

MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
March 17, 2014
Suite 400 – County Square
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Kirven, Representative Loftis, Representative Smith, Representative Burns, Representative Hamilton, Senator Martin, Senator Allen, Senator Martin, Councilor Norris, Councilor Meadows, Councilor Payne, Council Chair Taylor, Mayor Raines, Mayor Eichor, Mayor Bagwell, Mayor Cook, Mayor Long, Mayor White, Mayor Danner, Mayor Durham, Mayor Mayor Owens, Pickens Council Chair Smith, Councilor Willis, Commissioner Willard, Trey Fouche and K. Brockington

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Estep, P. Gucker, H. Hahn, M. Floyd and M. Tollison,

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

Chairman Kirven welcomed everyone and recognized the new SCDOT Commissioner representing District 4, Woody Willard. He also recognized Mr. Doug Freight, who is the South Carolina Deputy Secretary for Intermodal and Freight Programs with the SCDOT. He recognized Mark Tollison, Greenville County Attorney, and Mayor Frank Krenshaw from the town of Pendleton.

Chairman Kirven stated on the GPATS by-laws, the Mayor of Liberty serves on the Committee, but was not reelected. The by-laws do not provide the flexibility for the Committee to substitute that position with the Mayor of Pendleton. The Pickens County Delegation would like to address the substitution. Chairman Kirven stated the item would be on the agenda for the June meeting for discussion and possible amendment to the bylaws.

APPROVAL OF THE February 3, 2014 MINUTES

MOTION: Without objection the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rick Summerall representing Verde Development and requested the Committee to realign Salter Road along with the Woodruff Road parallel.

Ms. Lisa Hallo representing Upstate Forever addressed the Committee regarding the Transit Reorganization

Mr. Todd Voss, President of Southern Wesleyan University regarding Clayton Drive.

APPROVAL OF THE GPATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT "AR5"

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with a request for approval of changes to the TIP. He stated the changes being proposed are on the attachment received in the agenda packet, noting the funding for the I-85 Widening and Improvement Project have been increased. Mr. Brockington stated the increase was to allow for expedited work on the corridor. The request was made by the SCDOT in order to make the improvements sooner. The second amendment would include the FY2014 apportionment for Section 5307 funding. Mr. Brockington stated the funding allocation requested for inclusion in the GPATS TIP was 4.541 million dollars.

MOTION: By Councilor Payne, seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the TIP amendment "AR5". The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

GPATS TRANSIT REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

Chairman Kirven addressed the Committee on the Transit reorganization proposal. He stated the item originally was discussed in November 2013. Since that time GTA and CAT have not been able to come to a resolution, therefore Mr. Kirven felt it was time to make a decision. He stated over the months he had received information and good advice regarding the item. Mr. Kirven stated since the restructure of GPATS after the 2010 Census, with the new expanded boundaries another transit provider was taken into the GPATS area. There had been a little controversy, problems getting the new transit provider (CAT) and Greenville Transit Authority operating smoothly. The designated recipient, which has been GTA does not carry forward into the new reorganization. GPATS Committee needs to make a decision as to who will be the designated recipient to receive the funding. If the decision were made for GPATS to be the recipient, it would be an administrative function, supporting both CAT and GTA.

The signed Resolution will be sent to FTA for authorization for GPATS to suballocate and administer FTA 5307, 5310 and 5339 grant funding as a Designated Recipient..

County Council Chairman Taylor asked if there was a time issue involved in order to move forward.

Secretary Freight answered questions regarding the process. Additionally, all three parties must concur with the reorganization.

Chairman Kirven answered a question regarding the county budget as was asked by County Councilor Norris. He stated there were two positions open in Transportation, which the salaries would come out of a grant fund. The County personnel budget would not be affected in any way, and there would be minimal impact on staff.

Secretary Freight explained the 5307 program, which is deciding who gets what funding, the 5310 and 5339 is a selection and review process.

MOTION: By Representative Burns, seconded by Senator Martin to approve the resolution for GPATS Transit Reorganization as presented in each member's packet.

After further discussions the following motion was made.

MOTION: By Mayor Cook, seconded by Councilor Smith to amend the resolution to include the 5340 allocation beginning July 1, 2014. The motion to amend carried by a vote by hand of 21 in favor and 3 in opposition.

MOTION: By Mr. Fouche that monies continue to come from Greenville County and do not come off of FTA funds, 5307, 5310, 5339 or 5340. Being there was not a second to the motion, the motion failed.

The motion to approve the resolution for GPATS Transit Reorganization as amended carried by a show of hands with 15 in favor and 9 in opposition.

Item 6 is mute point at this time.

MOTION: By Senator Martin to appoint the Greenville County attorneys office to serve as legal counsel to GPATS for the purpose of providing the required legal council for the FTA (Federal Transit Authority) in connection to GPATS designated recipient status. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

SCDOT PROJECT UPDATE

Tommy Elrod addressed the Committee giving a brief status update on projects within the GPATS area as was in their agenda packets. He made himself available for any questions after the meeting.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM: UPDATE

Keith Brockington discussed the draft project list for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The projects will be discussed and ranked by staff and the Study Team based upon need and potential and present the final list for inclusion into the UPWP to the Policy Committee at the June meeting. Mr. Brockington stated the PL carryover available to GPATS for Fiscal Year 2015 is \$108,915.00.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM: UPDATE

Keith Brockington discussed the application of two projects received for the FY2014 TAP Cycle. GPATS staff will proceed with ranking the projects and with the total GPATS TAP allocation of \$621,818.00, staff does not see the need to competitively decide between projects. Staff will work with the applicants to ensure the proposals are as finalized as possible ahead of the final June approvals into the GPATS TIP.

OLD BUSINESS

Town of Central Project Request

GPATS and SCDOT staffs are currently evaluating the project. Clayton Drive was not on the Federally Eligible system, it is a State Road. He stated at this time there is a question of eligibility of the road to be included in the GPATS LRTP, so there is no recommendation to the Study Team for an LRTP amendment. A delay in getting the project into the LRTP will not affect the speed at which the project may be done. Staff will have a final recommendation at the June meeting.

GPATS Guideshare

Mr. Brockington discussed the two attachments which were included in the packets which reflect the current formula the SCDOT uses in determining the amount of Guideshare funding GPATS receives. Using the current formula, GPATS would receive an additional \$974,860.00 per year. He noted using the modified formula, which does not use VMT (vehicle miles traveled), GPATS would receive \$3,242,877.00 additionally. The SCDOT will be endorsing the "population only formula" at their March meeting. Staff will include the final Guideshare changes in the TIP at the Policy Committee meeting in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Woodruff Parallel and SC-153 Project Acceleration Proposal

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with a request that was included in the packets addressing the Woodruff Parallel. With current projections, the work on the parallel road would not begin until 2020, due to funding constraints of the TIP and LRTP. Staff was informed the Policy Committee could bring projects into the TIP and reorder the projects to expedite the projects and if needed SCDOT Commission could vote to accelerate Guideshare funds for certain projects, to be repaid over a period of time if needed to keep GPATS "in the black". Additionally, GPATS staff desired the inclusion of SC-153 project third ranked in the LRTP, to spread the benefits of acceleration to the larger GPATS area. Staff is requesting a vote of endorsement and would return at the regular Policy Committee meeting in June with a TIP Amendment to include the projects and to propose what impacts would be to the other TIP projects.

Mr. Brockington answered questions regarding SC 153, and the time frame for the projects. He explained what improvements would be made at SC 153.

Mayor Long invited all to attend a benefit fundraiser for Dan Powell on March 30, 12014. Dan is known in Greenville County from Fountain Inn to Travelers Rest.. He is suffering from Stage 4 Lung Cancer and Fountain Inn would like to help him and his family. Dan has been instrumental in obtaining Grant monies for Fountain Inn. Fountain Inn has adopted him as their citizen and recognized him as citizen of the month. Mayor Long asked each to come or send \$20.00 to help.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:40a.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary