

MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
June 19, 2017
Suite 400 – County Square
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Butch Kirven, Representative Smith, Representative Burns, Representative Loftis, Representative Collins, Senator Allen, Senator Rice, Councilor Norris, Councilor Meadows, Councilor Payne, Councilor Costner, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Davis, Mayor Owens, Mayor Durham, Mayor Cook, Milton Shockley, Keith Brockington and Addy Matney

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Gucker, T. Barber, K. Brockington, B. Hansley, A. Ikein, H. Gamble, M. Forman, S. Limbaker, L. Estep, J. Chasteen, D. Dryhaug, V. Holmes, E. Dillon, C. Nelson, A. Ratchford, G. Shepard, d. Burgess and C. Link

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Kirven called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 17, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION: Without objection the minutes of the April 17, 2017 Committee meeting were approved as presented by voice vote. .

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals signed up for public comment.

SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Johnathan Chasteen with the SCDOT addressed the Committee members with an update of projects within the GPATS area as were included in each agenda packet. He stated the I-85/I-385 project was moving forward with completion in mid-2019. The I-85 widening project near I-385 to near SC 85 may possibly be combined with the I-85 widening from near SC 153 to near I-385, Exit 51. Construction to begin 2020/2021. He noted the I-385 pavement rehabilitation project resurfacing I-385 from near Stone Avenue to Roper Mountain Road is ahead of schedule. Mr. Chasteen spoke to several bridge projects, safety projects and stated they were waiting for a letter for the Corps of Engineers to begin moving forward on the SC 153 Extension in Easley. He made himself available for any questions the Committee may have.

Commissioner Willard noted the Commission approved a rural road safety program and there are two roads in the area which will receive public comment. One is Highway 25 going from Travelers Rest to the North Carolina line. The other one will be Highway 14 just above Greer heading to Spartanburg through Landrum. He stated each ten mile corridor will be looked at individually and additional upgrade or signage, drainage issues, ditches, striping, rumble strips, straightening of some curves may be determined. The program is to see if the number of fatalities can be brought down.

2017 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM UPDATE

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with the six projects that were put forward for the Transportation Alternatives Program. They are listed and ranked as follows:

1. (16 pts) Anderson County: Ragsdale Road Additional Funding
2. (15 pts) City of Fountain Inn: Woodside Park Connector
3. (14 pts) City of Pickens: Pickens Downtown Doodle Connector
Town of Pendleton Greenway
4. (13 pts) City of Travelers Rest: Poinsett Streetscape Project
City of Mauldin: Miller Road Sidewalk

He stated the Study Team discussed funding alternatives, based on ranking and on the ability to do their requested project with the funding that would be provided. There were six applications submitted totaling \$1,742,961, slightly under three times the allocated amount of \$643,694. The Study Team has recommended the following projects for funding.

1. Anderson County: Ragsdale Road Additional Funding. \$320,000 (Full Request).
2. City of Fountain Inn: Woodside Park Connector \$119,400 (Full Request).
3. City of Pickens: Pickens Downtown Doodle Connector - \$204,294 (94.6% of request).

MOTION: By Mayor Cook, seconded by Representative Smith to approve the recommended list for funding in the GPATS Transportation Alternative Program. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

GPATS 2018-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(TIP)

Keith Brockington spoke to the Committee members on the Draft Financial Statement which was included in the agenda packets. He stated this was a Biennial update of the TIP as required by FHWA and FTA. Mr. Brockington went over the changes and noted the Transportation Alternative Projects would be added with the Policy Committee

approval of the projects.

MOTION: By Representative Smith, seconded by Representative Loftis and Councilor Norris to approve the FY 20128-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

FY2018 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM SPECIAL STUDIES

Keith Brockington presented to the Committee members the recommendations the Study Team made regarding the UPWP Special Studies. He stated there were three options for the funding as follows:

- Option 1 Fund all projects @ 50%.
- Option 2 Fund all projects equally
- Option 3 Fund the top rank only (slightly below 100%)

MOTION: By Councilor Payne, seconded by Senator Rice to accept Option 1, funding all the projects at 50%.

The Committee members discussed the various options presented and asked questions pertaining to match monies and how the applicants would handle the remaining monies which were not funded.

Mr. Brockington stated the applicant could either seek other funding sources to make up the shortage or possibly look at scaling back the project.

Mr. Payne spoke to his project explaining doing his project would put Greenville on the cutting edge for any monies that might come from Federal or State entities. Greenville and South Carolina itself would be on the map for Advanced Transportation Technology.

Mayor Durham and Councilor Norris both spoke in favor of Mr. Payne's motion and in favor of his project.

The motion to accept Option 1, funding all the projects at 50% carried by voice vote with two in opposition (Smith and Collins).

FY2018-2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee with a request for approval of the GPATS 2018-2019 UPWP which outlines the financial summary for both years. He explained the funding has increased slightly as the GPATS population has increased. The local

match will be paid 75% by Greenville County and 25% by Pickens County. Mr. Brockington noted the special projects that were approved will be added to the FY2018, Element 403.

MOTION: By Representative Smith, seconded by _____ to approve the FY2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

GTA/GREENLIND LOW-NO GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT

Addy Matney, GTA Board Chair addressed the Committee members with a request for a letter of support for GTA/Greenlink grant application , which if received would allow the purchase of two Proterra buses and three charging stations for service within the Greenville area. She stated this did not commit GPATS to any additional policies or funding. Mr. Gary Shepard, Director of Greenlink Transit also addressed the Committee members in reference to the grant.

MOTION: By Representative Loftis, seconded by Representative Smith to provide a letter of support for the GTA/Greenling Low-No Grant. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

CATBUS RE-IMAGING STUDY FINAL REPORT

Mayor J. C. Cook addressed the Committee members with the Final Report of the CATbus Re-Imaging Study. He provided hard copies for anyone's perusal and also noted the entire document was available on line.

LRTP UPDATE

Keith Brockington updated the Committee members with information on the progress of the LRTP. He stated staff has initiated and completed the next round of Public Involvement. He made available digitally a draft project recommendation as requested by citizens, stakeholders and data analysis. The list is not ranked or finalized. Prioritization will occur in July ahead of the Study Team meeting and Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Brockington stated a final draft list of projects and priorities will be presented to the Policy Committee in August. Staff and Kimley Horn and Associates will begin finalizing the LRTP ahead of adoption in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Kirven noted the rash of fatalities in the White Horse Road area and asked the Commissioners if there were any recommendations they would have.

Senator Allen stated he had spoken with the Secretary of Transportation and the director of the Department of Public Safety to seek help in solving the problem.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Councilor Norris to adjourn. Without objection Chairman Kirven adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary