

**MINUTES**  
**GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**September 19, 2011**  
**Conference Room A – County Square**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senator Thomas, Chairman; Representative Dwight Loftis; Senator Phillip Shoopman; Senator Verdin; Senator Martin; Councilor Payne; Councilor Norris; Councilor Burns; Councilor Meadows; Councilor Willis; Mayor Long; Mayor Godbey; Mayor Danner; Mayor Sherriff; Mayor McCall; Commissioner Edwards; J. Barbare; and M. Long;

**OTHERS PRESENT:** J. Owings; K. Brockington; T. Wedmore; H. Hahn; T. Elrod; E. Dillon; G. Sprague; J. Martin; E. Case; G. Hassfuter; H. Gamble; K. Waters; J. Chasteen; S. Gwinn and V. Holmes

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Due to a lack of quorum, the Chairman moved the agenda items and Item Number 5 was first on the agenda

**PROJECT UPDATE**

John Owings addressed the Committee members on the median access concept, which was done on the I-385 interchange project, at the Bridges Road Bridge between Simpsonville and Fountain Inn. He stated Lane Construction developed the concept which created a safer working environment and also aided motorist traveling that stretch of I-385. The Committee recognized Mr. Hassfuter and his crew with a proclamation for the median access concept.

At this time a quorum was reached and the Chairman continued with the agenda in order.

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 20, 2011 MINUTES**

**MOTION:** By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Mayor McCall to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sheriff was recognized as replacing Mayor Deese from Liberty.

**GREENLINK TIP/STIP AMENDMENT REQUEST –NEW FREEDOM**

Greg Baney addressed the Committee members with a request to amend the TIP/STIP to reflect the New Freedom Grant GTA would receive on behalf of Miracle Hill Ministries to assist in the purchase of a shuttle for their mobility program. The project must provide an ADA service.

**GREENLINK TIP/STIP AMENDMENT REQUEST -JARC**

Mr. Baney's second request was for an amendment to the TIP/STIP reflecting the JARC Grant GTA would receive on behalf of Upstate Forever for the implementation of a bike-share program in the City of Greenville.

After a lengthy discussion the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Danner, seconded by Councilor Payne to call the question. Without objection the question was called and the vote to approve the request to amend the TIP/STIP for the New Freedom Grant on behalf of Miracle Hill Ministries carried unanimously.

After further discussion the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Danner, seconded by Mayor Godby to approve the request to amend the TIP/STIP for the JARC Grant on behalf of Upstate forever. The hand vote indicated a tie and a roll call vote requested.

The motion failed by a vote of eight in favor (Norris, Burns, Verdin, Long, Godbey, Danner, Sheriff and McCall) and eight in opposition (Shoopman, Thomas, Loftis, Payne, Meadows Martin, Willis and Edwards).

At this time, the Chairman moved item number 9 forward.

**FOUNTAIN INN MAIN STREET TIP/STIP AMENDMENT REQUEST**

Eddie Case addressed the Committee members requesting an amendment to the TIP/STIP to include a project for the revitalization and transportation improvement of Fountain Inn's Main Street (SC-14). Inclusion of the project into the Guideshare section of the GPATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) will assist the City of Fountain Inn with their application for funds and provide GPATS support for use of the funding.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Councilor Payne to approve an amendment to the TIP for Fountain Inn Downtown Master Plan, Phase II – Main Street, for the amount of \$1.25 million from the 50/50 Federal Match Program, contingent upon SCDOT Highway Commission approval of funding. The project will be held from amendment to the TIP/STIP until such time as the project is approved by the Commission. The motion carried unanimously with Senator Thomas recusing himself from the vote.

At this time Chairman Thomas received a request from Mr. David Mitchell, Chairman of the Greenville Transit Authority. His request was for consideration of another roll call vote since the prior vote indicated many conflicting vote counts.

Chairman Thomas asked the Committee members if anyone would like to make a motion to reconsider the item regarding TIP/STIP amendment request for the JARC Grant on behalf of Upstate Forever.

**MOTION:** By Councilor Payne to reconsider the item. The motion failed by a vote of eight in favor (Payne, Norris, Godbey, Danner, McCall, Long, Burns and Verdin) and eight in opposition (Thomas, Loftis, Edwards, Meadows, Sheriff, Shoopmand, Willis and Martin.)

**PROJECT UPDATE (continuation)**

T. Elrod addressed the Committee members with an update of current projects within the GPATS area as was included in the agenda packets.

**LRTP PUBLIC MEETING AND SURVEY UPDATE**

Tiffany Wedmore addressed the Committee members on the initial results of the Long Range Transportation Plan Survey which began in July as part of the LRTP update process. Ms. Wedmore stated staff has received 600 responses during the last two months they will continue working to distribute the survey to as many GPATS area residents as possible. She stated staff was pleased with the responses and gave the Committee the results which so far have been received.

Staff was directed to consider a Scientific Survey.

**DEAN HYBL-TEN AT THE TOP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Hybl gave a PowerPoint presentation to the committee providing an update on meetings that have taken place over the last several months discussing potential opportunities for regional collaboration on transportation issues across the Upstate. Mr. Hybl stated at the January meeting he would be requesting a memorandum of understanding between GPATS and SPATS (Spartanburg Area Transportation Study).

**DISCUSSION OF TIME CHANGE FOR FUTURE GPATS MEETINGS**

Tiffany Wedmore presented a proposed meeting schedule for 2012. The meeting dates would be as follows:

January 9, 2010	March 19, 2012
June 18, 2012	September 17, 2012

Ms. Wedmore asked the members of the committee if it would help their schedules if future meetings were scheduled at a different time, perhaps at noon, having a lunch meeting.

The committee members discussed the meeting time and Chairman Thomas stated the January meeting would be in Pickens County at noon. The remainder of the meetings would remain at the 10:00 a.m. starting time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no appearances for public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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Submitted by Recording Secretary