

**AGENDA**  
**GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**February 22, 2016**  
**Suite 400 - Greenville County Square**  
**10:00 a.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**  
*Chairman*  
*Councilman Butch Kirven*
  - Mayor Janice Curtis, Simpsonville
  - Mayor Sam Lee, Fountain Inn
  - Matt Carter, GTA Board Chairman
- action:** 2. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 COMMITTEE MINUTES** *Attachment 1*
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
*Chairman*  
*Councilman Butch Kirven*
4. **SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE** *Attachment 2*
  - SC-153 Extension Update *Tommy Elrod, PE*  
*SCDOT Project Manager*
5. **2016 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS** *Attachment 3*  
*Keith Brockington*  
*GPATS Transportation Manager*
- action:** 6. **GPATS DIRECT RECIPIENT STATUS / TRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE** *Attachment 4*  
*Keith Brockington*  
*GPATS Transportation Manager*
- action:** 7. **GPATS TRANSIT PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN** *Attachment 5*  
*Keith Brockington*  
*GPATS Transportation Manager*
- action:** 8. **GPATS 2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT #2** *Attachment 6*  
*Keith Brockington*  
*GPATS Transportation Manager*
9. **OLD BUSINESS**
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - **GPATS 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN KICK-OFF** *Attachment 7*
11. **ADJOURN**

**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.

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Submitted by Recording Secretary

## GPATS Projects Status Report – September, 2015

Note on Cost Estimates: For projects not yet in construction, cost estimates are planning level estimates, typically based on recent similar projects. When the R/W phase begins, a more detailed and accurate R/W cost estimate is prepared. The final R/W cost isn't known until acquisitions are complete and any condemnations settled or tried in court. Concurrently with the R/W phase, R/W plans are provided to affected utility companies, determinations made about prior rights, and a utility relocation cost estimate becomes available for each affected utility. Once construction plans are complete, a detailed construction cost estimate is prepared and compared against the construction bids.

### Non-Guideshare Projects

#### Interstate

I-85/I-385 Interchange: design-build project to complete the 6-laning of I-385 from south of Woodruff Road to north of I-85; construct auxiliary lanes and widen ramps on I-85 between Pelham Road and I-385; add collector-distributor roads along I-385 and replace loop ramps with directional ramps; this project will also replace the Roper Mountain Road bridge over I-85, improve the Woodruff Road @ Garlington/Miller Roads intersection and other improvements to Woodruff Road between I-85 and Market Point Drive, and upgrade the traffic signals on Woodruff Road between Roper Mountain Road/Verdae Boulevard and SC 14; final Request for Proposals (RFP) issued 3/28/14; cost proposals opened 8/6/14, with Flatiron Constructors/Zachry Construction Corp Joint Venture the winning team, with a low bid of \$231,116,087 and a construction time of 1,035 days, starting 12/14/2015 (NTP #2); construction activities began late January 2016, with substantial completion late 2018

I-85 Widening from Pelham Road to SC 101: widen selected segments of I-85 to 4 lanes from Pelham Road to SC 101; includes replacing the Rocky Creek culvert with a bridge and raising the grade of I-85 just south of Pelham Road; also includes replacing the S. Batesville Road bridge over I-85; begin preliminary engineering (Michael Baker is consultant) late 2015, and completing environmental phase/NEPA document within 24 months; then determine if design-build or design-bid-build is preferable; construction scheduled to begin FY 19; current STIP budget is \$42 million

I-85 Widening from White Horse Road to Woodruff Road, and improve I-85/Laurens Road interchange: widen selected segments of I-85 to 4 lanes from White Horse Road to Woodruff Road, and upgrade the I-85/Laurens Road interchange; includes the replacement of the Ridge Road bridge over I-85, and 50% funding participation in the replacement of the Salters Road bridge over I-85; begin preliminary engineering (ICA Engineering is consultant) late 2015, and complete environmental phase/NEPA document within 24 months; then determine if design-build or design-bid-build is preferable; construction scheduled to begin FY 19; current STIP budget is \$69.8 million

I-385 Pavement Rehabilitation: rehabilitate and resurface I-385 from near Stone Avenue to Roper Mountain Road; construction scheduled to begin summer 2016

I-85/SC 290 Interchange: convert the existing diamond interchange to a diverging diamond type interchange and improve the ramps; begin preliminary engineering (Kimley-Horn is consultant) late 2015 with construction scheduled to begin FY 18: total estimated budget of \$14 million

I-85 Widening in Spartanburg/Cherokee Counties: widen 16 miles of I-85 to 6 lanes from Gossett Road, Exit 79, to SC 18, Exit 96; includes preliminary engineering for the final 10 miles from SC 18 to the NC line; began preliminary engineering in FY 14; anticipate construction beginning in 2018; total estimated budget of \$246.4 million

### **Bridges**

S-158 Stewart Gin Road over trib. to Praters Creek NW of Liberty in Pickens County: Act 98 special bridge replacement program, District 3 Package A (total of 4 bridges), bid opening May 2014 with a 11/30/2015 contract completion date

S-164 Gibbs Shoals Road over Enoree River, south of Greer: replace bridge, with PE beginning late 2015 and construction in FY 19

S-335 Edwards Road over tributary to Enoree River, west of Taylors: Act 98 special bridge replacement program, open bids May 2015, with a 4/30/16 completion date (for 5 bridges)

S-526 Bates Bridge Road over N. Saluda River, near Slater-Marietta: Act 98 program, District 3 Package A2 (1 bridge), bid opening July 2014 with a 10/31/14 contract completion date

S-191 Jones Mill Road over Howard Branch, north of Ft. Inn: Act 98 program, open bids May 2015, with a 4/30/16 completion date (for 5 bridges)

S-384 Shannon Drive over Brushy Creek, north of GSP Airport between E. North Street and Edwards Road: Act 98 program, construction schedule pending

S-270 Mush Creek Road over tributary to S. Tyger River, south of Tigerville: Act 98 program, Palmetto Infrastructure low bidder (total of 4 bridges) at \$2,042,377, with a 12/31/15 completion date

S-154 Tall Pines Road over Payne Branch, Act 98 program, construction schedule pending

S-903 Willis Road over Beaverdam Creek, northwest of Sandy Flat: Act 98 program, construction schedule pending

S-132 Old Hunts Bridge Road over Armstrong Creek, southwest of Travelers Rest: Act 98 program, Palmetto Infrastructure low bidder (total of 4 bridges) at \$2,042,377, with a 12/31/15 completion date

S-456 Daventon Road over Horse Creek, in southern Greenville County: Act 98 program, Palmetto Infrastructure low bidder (total of 4 bridges) at \$2,042,377, with a 12/31/15 completion date

S-272 W. Georgia Road over Reedy River, west of Simpsonville: begin PE in FY 15 with construction scheduled for FY 18

S-160 Jones Mill Road over Six Mile Creek, southwest of Six Mile in Pickens County: emergency bridge replacement scheduled for construction in 2015

S-318 Lakeshore Drive over Lake Lanier Dam/Spillway, northwest of Landrum in Greenville County: bridge replacement scheduled for construction in 2016/2017

S-267 over 12 Mile Creek in Pickens County: bridge replacement scheduled for construction in 2018

### **Safety**

SC 146 @ SC 417: improve the intersection of Woodruff Road and Lee Vaughn Road in Greenville County; a roundabout is proposed; R/W acquisition process initiated spring 2015, with construction scheduled to begin summer 2016

SC 101 @ S-135: improve the intersection of Saluda Gap Road and N. McElhaney Road near the Lake Cunningham Fire Department in Greenville County; roundabout design stopped due to local opposition; alternative designs will be investigated

SC 290 @ S-171: improve the intersection of Locust Hill Road and N. Rutherford Road near Greer; opened bids January 2014 with Eagle Construction the low bidder at \$786,317, and with a contract completion date of 11/30/14

SC 291 Augusta Rd @ Old Augusta Rd/N. Estate Drive just north of Donaldson Center: relocate S-7 Old Augusta Rd to intersect SC 291 opposite N. Estate Drive; opened bids March 2014 with a 9/30/14 contract completion date; S&S low bidder at \$504,816

S-64 @ S-326 Moorefield Memorial Hwy in Pickens County: intersection improvement project; opened bids June 2014, with Thrift Development the low bidder at \$988,704.39, with a 11/30/14 completion date

SC 101/S-546 E. Poinsett @ Milford Church Road in Greenville County: intersection improvement project scheduled for construction in 2015/2016

