

AGENDA
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
January 26, 2015
Suite 400 - Greenville County Square
10:00 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** *Chairman
Councilman Butch Kirven*

- action:** 2. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 COMMITTEE MINUTES** Attachment 1

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** *Chairman
Councilman Butch Kirven*

- action:** 4. **POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTION OF OFFICERS** Attachment 2
*Chairman
Councilman Butch Kirven*

5. **SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE** Attachment 3
*Tommy Elrod, PE
SCDOT Project Manager*

6. **SCDOT PRESENTATION – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING** Attachment 4
*Tommy Elrod, PE
SCDOT Project Manager*

7. **2015 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS** Attachment 5
*Keith Brockington
GPATS Transportation Manager*

8. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - **WOODRUFF RD PARALLEL AND SC-153 ACCELERATION PROPOSAL**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 GPATS 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN KICK-OFF Attachment 6

10. **ADJOURN**

MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
September 15, 2014
Suite 400 – County Square
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Butch Kirven, Vice Chairman Senator Martin, Representative Smith, Representative Burns, Councilor Norris, Councilor Meadows, Councilor Payne, Mayor Raines, Mayor Danner, Mayor Durham, Mayor Cook, Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence, Councilor Willis, Councilor Smith, Commissioner Willard, Trey Fouche and K. Brockington

OTHERS PRESENT: E. Vinson, P. Gucker, H. Hahn, M. Floyd, F. Curti, T. Elrod, S. Gwinn, P. Phillips, E. Dillon, J. Allison, J. Chasteen, R. Sloan, D. Cooper, J. Horton, H. Gamble and J. Wortkoetter

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16, 2014 MINUTES

MOTION: By Councilor Payne, seconded by Representative Burns to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals signed up to speak.

GPATS LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with an amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to include Clayton Drive. He stated at the March Policy Committee meeting, the town of Central requested the crucial road project be included in the Long Range Transportation Plan. Clayton Drive has been made into a “Federal-Aid Eligible” road and ranked for inclusion in the GPATS LRTP, with a score of 13 points. Mr. Brockington stated the project was ranked 81 out of 93 projects.

MOTION: By Senator Martin, seconded by Mayor Raines to approve the amendment to the GPATS LRTP to include Clayton Drive. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

GPATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT – AR7

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee with an amendment to the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). He stated a list with the proposed changes was included in each member’s packet. The proposed changes were highlighted in blue. Mr. Brockington went over the various changes.

Senator Martin asked about the timeline change to the SC-153 Extension project.

Tommy Elrod, Project Manager with the SCDOT explained the change reflecting one fiscal year to another was done because of the time in which the bids would begin. He stated he thought the bids may begin at the end of FY15 and run over to the beginning of FY16. The change was only a two or three month change due to crossover of fiscal years.

Commissioner Willard noted the required Environmental permitting was causing major delays with all projects within the state. He suggested Mr. Elrod at some time; explain to the Committee just what the permitting process entails.

Chairman Kirven suggested Mr. Elrod give a presentation on the process at the next Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Elrod answered several questions regarding the Corp of Engineers and the permitting requirements. He stated on the SC-153 project there were basically drainage ditches which were Jurisdictional to the Corps of Engineers.

Chairman Kirven noted that the Greenville County Council recently approved a resolution in opposition to the proposed expansion of Federal Control under the Clean Water Act. He stated the resolution was sent on to Washington.

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator updated the Committee with the news that the House of Representative did deny moving the bill forward.

Councilor Smith complimented staff on the increased font size for the attachments.

MOTION: By Senator Martin, seconded by Councilor Meadows to approve the TIP Amendment – AR7. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Tommy Elrod, Project Manager with the SCDOT updated the Committee members on various projects within the area as were included in the Committee’s agenda packets. Additionally, he provided each member with a preliminary design for the I-85 at I-385 Interchange Project. Mr. Elrod pointed out the interchange project would encompass two of the GPATS intersection projects (Woodruff at Garlinton-Miller and Wooruff at

the Shops of Greenridge). He stated there would be an adaptive signal system in place on Woodruff Road.

Mayor Danner asked how emergency repairs are handled, such as the loss of the bridge on Memorial Drive in Greer due to flooding. Additionally, he asked where the replacement was in the process.

