



**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Friday, June 25, 2010 - 12:00 p.m. (NOON)
Room 373 – Rock Hill City Hall**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Danny Funderburk; Wes Hayes; Doug Echols; George Sheppard; Buddy Motz; Paul Lindemann; Kathy Pender; Jim Reno; and Sarah Nuckles

ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:
Sarah Rayfield (York County); Phil Leazer (York County); Allison Love (York County); Dave Pettine (York County); Jim Frierson (SCDOT); Mark Pleasant (SCDOT); Shane Belcher (FHWA); John McCarter (SCDOT); Brian Klauk (SCDOT); Stan Bland (SCDOT); Frances Thomas (CRH); David Hooper (CRH); and Leigh Welch (CRH).

CITIZENS/VISITORS PRESENT: Amy Massey (Kimley-Horn); Denise Williams (CAC); Jim VanBlarcom (CAC); Rob Walsh (CAMPCO); and Theron Pickens (LandDesign) .

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. **Welcome** – Chairman Motz called the meeting to order at 12:10 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 May 28, 2010 meeting. Hearing no comments, Mr. Funderburk 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 Pennies for Progress projects and noted key points on some projects in and around the RFATS area. Specifically, Mr. Leazer stated SC5 Bypass is under construction with the accelerated portion between Hwy 49 and Lincoln Road complete; Mount Gallant project is under construction and expected to be complete in 18 months; Hwy 274 Corridor has been let for bid; and Fort Mill Southern Bypass project- phase 1A is moving forward and has received approval from SCDOT and FHWA on the environmental assessment document; phase 1B- ROW acquisition scheduled to be completed in 12 months.
- B. **Express Bus Service Update** – Mr. Hooper presented an update on the 82X and 78X bus

services. Specifically, Mr. Hooper noted an overall decline in the ridership due to the economic conditions and low fuel prices. The 82X has averaged a quarterly ridership of 150 per day which represents a 27.2% decline from the average quarterly ridership in FY 09-10. Ridership on the 78X has been slow to moderate with ridership for April and May 2010 at 209 and 159, respectively. Mr. Hooper also noted a third park-n-ride lot for the 78X route was established at Home Depot in Rock Hill effective June 1, 2010. Staff will continue to monitor both services and identify ways to improve ridership.

Mr. Hooper also updated the Committee on the new peak period service beginning July 1, 2010.

Commissioner Nuckles commented on the overall decline in regional ridership routes as provided to the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC).

C. Enhancement and CMAQ Project Update – Mr. Hooper presented information on the TEP and CMAQ projects. Currently, there are 15 projects: 6- active; 3 –design phase; 4- pending contract issuance; and 2- complete.

At this time, Commissioner Nuckles advised the Committee of action taken by the SCDOT Commission to use \$2 million in CMAQ funds to purchase new fleet vehicles. Commissioner Nuckles stated her concern with the consistency of past SCDOT guidance to RFATS on funding projects such as intersection / traffic flow improvements that are more beneficial in terms of air quality rather than funding projects such as alternative fuel vehicles, which offer a significantly lower benefit to air quality. Given this information, Commissioner Nuckles submitted a request to the SCDOT Commission to reconsider the vote. Mr. Hooper also added a traffic flow improvement project in a highly congested area in the amount of \$2 million was not funded due to the lack of CMAQ funds.

Following discussion, Mr. Reno made a motion to submit a response to the SCDOT Commission regarding the use of the CMAQ funds; to include information on the traffic flow improvement project; and to request reconsideration on the action taken by the Commission to purchase new fleet vehicles. Ms. Pender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hooper then provided an update on the TEP projects: 3-active; 1- withdrawn pending reallocation request; and 2- under SCDOT review.

D. SCDOT Update - Mr. Klauk noted the US 21 Bridge Replacement project is currently under construction with work progressing towards a completion date of late 2012. Mr. Klauk then commented on the progression of the SC 5 Bridge project. Specifically, Mr. Klauk noted the initiation of the ROW process; receipt of environmental documentation approval; and review of the environmental permit process. The project is on schedule for an October 2010 letting with construction beginning in January 2011.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

5. PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

A . TIP Amendment - Mr. Hooper presented a request for final approval to amend the FY 09-15 TIP to allocate \$404,906 in federal Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) funds for

the four recommended FY 10-11 TEP projects. Mr. Hooper noted no public comments were received. This funding request includes reallocation of TEP funds from previous years.

Mr. Sheppard made a motion for final approval to amend the TIP to allocate \$404,906 in federal TEP funds. Ms. Pender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. TIP Amendment** – Mr. Hooper presented a request for final approval to amend the FY 09-15 TIP to re-allocate \$90,000 in FY 08 CMAQ funds from York County’s Dutchman Creek Sidewalk project to Rock Hill’s Mt. Gallant and Celanese Roads Intersection project. Mr. Hooper also noted no public comments were received.

Ms. Pender made a motion for final approval to amend the TIP to reallocate \$90,000 in FY 08 CMAQ funds. Mr. Reno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- C. TIP Amendment** - Mr. Hooper presented a request for preliminary approval to re-allocate \$249,691 in FY 07-08 Transportation Enhancement funds from Fort Mill’s Main Street streetscape improvements project to Fort Mill’s US 21 and Spratt Street Gateway pedestrian improvements project and authorize a 15-day public comment period.

Mr. Funderburk made a motion for preliminary approval to re-allocate FY 07-08 TEP funds and authorize a 15-day public comment period. Mr. Lindemann seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- D. Citizens Advisory Committee** - Ms. Thomas presented a request to consider the appointment of David Ward, Jr. for a three year term as a replacement for the Fort Mill representative of the CAC.

Mr. Lindemann made a motion to appoint Mr. Ward as the Fort Mill representative for a three year term beginning July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013. Mr. Sheppard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- E. Memorandum of Understanding** - Ms. Thomas presented information regarding the upcoming FTA Triennial Review in August 2010 for the City of Rock Hill. Specifically, Ms. Thomas stated an agreement is needed between the grantee (City of Rock Hill) and the MPO (RFATS) regarding transit planning and programming for the Rock Hill urbanized area. Ms. Thomas noted City staff and RFATS staff are the same; the MOU will formalize the understanding between both parties.

Mr. Lindemann made a motion to approve the MOU. Mr. Reno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Other Business:

- A.** Commissioner Nuckles stated preliminary approval was given by the SCDOT Commission on the 2011 Funding Plan and new federal match grant program. Ms. Thomas distributed information regarding the possibility of the federal match for projects that meet certain criteria and noted some projects in the RFATS area could be considered. Mr. Pleasant further explained the criteria by stating the funds would be available for projects with short-falls or if no funding source was identified. However, Mr. Pleasant noted the funds could not be used to supplant a budget; projects have to fall within the \$5 million minimum costs; and SCDOT would have to manage the projects.

Commissioner Nuckles then commented on the existing MPO guideshare allocations based on 1990 census data and stated a request was submitted for a more detailed break out of the new formula using the 2000 census data for the allocation of additional funds.

Following discussion concerning the federal matching grant selection criteria; 2011 funding plan; and guideshare allocations, Commissioner Nuckles requested the RFATS communities review the items and provide public comment by July 6, 2010.

B. Mr. Bland noted his retirement with SCDOT as District Engineer and introduced John McCarter as his replacement. The Committee thanked Mr. Bland for his service in the RFATS area and welcomed Mr. McCarter.

C. Next regular meeting – September 24, 2010

7. Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.