### **Other**

Fairforest Way Phase 2 improvements between Ridge Road and Laurens Road: project management provided by the City of Greenville; funding is federal earmark funds with the City of Greenville providing the 20% matching funds (since Fairforest Way is a city-maintained road); R/W acquisitions complete with construction scheduled for 2016

### **Guideshare Projects**

#### **GPATS TIP**

SC 101/290 N. Buncombe Road in Greer: widen N. Buncombe to 5 lanes from Wade Hampton Blvd to the intersection of Locust Hill and Saluda Gap Roads; a design contract with Coleman-Snow in the amount of \$535,441 was executed 6/22/09; a public information meeting was held 7/22/10 at Greer City Hall; environmental document approved 12/5/2011; R/W acquisition process completed July 2014; bids opened



October 2014 with only two bids received, both high; re-bid February 2015, with Eagle Construction the low bidder at \$4,221,145.18, with a 5/31/16 completion date

Batesville Road in Greenville County: widen 2.2 miles of Batesville Road to 3 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalks and bike lanes from SC 14 to Roper Mountain Road; includes new traffic signals at Pelham Falls, Anderson Ridge Road and Roper Mountain Road; executed a design contract 9/23/09 with Vaughn & Melton in the amount of \$630,420; public information meeting held 11/9/10, with large majority favoring relocating road away from cemetery; contract modification in the amount of \$485,184 approved Aug. 2011 to cover relocation around church and new bridge over Rocky Creek, and more extensive environmental documentation; environmental document approved 1/30/13 and design public hearing held 3/7/13; substantial number of comments recommended more lanes and/or relief from existing traffic congestion, especially at SC 14; design revised to include intersection improvements at SC 14 and an additional lane between SC 14 and new bridge; R/W acquisition process begun September 2014, with construction scheduled for 2017 and 2018

SC 183/Jim Hunt Road Intersection in Pickens County: provide turning lanes on SC 183 (Farrs Bridge Road) at Jim Hunt Road.; environmental document completed October 2010; R/W acquisitions are complete; construction scheduled to begin fall 2016; a crest vertical curve on SC 183 will have to be lowered about 3 feet (via a temporary detour) due to the crash history and to meet sight distance requirements

SC 183/Jameson Road Intersection in Pickens County: construct roundabout at the intersection of SC 183 (Farrs Bridge Road) and Jameson Road; R/W acquisition process initiated June 2015 with construction beginning spring 2018

S-107 Butler Road in Mauldin: widen Butler road to 5 lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalks adjacent to Mauldin HS and improve the Bridges/Corn Roads intersection; environmental documentation and R/W plans are complete; right of way acquisition process is complete, with construction scheduled to begin early 2014; landscaping and irrigation are included, using enhancement funds matched by the City of Mauldin; S&S Construction was low bidder at \$1,600,119.32, with a contract completion date of 11/30/14; roadway items were completed July 2014, with landscaping and irrigation items completed late 2014

Roper Mountain Road in Greenville County: widen Roper Mountain Road between Garlington and Feaster Roads to three lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalks; public information meeting held July 31, 2012; opened bids November 2014 with only 2 bids received; re-bid March 2015, with Sloan Construction the only bidder at \$5,564,915.82, with a 9/30/16 completion date

US 178/SC 93 Intersection in Liberty: provide turning lanes at the intersection of US 178 and SC 93; public information meeting held 10/20/11; R/W acquisition process is complete, with bid opening 2/9/16; construction scheduled to begin spring 2016

SC 153 Extension in Easley: extend SC 153 from US 123 to Saluda Dam Road, including new bridges over the railroad and Hamilton Creek; the design contract with CECS in the amount of \$2,233,408 was executed 8/25/10; public info meeting held 10/4/11; environmental document was approved 9/10/13, and the design public hearing held 10/29/13; the design contract with CECS was increased by \$1,089,011 to cover the preparation of

R/W and construction plans for Phase 2 (Prince Perry Rd to Saluda Dam Rd); R/W acquisition process began mid-2014; anticipate securing Corps of Engineer's permit late 2016, with construction occurring in 2017 and 2018

Salter's Road in Greenville: widen Salter's Road from Verdae Blvd. to Millennium Blvd., including a new bridge over I-85; a design contract with Transystems in the amount of \$1,146,998 was executed 6/24/10; a contract modification for \$219,910.49 was executed March 29, 2012 due to more extensive environmental studies and documentation than initially anticipated; public information meeting held 2/9/12; environmental document approved 6/18/13, and design public hearing held 8/6/13; R/W acquisition process initiated February 2015 and is complete; anticipate construction beginning March 2016; intent is to close the road and bridge during construction, and re-opening August 2017; funding for the I-85 bridge replacement is shared 50/50 by this project and the I-85 widening project (White Horse Rd. to Woodruff Rd.)