Mr. Steve Gwinn with the SCDOT stated the pipe which washed out, was a ten foot diameter pipe and it has been determined the pipe will be replaced with a 10 x 10 box culvert. It is currently procured out for bidding. He stated he would have more information at the next Committee meeting and also offered to email the Mayor with updates on the project.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Kirven stated the first item was the meeting schedule for the GPATS Committee and the Study Team for 2015, which was included in all agenda packets. Without any objection the dates were accepted.

Councilor Payne stated there was a possibility the county may be qualified to apply for an FTA Grant. There will be a scoping meeting after the GPATS meeting to discuss the recently offered FTA Grant for a planning grant pilot program for transit oriented development. He welcomed anyone to be a part of the discussion.

Senator Martin introduced Neil Collins, who will be Representative Neil Collins in November. He will be replacing Representative Phillip Owens.

Chairman Kirven introduced and welcomed Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence representing Simpsonville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Senator Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



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Attachment 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: January 26, 2015

SUBJECT: GPATS Policy Committee Election of Officers, 2015-2016

The biennial cycle of officer terms has come around once again, and per the GPATS Policy Committee Bylaws, the Policy Committee will hold an election for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions.

The Policy Committee shall ask for nominations of officers and shall hold a vote for each office as per the Bylaws below.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

3.1 Chair

*The Chair of the Committee shall be elected from the voting membership. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Committee. Except as otherwise authorized by the Committee, the Chair shall sign all correspondence and other instruments made by the Committee. At each meeting the **Chair** shall submit such recommendations and information as he may consider proper concerning the business affairs and policies of the Committee.*

3.2 Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall be elected from the voting membership and shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of or incapacity of the Chair.

3.3 Secretary

The Manager of Development Services and Transportation Planning, Greenville County Planning and Code Compliance, shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee and, as such, shall have general supervision over the administration of the Committee's business and affairs, subject to the direction of the Committee. The Secretary will be responsible for seeing that each Committee member receives copies of all correspondence received by and transmitted from the Committee and other local government agencies involved with the GPATS program. The secretary shall also assure compliance with the SC Freedom of Information (FOI) Act and all other applicable federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the activities of the committee.

3.4 Term of Office

The officers of the Committee shall serve two-year terms or until a successor has been elected. Elections of officers shall be held at the first meeting of the calendar year.

GPATS Projects Status Report – January, 2015

Note on Cost Estimates: For projects not yet in construction, cost estimates are planning level estimates, typically based on recent similar projects. When the R/W phase begins, a more detailed and accurate R/W cost estimate is prepared. The final R/W cost isn't known until acquisitions are complete and any condemnations settled or tried in court. Concurrently with the R/W phase, R/W plans are provided to affected utility companies, determinations made about prior rights, and a utility relocation cost estimate becomes available for each affected utility. Once construction plans are complete, a detailed construction cost estimate is prepared and compared against the construction bids.

Non-Guideshare Projects

Interstate

I-85/I-385 Interchange: design-build project to complete the 6-laning of I-385 from south of Woodruff Road to north of I-85; construct auxiliary lanes and widen ramps on I-85 between Pelham Road and I-385; add collector-distributor roads along I-385 and replace loop ramps with directional ramps; this project will also replace the Roper Mountain Road bridge over I-85, improve the Woodruff Road @ Garlington/Miller Roads intersection and other improvements to Woodruff Road between I-85 and Market Point Drive, and upgrade the traffic signals on Woodruff Road between Roper Mountain Road/Verdae Boulevard and SC 14; final environmental approval from FHWA on 2/4/13; Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued July 2013; final Request for Proposals (RFP) issued 3/28/14; cost proposals opened 8/6/14, with Flatiron Constructors/Zachry Construction Corp Joint Venture the winning team, with a low bid of \$231,116,087 and a construction time of 1,035 days; contract execution occurred September 15, 2014, with construction expected to begin in late 2015, with substantial completion late 2018

I-85 Widening from Pelham Road to SC 101: widen I-85 to 4 lanes from Pelham Road to SC 101; includes replacing the S. Batesville Road bridge over I-85; begin preliminary engineering in FY 15 with construction scheduled to begin FY 19; total estimated budget of \$80 million

I-85 Widening from White Horse Road to Woodruff Road, and improve I-85/Laurens Road interchange: widen northbound I-85 to 4 lanes between Mauldin and Laurens Roads, widen southbound I-85 between Woodruff and Mauldin Roads, and between Augusta and White Horse Roads, and replace two of the loop ramps at the I-85/Laurens Road interchange with signalized diamond legs; includes the replacement of the Ridge Road bridge over I-85, the widening of the I-85 bridges over Laurens Road and the abandoned railroad (future Swamp Rabbit Trail) and 50% funding participation in the replacement of the Salters Road bridge over I-85; begin preliminary engineering in FY 15 with construction scheduled to begin FY 17; total estimated budget of \$90 million

I-85/SC 290 Interchange: convert the existing diamond interchange to a diverging diamond type interchange and improve the ramps; begin preliminary engineering in FY 15 with construction scheduled to begin FY 17: total estimated budget of \$14 million

I-85 Widening in Spartanburg/Cherokee Counties: widen 16 miles of I-85 to 6 lanes from Gossett Road, Exit 79, to SC 18, Exit 96; includes preliminary engineering for the final 10 miles from SC 18 to the NC line; begin

preliminary engineering in FY 14 and utilize design-build process once environmental phase is complete; anticipate construction beginning in FY 17; total estimated budget of \$246.4 million

Bridges

S-158 Stewart Gin Road over trib. to Praters Creek NW of Liberty in Pickens County: Act 98 special bridge replacement program, District 3 Package A (total of 4 bridges), bid opening May 2014 with a 11/30/2015 contract completion date

S-164 Gibbs Shoals Road over Enoree River, south of Greer: replace bridge, with PE beginning FY 17 and construction in FY 19

S-335 Edwards Road over tributary to Enoree River, west of Taylors: Act 98 special bridge replacement program, construction schedule pending

S-526 Bates Bridge Road over N. Saluda River, near Slater-Marietta: Act 98 program, District 3 Package A2 (1 bridge), bid opening July 2014 with a 10/31/14 contract completion date

S-191 Jones Mill Road over Howard Branch, north of Ft. Inn: Act 98 program, construction schedule pending

S-384 Shannon Drive over Brushy Creek, north of GSP Airport between E. North Street and Edwards Road: Act 98 program, construction schedule pending

S-270 Mush Creek Road over tributary to S. Tyger River, south of Tigerville: Act 98 program, bid opening scheduled for January 2015

S-154 Tall Pines Road over Payne Branch, Act 98 program, construction schedule pending

S-903 Willis Road over Beaverdam Creek, northwest of Sandy Flat: Act 98 program, construction schedule pending

S-132 Old Hunts Bridge Road over Armstrong Creek, southwest of Travelers Rest: Act 98 program, scheduled for January 2015 bid opening

S-456 Daventon Road over Horse Creek, in southern Greenville County: Act 98 program, scheduled for January 2015 bid opening

S-272 W. Georgia Road over Reedy River, west of Simpsonville: begin PE in FY 15 with construction scheduled for FY 18

S-160 Jones Mill Road over Six Mile Creek, southwest of Six Mile in Pickens County: emergency bridge replacement scheduled for construction in 2015

S-318 Lakeshore Drive over Lake Lanier Dam/Spillway, northwest of Landrum in Greenville County: bridge replacement scheduled for construction in 2016/2017

S-267 over 12 Mile Creek in Pickens County: bridge replacement scheduled for construction in 2018

Safety

SC 290 @ S-171: improve the intersection of Locust Hill Road and N. Rutherford Road near Greer; opened bids January 2014 with Eagle Construction the low bidder at \$786,317, and with a contract completion date of 11/30/14

SC 291 Augusta Rd @ Old Augusta Rd/N. Estate Drive just north of Donaldson Center: relocate S-7 Old Augusta Rd to intersect SC 291 opposite N. Estate Drive; opened bids March 2014 with a 9/30/14 contract completion date; S&S low bidder at \$504,816

S-64 @ S-326 Moorefield Memorial Hwy in Pickens County: intersection improvement project; opened bids June 2014 with a completion date; low bidder at

SC 101/S-546 E. Poinsett @ Milford Church Road in Greenville County: intersection improvement project scheduled for construction in 2015/2016

Other

Fairforest Way Phase 2 improvements between Ridge Road and Laurens Road: project management provided by the City of Greenville; funding is federal earmark funds with the City of Greenville providing the 20% matching funds (since Fairforest Way is a city-maintained road); R/W acquisitions underway with construction scheduled for 2015

Guideshare Projects

GPATS TIP

SC 101/290 N. Buncombe Road in Greer: widen N. Buncombe to 5 lanes from Wade Hampton Blvd to the intersection of Locust Hill and Saluda Gap Roads; a design contract with Coleman-Snow in the amount of \$535,441 was executed 6/22/09; a public information meeting was held 7/22/10 at Greer City Hall; environmental document approved 12/5/2011; R/W acquisition process completed July 2014; bids opened October 2014 with only two bids received, both high; will re-bid February 2015, with construction beginning spring 2015 and with a 5/31/16 contract completion date

Batesville Road in Greenville County: widen 2.2 miles of Batesville Road to 3 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalks and bike lanes from SC 14 to Roper Mountain Road; includes new traffic signals at Pelham Falls, Anderson Ridge Road and Roper Mountain Road; executed a design contract 9/23/09 with Vaughn & Melton in the amount of \$630,420; public information meeting held 11/9/10, with large majority favoring relocating road away from cemetery; contract modification in the amount of \$485,184 approved Aug. 2011 to cover relocation around church and new bridge over Rocky Creek, and more extensive environmental documentation; environmental

document approved 1/30/13 and design public hearing held 3/7/13; substantial number of comments recommended more lanes and/or relief from existing traffic congestion, especially at SC 14; design revised to include intersection improvements at SC 14 and an additional lane between SC 14 and new bridge; R/W acquisition process begun September 2014, with construction scheduled to begin mid-2016

SC 183/Jim Hunt Road Intersection in Pickens County: provide turning lanes on SC 183 (Farrs Bridge Road) at Jim Hunt Road.; environmental document completed October 2010; R/W acquisitions are complete; construction scheduled to begin summer 2016; a crest vertical curve on SC 183 will have to be lowered about 3 feet (via a temporary detour) due to the crash history and to meet sight distance requirements

SC 183/Jameson Road Intersection in Pickens County: construct roundabout at the intersection of SC 183 (Farrs Bridge Road) and Jameson Road; R/W acquisitions scheduled for 2015/2016 with construction beginning summer 2017

S-107 Butler Road in Mauldin: widen Butler road to 5 lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalks adjacent to Mauldin HS and improve the Bridges/Corn Roads intersection; environmental documentation and R/W plans are complete; right of way acquisition process is complete, with construction scheduled to begin early 2014; landscaping and irrigation are included, using enhancement funds matched by the City of Mauldin; S&S Construction was low bidder at \$1,600,119.32, with a contract completion date of 11/30/14; roadway items were completed July 2014, with landscaping and irrigation items scheduled to begin October 2014

Roper Mountain Road in Greenville County: widen Roper Mountain Road between Garlington and Feaster Roads to three lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalks; public information meeting held July 31, 2012; opened bids November 2014 with only 2 bids received, both high; will re-bid March 2015, with construction beginning June/July 2015

US 178/SC 93 Intersection in Liberty: provide turning lanes at the intersection of US 178 and SC 93; public information meeting held 10/20/11; R/W acquisition process is underway with construction tentatively scheduled to begin summer 2015 but is dependent on the replacement of sewer lines by the City of Liberty

SC 153 Extension in Easley: extend SC 153 from US 123 to Saluda Dam Road, including new bridges over the railroad and Hamilton Creek; the design contract with CECS in the amount of \$2,233,408 was executed 8/25/10; public info meeting held 10/4/11; environmental document was approved 9/10/13, and the design public hearing held 10/29/13; R/W acquisition process begun July 2014 with construction beginning spring 2016; the design contract with CECS was increased by \$1,089,011 to cover the preparation of R/W and construction plans for Phase 2 (Prince Perry Rd to Saluda Dam Rd); Corps permit anticipated to take 1 year to secure; intent is to combine both phases into one construction contract

