

**MINUTES**  
**GPATS STUDY TEAM COMMITTEE**  
**September 28, 2020**  
**Meeting conducted by remote participation**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Keith Brockington, Jon Caime, Tee Coker, Dwayne Cooper, David Dyrhaug, Hesha Gamble, Steve Grant, Brennan Groel, Paula Gucker, Erica Hailey, Valerie Holmes, Ty Houck, Asangwua Ikein, Ashley Kaade, Jason Knudsen, Diane Lackey, Christina Lewis, Skip Limbaker, Clint Link, Heather Lollis, Casey Lucas, Todd Steadman, Renee Miller-Cotton, Mark Pleasant, Erin Porter, Dyke Spencer, Kayleigh Sullivan, and Ryan Ward

**OTHERS PRESENT:** H. Hahn and D. Montgomery

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Keith Brockington called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Keith Brockington welcomed all in attendance and asked if anyone would like to be introduced. He advised the meeting would be short to allow for the next scheduled Zoom meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**SCDOT GPATS PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

Casey Lucas, Program Manager with the SCDOT, addressed members with a brief status update on projects within the GPATS area included in their agenda packets.

- SC-164 Batesville Road bridge deck has been poured, and the work on the drainage will continue through September 2020.
- SC-153 Ext pavement is down, and the overhead signage is beginning to be placed.
- SC-146 Woodruff Road Widening utility relocation is continuing. She stated the curbing, gutter and asphalt base had been installed, and they are striving to finish paving before the end of the season.
- Roper Mtn Rd and Roper Mtn Rd Ext projects have been cleared and grubbed. She advised the nine-month utility window began on September 2, 2020, with Duke relocating the overhead lines and AT&T relocating their underground lines. She stated the road construction should start in March of 2021.
- Woodruff Rd Parallel public hearing was closed in August 2020. She stated SCDOT had addressed the comments they received and responded to any participants who sent in comments. She advised with these public comments in mind, the design is being finalized before submitting to FHWA for their approval by December 2020.
- SC-153 Intersection Improvements' clearing and grubbing have started with the erosion control in place.

- SC-107 Butler Rd alternative alignments were made, and a stakeholder meeting was held on September 21, 2020. She advised once the preferred alignment is decided, this will help determine the kind of public involvement needed in the document to FHWA.
- I-385 Pavement Rehab is almost completed except for a few punch list items remaining and will be removed from the SCDOT's update in the near future.
- S-75 Cherokee Rd over US-29 right-of-way is on schedule and is expected to let in April 2021.
- S-75 Mt Lebanon Church Rd estimated completion date has changed from October to November 2020. She advised both bridges will be completed the first week in October 2020, with pavement beginning soon after. She stated a change order was required for one of the tracks to allow for driveway access.
- S-154 over Huff Creek Bridge Replacement is a turnkey project, and CDM Smith was selected. She advised the survey work has begun, with an estimated survey completion date of November 2020.
- US-29 Church St, SCDOT is securing a consultant through the Small Purchase Program to provide renderings and cross-section alternative analysis for the bridge to accommodate bike and pedestrian facilities as part of the rehab. She advised the estimated completion to be the end of November 2020.
- Clemson University's two Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program projects have been canceled and will be removed from future SCDOT updates.
- Woodside Park Connector plans are being processed through right-of-way, and the Quality Assurance (QA) has been reviewed. She advised a right-of-way obligation is to be completed in December 2020.
- Haywood Rd Sidewalks' construction plans had a revision done by the City of Greenville and the is being reviewed by the QA office.
- Ragsdale Rd construction has started, and the storm drains are being installed.
- Minor Street Sidewalk TA project is completed, and only punch list items remain.
- Riverside Middle School TA project, the SCDOT is working with the Anderson County School District to secure additional funding to move this project forward.
- West Georgia Rd Project, the CECS design was selected, and surveys and traffic analysis in the area have begun.

Ms. Lucas made herself available for any questions.

Keith Brockington asked if construction has been completed on Woodruff Road near the I-85 ramps between Miller Road and Batesville.

Ms. Lucas stated she would inquire with the SCDOT Design Build Office and will follow-up with Mr. Brockington.

### **GPATS PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE:**

Brennan Groel addressed members with amendment updates to the GPATS Horizon2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document. She stated this would be the fourth round of safety targets, and these will be for the year 2021 Performance Period. She advised the bottom of the LRTP page shows the previous target adoption dates. She then reviewed the 2017 – 2021 safety targets and baseline data chart in the LRTP and TIP documents. These consisted of the South Carolina baseline, South Carolina targets, and GPATS Baseline for the five safety performance measures, which are as follows:

- Traffic Fatalities
- Fatality Rate
- Severe Injuries
- Severe Injury Rate
- Non-motorized Fatalities and Severe Injuries

Ms. Groel advised GPATS would be required to either adopt the State targets or create their own and incorporate them into the LRTP and TIP by February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to stay compliant with Federal regulations. She stated GPATS had adopted the State targets in the past, yet the Policy Committee would make the final decision.

She advised GPATS will be producing a four-year monitoring report after South Carolina has finished theirs, and this report would be based on the rate figures and not actual numbers.

Ms. Groel made herself available for any questions.

**Recommendation:** Mr. Brockington asked for approval or any objections from the members to pass the Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment recommendations to the Policy Committee for their approval. No objections or questions by consensus.

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### **FTA SECTION 5310 CALL FOR PROJECTS:**

Asangwua Ikein addressed members on the FTA Section 5310 Call for Projects. He stated approximately \$182 thousand had lapsed. He advised only one application was received and denied for not meeting requirements on the application. He stated a few members of the evaluating committee voiced their concerns regarding the application, and corrections to the application are being made to assist the applicant. He explained \$402 thousand is now available, making the total approximately \$788 thousand.

He stated the Call for Projects is being advertised for twenty-one days, and GPATS will continue to receive applications as long as funds are available.

Mr. Ikein made himself available for any questions.

Keith Brockington asked members if they knew of applicants to submit their application to Mr. Ikein as quickly as possible. He advised the applicants who meet the requirements will be presented at the Study Team meeting in January 2021 and then to the Policy Committee for approval in February 2021.

### **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT AC #2**

Keith Brockington addressed members on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment AC #2 included in the agenda packet. He stated a few of the changes were made as corrections to assist SCDOT's fiscal year ending this month. He explained the changes were approved by SCDOT and FHWA and submitted as corrections in lieu of an amendment to present to the Study Team for recommendation and to later bring to the Policy Committee for approval. The amendment changes to the TIP were as followed:

- Guideshare - Woodruff Road Parallel/Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project
  - Shift ROW \$8,750,000 of System Upgrade - Urban/GPATS/STBGP Funds from FY2021 to FY2022
  - Shift ROW \$28,350,000 of System Upgrade - Urban/GPATS/STBGP AC Funds from FY2021 to FY2022
  - Shift ROW \$9,450,000 of System Upgrade - Urban/GPATS/STBGP ACC Funds from FY2022to FY2025
- Non-Guideshare - I-85 Widening from near SC-153 to near SC-85
  - Shift CON \$10,000,000 of System Upgrade - Interstate - Widening/New Construction/NHP Funds from FY2020 to FY2029
  - Shift CON \$714,500,000 of System Upgrade - Interstate - Widening/New Construction/NHP AC Funds from FY2020 to FY2029
  - Shift CON \$234,833,333 of System Upgrade - Interstate - Widening/New Construction/NHP ACC Funds from FY2021 to FY2030
  - Shift CON \$234,833,333 of System Upgrade - Interstate - Widening/New Construction/NHP ACC Funds from FY2022 to FY2031
  - Shift CON \$234,833,334 of System Upgrade - Interstate - Widening/New Construction/NHP ACC Funds from FY2023 to FY2032
- Intersection Improvements - SC 291 (N Pleasantburg Dr) and White Oak Dr
  - Shift CON \$150,000 Safety/HSP Funds from FY2020 to FY2021

Mr. Brockington made himself available for any questions.

Valeria Holmes asked what the scope of the SC-291 and White Oak project is.

Christina Lewis will provide this scope to Ms. Holmes after she located the information.

Clint Link asked for a status update on the environmental document for the Woodruff Rd Parallel approval and if ICE is under contract for the right-of-way plans.

Casey Lucas stated the environmental document was sent to FHWA for approval before the public hearing. She advised the public comments are now being incorporated into the document, and they are awaiting FHWA's final decision. She stated SCDOT is still in negotiations with ICE.

Clint Link asked if the SC-291 and White Oak project was Guideshare or Non-Guideshare funds.

Keith Brockington advised this project would be Non-Guideshare funds from State Safety funds. He stated it was unknown if these funds would be from the state or district level.

Christina Lewis stated the funding decision had not been made for SC-291 and White Oak project. She located a brief description advising there will be a constructed concrete median restricting left-hand turns on SC-291. She advised it was unknown when construction would begin and will advise.

**Recommendation:** Mr. Brockington asked for approval or any objections from the members to pass the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment AC #2 recommendations to the Policy Committee for their approval. No objections or questions by consensus.

Mark Pleasant had a delayed question regarding Safety Targets from the Performance Measure update earlier. He inquired if the amendment to the LRTP included the performance of the previous Safety Targets.

Brennan Groel stated the chart is changed within the document to show the new targets at this time and inquired if FHWA wanted the performance report included.

Mr. Pleasant suggested a meeting with Christina for the three of them to go over the performance rules. He advised a Safety letter was recently sent to the SCDOT and to incorporate this letter in LRTP.

**GPATS.ORG PROJECT PAGE DEMONSTRATION:**

Brennan Groel addressed the members with a project page demonstration from a test server. She advised this project would tie in with the interactive mapping on the website. She stated the action is not live on the website and will be available soon.

Ms. Groel made herself available for any questions.

Keith Brockington added any region in the GPATS area wanting to include their projects in the GPATS' Interactive Mapping along with a project page to contact Brennan Groel.

**GPATS 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Keith Brockington stated a proposed schedule for the GPATS 2021 meetings were included in the agenda packet. He advised if there were conflicts in the schedule to contact him.

Mr. Brockington made himself available for any questions.

**Recommendation:** Mr. Brockington asked for approval or any objections from the members to pass the GPATS 2021 Meeting Schedule recommendations to the Policy Committee for their approval. No objections or questions by consensus.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Keith Brockington gave an update of the ACOG Freight Study. He stated a stakeholder meeting was recently held with the freight providers. He advised CDM Smith had concluded the existing condition phase and is working on recommendations for improvements to the freight network from comments received from the freight providers.

Keith Brockington spoke on the City of Greenville’s Swamp Rabbit Extension Master Plan presented last Thursday and invited anyone from the City of Greenville to speak. He advised the project will pair well with the Laurens Road TOD Study.

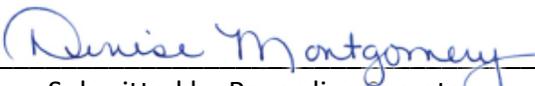
**NEW BUSINESS**

Keith Brockington addressed members with a brief introduction to the Mobility and Thoroughfare Plan. He stated this is an implementation of the County of Greenville Comprehensive Plan with the focus on transportation. He advised this would assist the County in coordinating with SCDOT and other municipalities.

Mr. Brockington made himself available for any questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Mr. Brockington adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

  
Submitted by Recording Secretary