SC 183 @ SC 8 in Pickens: improve the intersections of Farris Bridge Road/Jewel Street, Jewel Street/E. Jones Ave., and improve Jewel Street (SC 8) adjacent to the (former) Pickens HS in the City of Pickens; environmental document approved 7/29/10; R/W acquisition process began late 2010; construction bids were opened in November 2012, with Thrift Development the low bidder at \$2,284,790; construction began in February 2013 with a 9/30/2014 completion date

Woodruff Road/I-85 Ramp Modifications in Greenville: improve the NB I-85 exit ramp at Woodruff Road, the Woodruff Road/Carolina Point Parkway intersection and the WB Woodruff Road entrance ramp to I-85; R/W acquisition and construction will be accomplished as a part of the I-85/385 design-build project

Woodruff Road @ Garlington/Miller Roads in Greenville: improve the intersection of Woodruff Road at Garlington/Miller Roads by providing additional turning lanes; R/W acquisition and construction will be accomplished as a part of the I-85/385 design-build project

SC 290 @ SC 253 in northern Greenville County: improve the intersection of Locust Hill Road and Mountain View Road in the Sandy Flat community; a public information meeting was held 1/20/11, with the majority of comments opposed to aligning SC 253 with Pine Log Ford Road; an alternate design with the intersection closer to the existing location was prepared and both designs were presented at a follow-up public information meeting on 10/11/11; based on public feedback, SCDOT is moving forward with a "signalized" design that improves the skew angle but keeps the intersection as close as possible to the existing location and maintains the Keller Road/SC 290 intersection; environmental document approved 2/28/13; R/W acquisitions complete; construction bids opened June 2015, with Eagle Construction the low bidder at \$1,263,973 and with a 4/30/2016 completion date

Brushy Creek Road @ Strange/Kimbrell Roads adjacent to Eastside HS: improve the intersection of Brushy Creek Road at Strange/Kimbrell Roads by providing additional turning lanes; public information meeting held Oct. 18, 2012, with environmental document approval 2/14/13; opened bids November 2014, with Eagle Construction the low bidder at \$1,675,405.19. Contract completion date is 10/31/15.

US 178 Ann Street in the City of Pickens: this is a jointly funded project with the Pickens CTC; the intent is to improve US 178 from Main Street to just beyond the Jones Street intersection; the CTC through their consultant (Transystems) will prepare R/W and construction plans utilizing CTC funds, and contribute approx. \$1.4 million

towards construction; SCDOT will prepare the environmental document, and manage the R/W, utility relocation and construction phases; a public information meeting was held Feb. 2, 2012; R/W acquisition process is underway with construction beginning by late 2016

SC 146 Woodruff Road Widening in Greenville County: widen Woodruff Road from Scuffletown Road to Bennetts Bridge Road (SC 296) and improve Scuffletown Road between Woodruff Road and Adams Mill Road; plan preparation and environmental studies underway; public information meeting held 3/17/15; R/W acquisition process initiated September 2015, with construction beginning mid-2017

SC 14 improvements between Five Forks Road and Bethel Road in Greenville County; add dual left turn lanes at Five Forks Road and at Bethel Road, improve the Five Forks Rd/Parkside Drive intersection, and add one lane in each direction to SC 14 between the 2 intersections; R/W acquisition process scheduled to begin fall 2016 with construction beginning fall 2017

Roper Mountain Road Extension (S-547) improvements between Pelham Road and Roper Mountain Road in Greenville County; widen to 3 lanes with curb/gutter/sidewalk; \$1,496,391 consultant agreement with ICA Engineering executed 1/29/13; public information meeting held 12/4/14; R/W acquisition process initiated September 2015 with construction beginning spring 2018

