 in federal funds for the FY 11-12 CMAQ projects. Sen. Hayes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**C. FY 12-13 CMAQ Projects** – Mr. Hooper presented information related to the FY 12-13 CMAQ projects. Specifically, Mr. Hooper presented the results of the air quality benefit analyses and noted that the projects: York County - Gold Hill Rd / I-77 Interchange Improvements; Fort Mill - Clebourne / N. White Street Improvements; and Rock Hill - Side Track Extension Project – Phase III qualified for the 100% federal funding option. Mr. Hooper then presented a request for final approval of the three projects and authorization to submit the applications totaling \$2,882,780 in CMAQ funds to SCDOT.

Mr. Bowman made a motion to grant final approval of the projects and authorization to submit the projects totaling \$2,882,780 in CMAQ funds to SCDOT. Ms. Pender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. FY 12-13 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Hooper presented a request for final approval of the draft FY 12-13 UPWP and noted no public comments have been received. Sen. Hayes then moved to grant final approval of the FY 12-13 UPWP. Mr. Funderburk seconded and the motion passed on a vote of 6-1 with Ms. Pender dissenting.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A.** Mr. Hooper commented on the Catawba Indian Nations transit study and noted a public meeting will be held on July 10 at 2:00pm at the Longhouse.
- B.** Mr. Hooper noted the formation of an EPA working group coordinated through the Catawba Regional COG and the ongoing review of the technical document provided by EPA in relation to the denial of the request to de-link RFATS from the Charlotte non-attainment area.
- B.** Next regular meeting – September 28, 2012.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.