

MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
February 26, 2018
Suite 400 – County Square
10:07a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Butch Kirven, Representative Burns, Representative Smith, Representative Loftis, Senator Allen, Senator Rice, Councilor Norris, Councilor Payne , Councilor Meadows, Councilor Hudson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Willard, Mayor Durham, Mayor Cook, Mayor Bagwell, Mayor Petersen, Mayor Owens, Mayor Danner, Mayor Curtis, Mayor Raines, Addy Matney and Keith Brockington

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Gucker, S. Holt, B. Hansley, A. Ikein, H. Hahn. D. Montgomery, H. Gamble, G. Gordos, T. Houck, M. Forman, S. Limbaker, T. Elrod, D. Cooper, V. Holmes, C. Link and S. Amell-Jackson and M. Holden

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Kirven called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Chairman Kirven welcomed all in attendance and noted three new members of the Committee. He recognized Brian Petersen, Mayor of Liberty. He recognized Brandy Amidon, Mayor of Travelers Rest and Senator Richard Cash who replaces Senator Gambrell with the Anderson County Legislative Delegation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals signed up for public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION: By Councilor Payne, seconded by Representative Burns to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 Committee meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Tommy Elrod addressed the Committee members with a brief update of projects as were included in the agenda packet. He stated the I-385 paving has been going on for a while and what you are riding on now is not the final product. The contractor is scheduled to get back on the project this April and completion would be this calendar year. The West Georgia Road Bridge over the Reedy River will have opening bids in August. He stated the Church Street Bridge would be

widened to the east and there is a plan to have a barrier protected multi-use path on the east side. A consultant will be chosen to assist in design and that will be a couple of years in the future. Mr. Elrod stated the Batesville Road would have opening bids in August. The 153 Extension should begin construction in March. The Woodruff Road widening will have opening bids in mid-2018. Mr. Elrod stated the SC 14 improvements have a completion date of November 30, 2019. Roper Mountain Road extension bid opening to be summer 2018 and construction beginning in fall.

Mr. Elrod made himself available for any questions.

2018 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with the annual call for projects for the Transportation Alternative Program. He stated this was opened for all eligible jurisdictions that currently do not have an active application or project less than 50% complete. Mr. Brockington stated the SCDOT allocation for 2018 to GPATS was \$656,199.00. He noted applications were available from staff or on the GPATS website. The applications would need to be submitted no later than March 16, 2018. Draft projects would be presented to the Committee at the April 16, 2018 meeting and approval of projects into the TIP would be at the June 18, 2018 meeting.

GPATS 2017 CERTIFICATION REVIEW FINDINGS

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with the findings from the July 2017 quadrennial Certification Review. He noted the entire document may be found on the GPATS website. Mr. Brockington stated there was no corrective action noted and several recommendations were made. Staff will be working with its State and Federal partners on a work plan to address the recommendations. The following were recommendations:

- Enhancing Coordination on regional coordination with internal and external jurisdictions, including conducting consolidated planning efforts. This will most immediately be seen in the revival of the GPATS/SPATS/ANATS/ACOG memorandum of understanding. Staff will be looking into Transportation Security Planning.
- Updating the GPATS Bylaws to be reflective of the current MPO Structure. This will include formalizing the study team, which has been briefed and is in agreement.
- Development of a program document to govern the Unified Planning Work Program Special Studies. This item will necessitate some work by Staff and Study Team, however in the interim GPATS is intending to not provide funds for Special Studies this June. Instead, GPATS, SPATS, ANATS and ACOG will be pooling funding for an Upstate-wide Freight Management Study.

GPATS FY2019 UPWP – UPSTATE FREIGHT STUDY

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members on reevaluating the annual UPWP Carryover Funds. He stated since 2007, GPATS has done over two dozen local area transportation studies, however with the recent Certification Review, the process by which those funds are allocated and spent needs to be modified, formalized and codified to be in compliance with Federal regulations. The FHWA and SCDOT have requested GPATS, SPATS, ANATS and ACOG coordinate efforts and funding on an Upstate-wide Freight Management Plan. Mr. Brockington stated should the Policy Committee wish to pursue this endeavor, staff will prepare the FY2019 UPWP Financial Statement to allocate the annual carryover funds (TBD) towards this project. ACOG will be conducting the study with support of the MPO's and upstate jurisdictions.

MOTION: By Mayor Cook, seconded by Representative Smith to approve the GPATS FY2019 UPWP – Upstate Freight Study. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

GPATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT AC#2

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with a draft financial statement for GPATS FY2018 through 2023 Transportation Improvement Program. He stated an amendment was to include the changes to the Woodruff Road widening (Scuffletown to Bennetts Bridge). A shift of construction funding from FY17-18 to FY18-19. Additionally the SCDOT Vehicle Replacement Initiative Funding would have GTA receiving \$2,133,500 and CAT receiving \$2,337,500.

MOTION: By Mayor Cook, seconded by Representative Smith to approve the GPATS Transportation Improvement Program Amendment AC#2. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

GREENVILLE COUNTY RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM APPLICATION – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Ty Houck, Greenville County Director of Greenways, Natural and Historic Resources addressed the Committee members with a request for a letter of support for a Grant application he is working on with the Recreational Trails Program. He stated this grant would be for the southern section of the Swamp Rabbit Trail from Verdae Boulevard to CU-ICAR campus. The Grant would be in the amount of \$100,000 and there would be an in-kind match.

MOTION: By Mr. Payne, seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the letter of support for the Recreational Trails Program Grant. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.


NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

By Councilor Norris to adjourn. Without objection Chairman Kirven adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.


Submitted by Recording Secretary