Roper Mountain Road (S-183/S-548) improvements between Roper Mountain Road Ext. and I-85; widen to 5 lanes with curb/gutter/sidewalk from near RMR Extension to Blacks Drive, and to 3 lanes for the remainder; \$1,114,188 consultant agreement executed with ICA Engineering executed 1/29/13; public information meeting held 12/4/14; R/W acquisition process initiated September 2015 with construction beginning spring 2018

Woodruff Road Parallel: new location, 4-lane divided roadway with landscaped median and 10-ft. multi-use path between Miller Road and Verdae Boulevard; includes new bridge over I-85; City of Greenville will manage this project via participation agreement with SCDOT; begin preliminary engineering 2016, with the R/W acquisition phase scheduled to begin FY 18 and construction in FY 21

SC 153 Corridor Improvements: various intersection improvements including turning lanes and median crossover reconstruction along SC 153 from I-85 to Old Pendleton Road; begin preliminary engineering fall 2015 with R/W acquisitions scheduled for FY 18 and construction for FY 19/20

Please contact SCDOT Program Manager Tommy Elrod with any questions or comments.

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Attachment 3

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** GPATS Policy Committee

**FROM:** GPATS Staff

**DATE:** Feb 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** GPATS 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program, Call for Projects

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The annual cycle for the Transportation Alternatives Program shall be opened for Fiscal Year 2016, for all eligible jurisdictions who currently do not have an active application or project less than 50% complete. SCDOT is expected to award the FY 2016 TAP Apportionment to GPATS early this spring. Applicants are requested to fill out the SCDOT TAP Application, which has been provided to the staffs of all GPATS Jurisdictions. While not all the details of your project may be known at this time, please complete it to the best of your ability.

**Please submit all applications to GPATS staff no later than Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** We will review all submitted funding requests at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Study Team meeting.

Prior to GPATS approval of new projects in June, the current tentative schedule is:

1. February 1 – Study Team – Call for projects
2. February 26 – Deadline for preliminary application submittal
3. March 28 – Study Team - Evaluation of preliminary applications
4. April 18 – Policy Committee – Presentation of Draft Projects
5. May 23 – Study Team – Finalization of Projects for TIP
6. June 20 – Policy Committee – Approval of projects to TIP

**This information is being provided for informational purposes only, and no action by the Policy Committee is required at this time.**



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Attachment 4

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** GPATS Policy Committee

**FROM:** GPATS Staff

**DATE:** Feb 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** GPATS Direct Recipient Status / Transit Coordinating Committee

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On December 9, 2015, GPATS achieved Direct Recipient Status! This accomplishment allows GPATS to fully manage the Transit Section 5339 and 5310 Programs within the Greenville and Mauldin-Simpsonville Urbanized Areas. Please find **Attachment 4.2**, the approval letter from FTA.

As a part of our new Direct Recipient Status, GPATS is required to have a Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC), comprised of staff relevant to transit to meet regularly to discuss any upcoming transit issues. The TCC will be comprised of a sub-committee of the GPATS Study Team, meet one week prior to Study Team meetings, and bring recommendations to the Study Team to be passed to the Policy Committee. Membership on the TCC will be voluntary and open for any interested Study Team members, but will be required of GPATS, GTA, and CAT staff.

The Study Team was asked for volunteers, and the current membership stands as thus:

- Sam Julius, GPATS
- Heather Lollis, CAT
- Grant Sparks, GTA
- Tanya DeOliveira, Clemson Univ.
- Brian Maleck, Clemson Univ.
- Todd Steadman, City of Clemson
- Rhonda Sloan, Anderson County
- John Gardner, City of Mauldin
- Jason Knudsen, City of Simpsonville

**The Policy Committee will be asked to formally vote to create the GPATS Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC). Doing so will keep GPATS in compliance with Federal Transit Administration regulations.**



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**DEC 09 2015**

Re: GPATS New Grantee Application

Dear Mr. Brockington:

I write to congratulate the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) on its successful completion of the New Grantee Process in Region IV of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This process helps ensure that each entity receiving FTA funding from my office has legal, technical, and financial capacity to manage the basic programs and types of projects funded through FTA grants. Based on the materials submitted by your office, FTA Region IV has determined that GPATS has the requisite capabilities to apply for FTA grant funds. Please know also that FTA will provide additional technical assistance to GPATS, in the future, for programs and projects funded under FTA grants.

