

MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
September 28, 2015
Suite 400 – County Square
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Butch Kirven, Vice Chairman Senator Martin, Representative Smith, Representative Burns, Representative Loftis, Representative Collins, Councilor Meadows, Councilor Payne, County Council Chair Taylor, Councilor Norris, Pickens Council Chair Willis, Councilor Smith, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Davis, Mayor Baughman, Mayor Cook, Mayor Bagwell, Mayor Long, Mayor Raines, Mayor White, Mayor Danner, Mayor Durham, M. Shockley, P. Dilger

OTHERS PRESENT: H. Hahn, S. Julius, H. Gamble, D. Cooper, J. Horton, M. Forman, S. Limbaker, L. Estep, J. Gardner, T. Elrod, J. Chasteen, J. Hekter, V. Holmes, D. Dyrhaug, M. Sullivan, R. Eckenrode and P. Butler.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kirven called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. He stated Keith Brockington was under the weather and Mr. Eric Vinson would be addressing agenda items and answering any questions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2015 COMMITTEE MEETING.

MOTION: By Senator Martin, seconded by Representative Smith to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals signed up to speak.

SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Tommy Elrod, Project Manager with the SCDOT updated the Committee members on projects within the GPATS area as were included in the agenda packets.

Mr. Elrod stated the I-85/I-385 interchange had some night paving currently, but the project was somewhat like the SC153 project, there was a Corp permit needed. He stated a permit had been applied for in May and hoped to get the permit by the end of the year.

Mr. Elrod stated they have been working on the I-385 pavement project and expected to begin construction the summer of 2016.

Mr. Elrod mentioned a safety project at SC 101 and S-135, which was to improve the intersection with a roundabout. There had been a public meeting with comment period to end September 30, 2015.

He stated the Guideshare Project in Greer, SC 101/290 was under construction and completion date was by next summer. Batesville Road was going to be widened from SC 14 to Roper Mountain Road. Right of way was currently being acquired. Scheduled to get bids late next year.

Roper Mountain Road between Garlington and Feaster is under construction. Completion date of late next year. He stated the intersection in Liberty at US 178/SC 93 will schedule bids in February. SC 153 Extension was having right of way acquired and the corp permit was submitted last week. Typical turnaround time is 8 to 12 months. Mr. Elrod stated bids would be open in November for the widening of Salters Road. SC290 at SC 8 will be completed in April 30, 2016. US178, Ann Street in Pickens is acquiring right of way and bids will be open in March.

The Woodruff Road widening from Scuffletown Road to Bennetts Bridge Road had a public information meeting and currently right of way is being acquired. Construction to begin in mid-2017.

Mr. Elrod stated the Woodruff Road Parallel would be managed by the City of Greenville with a participation agreement with SCDOT. Preliminary engineering would begin late 2015 with the right of way acquisition phase to begin in FY18 and construction in FY21.

Representative Burns stated he had attended the public meeting regarding the roundabout for the Lake Cunningham Fire Department area. He stated there were about 120 folks at the meeting and Representative Burns spoke with about 119 whom were against the roundabout.

Mr. Elrod stated he was not involved with the project, Mr. Keith Riddle was. He stated the comment period ends September 30, 2015 at which time SCDOT would decide how to proceed.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT

Eric Vinson, Director of Planning and Code Compliance addressed the Committee with an amendment to the UPWP noting the FY2016 funding available for Element 303 will be split 50/50 between GTA and CAT for required planning purposes. The funds will require 20% match as usual, totaling \$25,000 between both agencies.

Additionally, Mr. Vinson stated another amendment was the removal of the Harrison Bridge Road Extension Study, as requested by the City of Simpsonville, from Element 403.

MOTION: By Representative Smith, seconded by Senator Martin to approve the Amendment to the Unified Planning work Program. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

Mr. Vinson addressed the Committee with a request to amend the TIP as follows:

- Restoration of full Guidesahre Apportionment to pre-Emma's Law number, \$18, 078 million per year.
- Shift of US 178 and SC 93 Intersection Project funding out to 2016.
- Shift of CU ICAR and Fairforest Way Project funding out to 2016, and decrease to \$1.8 million from \$2.75 million.
- Change in FY 2015 FTA Apportionments to reflect the full Fiscal Year.

MOTION: By Representative Smith, seconded by Senator Martin to approve the TIP amendment. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

GPATS 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Vinson addressed the Committee members regarding the 2014 Long Range Transportation Plan. He stated a copy of the RFP (Request for Proposal) was included in each member's packet. Mr. Vinson went over the time-line anticipated for receiving the proposals, reviewing the proposals and tentative date of award and when the notice to proceed would begin.

No action was requested, the update was for informational purposes only.

GPATS 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Kirven stated a schedule for the GPATS 2016 meetings were included in each members packet. Staff had suggested adding an additional meeting next year, meeting every other month.

MOTION: By Council Smith to approve the GPATS 2016 meeting schedule. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

SC-153 Extension Mitigation Credits Update

Mr. Kirven addressed the Committee members with information on a meeting which was held with staff members from the Congressional Delegation office, GPATS staff ,

SCDOT, CECS Consultants, DHEC, the Corp of Engineers, Mr. Kirven and Mayor Bagwell to address the issues surrounding the limited Stormwater Mitigation Credits and what could be done to obtain the necessary credits without a lengthy delay in the SC-153 Extension Project. The two options discussed were one, continue to wait for available credits through the Mitigation Bank that is designated for this project, which would not have any available credits until late 2016 or two, adjust the boundaries of the Big Genorostee Mitigation Bank which has credits available. SCDOT stated the option to adjust the boundaries would be most viable. He stated meetings must still occur, but SCDOT is encouraged that the credits can be obtained and the permit issued for the project in 8-12 months.

Mayor Bagwell suggested sending a follow-up letter to the Delegation.

Mr. Kirven stated there would be a follow-up letter prepared.

Transit Direct Recipient Update

Mr. Vinson stated as of today the application to the FTA has been completed and submitted.

Hampton Avenue Bridge Update

Hesha Gamble, County Engineer stated funding has been secured for the project and staff was working with SCDOT to obtain LPA (Local Project Agreement) approval.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and without objection the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary