

**MINUTES**  
**GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**March 19, 2012**

**Conference Room A – County Square**

**10:06 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senator Thomas, Chairman; Senator Shoopman; Representative Putnam; Senator Martin; Greenville Council Chair Kirven; Councilor Payne; Councilor Norris; Councilor Meadows; Pickens Council Chair Willis; Mayor Long; Mayor Raines; Mayor Owens; Mayor Danner; Mayor Sheriff; Mayor McCall; Mayor Bagwell; Mayor Eichor; Commissioner Edwards; J. Barbare; M. Long; and D. Mitchell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** J. Owings; K. Brockington; T. Wedmore; H. Hahn; T. Elrod; E. Dillon; H. Gamble; J. Gardner; D. Cooper; V. Holmes; J. Chasteen; and P. Phillips

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2012 MINUTES**

**MOTION:** By Senator Martin, seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Thomas welcomed and recognized Representative Putnam to the Committee. He also recognized Senator Larry Martin and congratulated him on his new position as Chairman of the Justice Committee of the South Carolina Senate.

**BUTLER ROAD PROJECT**

Chairman Thomas requested the item be held over until the June GPATS meeting. Chairman Thomas allowed the following citizen to address the committee regarding the project.

Mr. Leo Joyce  
114 Old Bridges Road, Mauldin.

Mr. Joyce voiced his concerns regarding the Butler Road project, which he was not in favor of.

Chairman Thomas stated preliminary plans had been received by the SCDOT just this past Friday and the delay would provide time to look over the plans.

**MOTION:** By Councilor Payne, seconded by Commissioner Edwards to hold the item until the June meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### **GPATS/SCDOT PROJECTS UPDATE**

Tommy Elrod addressed the Committee members with a project status update as had been included in the agenda packets. He was available for any questions at that time or after the meeting.

### **TIP (TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN) AMENDMENT – GTA ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT FOR FY2012**

Greg Baney with Greenville Transit Authority addressed the Committee members regarding an amendment to the TIP to include the FY2012 Annual Apportionments in the amounts of \$1,073,810.00 and \$458,709.00 due to a recent invitation to comment issued by FTA, authorizing local transit agencies to treat fuel costs as capital costs enabling the agencies, in this case GTA, to receive eighty percent of their fuel costs reimbursed through a federal grant. The reimbursement can be applied retroactively to cover costs of fuel incurred from November 18, 2011.

**MOTION:** By Senator Shoopman, seconded by Councilor Norris to approve the TIP amendment for GTA. The motion carried unanimously.

### **2035 LRTP UPDATE – PRELIMINARY LIST OF NEW PROJECTS**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members regarding a list of projects which were provided in the agenda packet. He stated the projects compiled in the list were gathered from the LRTP Update public meetings held last summer, from input from elected officials and staff from around the region and from plans and studies that have been completed in recent years. Mr. Brockington stated staff would be assessing and prioritizing the projects along with the remainder of projects unbuilt from the 2030 LRTP and would present a final list of projects at the June Policy Committee meeting.

### **GPATS WEBSITE UPDATE**

Tiffany Wedmore demonstrated to the Committee members the maneuverability of the GPATS website which is up and running. She encouraged the members to utilize the website and to also let staff know of any changes or additions they may like.

### **FOUNTAIN INN – REQUEST FOR RTP LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Mayor Long requested of the Committee members a letter of support for their 2012 Recreational Trails Program application.

**MOTION:** By Council Chair Butch Kirven, seconded by Mayor Danner to approve a letter of support for Fountain Inn. The motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of new business.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Keith Denny, attorney at law, representing Ms. Elaine Creel who has live on Batesville Road for some time addressed the Committee members with a PowerPoint

presentation and handouts referencing a modern Roundabout alternative for the Batesville Road project. Mr. Denny requested the Committee to look at this alternative as a solution to the Batesville Road project.

After the presentation Mayor Danner requested the SCDOT look into this alternative and return to the Committee a report on the roundabout and if it would be a viable alternative in this situation.

A neighbor of Ms. Creel's agreed the roundabout would be beneficial for Batesville Road.

A gentlemen voiced his opinion regarding the members of the committee, stating it was his observation there were more women needed on the committee.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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Submitted by Recording Secretary