Salters Road in Greenville: widen Salters Road from Verdae Blvd. to Millennium Blvd., including a new bridge over I-85; a design contract with Transystems in the amount of \$1,146,998 was executed 6/24/10; a contract modification for \$219,910.49 was executed March 29, 2012 due to more extensive environmental studies and documentation than initially anticipated; public information meeting held 2/9/12; environmental document approved 6/18/13, and design public hearing held 8/6/13; R/W acquisition process on hold pending funding contribution from City of Greenville; anticipate construction beginning early 2016; intent is to close the road and

bridge January through October 2016 while the existing bridge over I-85 is replaced; funding for the I-85 bridge replacement is shared 50/50 by GPATS and SCDOT

SC 183 @ SC 8 in Pickens: improve the intersections of Farris Bridge Road/Jewel Street, Jewel Street/E. Jones Ave., and improve Jewel Street (SC 8) adjacent to the (former) Pickens HS in the City of Pickens; environmental document approved 7/29/10; R/W acquisition process began late 2010; construction bids were opened in November 2012, with Thrift Development the low bidder at \$2,284,790; construction began in February 2013 with a 9/30/2014 completion date

Woodruff Road/I-85 Ramp Modifications in Greenville: improve the NB I-85 exit ramp at Woodruff Road, the Woodruff Road/Carolina Point Parkway intersection and the WB Woodruff Road entrance ramp to I-85; R/W acquisition and construction are anticipated to be accomplished as a part of the I-85/385 design-build project

Woodruff Road @ Garlington/Miller Roads in Greenville: improve the intersection of Woodruff Road at Garlington/Miller Roads by providing additional turning lanes; R/W acquisition and construction are anticipated to be accomplished as a part of the I-85/385 design-build project

SC 290 @ SC 253 in northern Greenville County: improve the intersection of Locust Hill Road and Mountain View Road in the Sandy Flat community; a public information meeting was held 1/20/11, with the majority of comments opposed to aligning SC 253 with Pine Log Ford Road; an alternate design with the intersection closer to the existing location was prepared and both designs were presented at a follow-up public information meeting on 10/11/11; based on public feedback, SCDOT is moving forward with a "signalized" design that improves the skew angle but keeps the intersection as close as possible to the existing location and maintains the Keller Road/SC 290 intersection; environmental document approved 2/28/13; R/W acquisitions underway with construction scheduled to begin fall 2015

Brushy Creek Road @ Strange/Kimbrell Roads adjacent to Eastside HS: improve the intersection of Brushy Creek Road at Strange/Kimbrell Roads by providing additional turning lanes; public information meeting held Oct. 18, 2012, with environmental document approval 2/14/13; opened bids November 2014, with Eagle Construction the low bidder at \$1,675,405.19. Contract completion date is 10/31/15.

US 178 Ann Street in the City of Pickens: this is a jointly funded project with the Pickens CTC; the intent is to improve US 178 from Main Street to just beyond the Jones Street intersection; the CTC through their consultant (Transystems) will prepare R/W and construction plans utilizing CTC funds, and contribute approx. \$1.4 million towards construction; SCDOT will prepare the environmental document, and manage the R/W, utility relocation and construction phases; a public information meeting was held Feb. 2, 2012; R/W acquisition process is underway with construction beginning mid-2016

SC 146 Woodruff Road Widening in Greenville County: widen Woodruff Road from Scuffletown Road to Bennetts Bridge Road (SC 296) and improve Scuffletown Road between Woodruff Road and Birkdale Drive; plan preparation and environmental studies underway, R/W acquisition process scheduled for 2015/2016, with construction beginning FY 17

SC 14 improvements between Five Forks Road and Bethel Road in Greenville County; add dual left turn lanes at Five Forks Road and at Bethel Road, and add one lane in each direction to SC 14 between the 2 intersections; R/W acquisition process scheduled for 2015 with construction beginning fall 2016

Roper Mountain Road Extension (S-547) improvements between Pelham Road and Roper Mountain Road in Greenville County; widen to 3 lanes with curb/gutter/sidewalk; \$1,496,391 consultant agreement with ICA Engineering executed 1/29/13; public information meeting held 12/4/14; R/W acquisition process scheduled for 2015/2016 with construction 2017/2018

Roper Mountain Road (S-183/S-548) improvements between Roper Mountain Road Ext. and I-85; widen to 5 lanes with curb/gutter/sidewalk from near RMR Extension to Blacks Drive, and to 3 lanes for the remainder; \$1,114,188 consultant agreement executed with ICA Engineering executed 1/29/13; public information meeting held 12/4/14; R/W acquisition process scheduled for 2015/2016 with construction 2017/2018

Please contact SCDOT Program Manager Tommy Elrod with any questions or comments.

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Attachment 4

MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: January 26, 2015

SUBJECT: SCDOT Presentation, Environmental Permitting Process

At the September 2014 GPATS Policy Committee meeting, it was requested by the Committee for a presentation by Tommy Elrod with SCDOT to provide education and information on the typical Environmental Permitting process each project goes through as a part of the Preliminary Engineering.

Environmental Permitting, a critical and required component of receiving Federal Funding for projects, can take significant time and resources to complete. Mr. Elrod will provide an overview of the process, and will be available for questions.

This information is being provided for informational purposes only, and no action by the Policy Committee is required at this time.



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Attachment 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: January 26, 2015

SUBJECT: GPATS 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program, Call for Projects

The annual cycle for the Transportation Alternatives Program shall be opened for Fiscal Year 2015, for all eligible jurisdictions who currently do not have an active application or project less than 50% complete. SCDOT has awarded the FY 2015 TAP Apportionment to GPATS earlier in January, for the amount of \$631,105. Applicants are requested to fill out the SCDOT TAP Application, which has been provided to the staffs of all GPATS Jurisdictions.

The major change that will be taking place in the GPATS TAP Program for the 2015 program is that the TAP Office with SCDOT has requested, due to the question of funding as MAP-21 is under a Continuing Resolution, that all parties be notified that should a funding shortfall occur due to a lack of future TAP funding, that all projects needing reimbursements shall be beholden to GPATS. Essentially this means that if the TAP funding ceases to exist, GPATS may need to cover active projects with Guidesshare.

Please submit all applications to GPATS staff no later than Feb. 6th, 2015. All submitted funding requests will be reviewed at the February 24th Study Team meeting.

Prior to GPATS approval of new projects in June, the current tentative schedule is:

1. January 12 – Study Team – Call for projects
2. February 6 – Deadline for preliminary application submittal
3. February 23 – Study Team - Evaluation of preliminary applications
4. March 16 – Policy Committee – Presentation of Draft Projects
5. June 1 – Study Team – Finalization of Projects for TIP
6. June 15 – Policy Committee – Approval of projects to TIP

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Attachment 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: January 26, 2015

SUBJECT: GPATS 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan Kick-Off

Every five years, Metropolitan Planning Organizations like GPATS are required to update or replace their Long-Range Transportation Plans. These plans are crucial to guiding the actions of GPATS by identifying projects, setting priorities, and providing a demographic picture of the region for the next 25 years. The GPATS Travel Model is also tied to the LRTP updates and provides the best picture of traffic and congestion. The last full Long-Range Transportation Plan was completed in November of 2007, with an update completed in 2013 (delayed from 2012 due to the GPATS expansion). By the end of 2017, GPATS is required by State and Federal Regulations to complete a new LRTP.

This is a major process and one of the primary duties of GPATS Staff, requiring much time and effort. The 25 year plan will have a Base Year of 2015 and a Future Year of 2040. Demographics and Travel Model data will be collected to provide the best regional picture possible for the setting of priorities in funding GPATS projects.

Completion of the 2040 LRTP in 2017 requires a kick-off this calendar year. Staff will begin early this spring with developing Requests for Proposals for Consultants to assist with all aspects of the LRTP. The timeline for completing the plan is, generally, as follows:

- 2015 – Consultant Selection, Data Collection, Survey Dispersal, Kick-Off Public Meeting
- 2016 – Travel Model Creation, Demographic Analysis, Area Public Meetings, Project Development
- 2017 – Travel Model Completion, Area Public Meetings, Document Creation, Adoption

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