Looking ahead, the GPATS should be prepared to ensure compliance with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, Executive Orders, FTA circulars, and other applicable Federal requirements when carrying out federally-funded projects, including, but not limited to civil rights requirements, environmental impact procedures, rules for real property acquisition, and programming in the Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs ("STIPs" and "TIPs").

Please continue to work with my staff here in Region IV on the development and management of any transit-related projects. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact, the Director of Planning and Program Development, Ms. Jennifer Hibbert, at 404-865-5632.

Again, congratulations on our approval of the GPATS's application to be an FTA grantee. I look forward to hearing about your plans for public transportation improvements in the near future.

Sincerely,

Yvette Taylor, Ph.D.  
Regional Administrator

cc: Johnny K. Mmanu-ike, Programs & Oversight Manager, SCDOT



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Attachment 5

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** GPATS Policy Committee

**FROM:** GPATS Staff

**DATE:** Feb 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** GPATS Transit Project Management Plan

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As a part of the new GPATS Direct Recipient Status, GPATS is required to adopt a Project Management Plan for transit.

A Project Management Plan serves to detail the roles and responsibilities of GPATS as it carries out duties as a FTA Direct Recipient Grantee, identify partners, describe the GPATS Transit Program, and formally state policies with regard to compliance in areas such as Civil Rights and ADA.

The Transit Planning and Grants Manager, Sam Julius, will be responsible for this Plan, and ensure that GPATS remains in compliance.

The full PMP document is too large to include in a mailed packet, but please find it Attached Digitally as Attachment 5.2. Copies can also be obtained by visiting <http://www.gpats.org/uploads/2016/02/4.3-GPATS-PMP-2016.pdf>, or by requesting a copy by email from GPATS Staff. Several hard-copies will also be made available at the GPATS Policy Committee Meeting.

**The Policy Committee will be asked to formally adopt the GPATS Transit Project Management Plan. Doing so will keep GPATS in compliance with Federal Transit Administration regulations.**



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Attachment 6

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** GPATS Policy Committee

**FROM:** GPATS Staff

**DATE:** Feb 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Improvement Program Amendment AC#2

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Please find attached, **Attachment 6.2**, the GPATS 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Financial Statement reflective of changes to be included in Amendment/Correction #1.

Changes to be made include:

- Inclusion of FY 2016 Interstate Rehab of I-385 of \$30,000,000
- Inclusion of FY 2016 FTA Section 5303 / GPATS UPWP Element 303 funding of \$100,000 for Planning Funds for Mass Transit
- Breakdown of FY 2014/2015 Section 5339 funding between GTA and CAT based on applications for Bus Replacement capital purchases.
- Inclusion of the SCDOT's FY 2016 Vehicle Replacement Initiative, with the awarded amounts for GTA and CAT.

**Policy Committee is being asked to approve the aforementioned changes, allowing adoption into the SCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This amendment will be noted as Amendment/Correction #2 or AC#2.**





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Attachment 7

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** GPATS Policy Committee

**FROM:** GPATS Staff

**DATE:** Feb 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** GPATS 2040 LRTP Kickoff

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GPATS is gearing up to begin the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan in earnest this spring! The advertising period for consultants ended on January 26<sup>th</sup>, and the review and selection process is underway.

It is anticipated that the contracts will be signed in mid-March, and formal kickoff of the LRTP will happen on April 1<sup>st</sup>, hitting the ground running. GPATS Staff has already spent the last few months gathering data and holding internal discussions to prepare.

The expected schedule for the LRTP is tentatively as follows:

- Spring 2016 – Kickoff
- Summer 2016 – Initial Rounds of Public Involvement
- Fall/Winter 2016 – Travel Model, Data Processing
- Spring 2017 – Follow-up Rounds of Public Involvement
- Summer 2017 – Project/Document Finalization
- Fall 2017 – LRTP Adoption

The locations of the public meetings are not yet set, but Staff is preparing to hold at least seven (7) meetings per Round, reaching all major areas of the GPATS region.

As the LRTP gets underway, much more information will be sent out, particularly regarding methods of public engagement, specifics regarding meetings, and the development/re-kindling of the GPATS Citizens Advisory Committee. At each Policy Committee Meeting during this time, reports will be given on progress made and upcoming meetings.

**This information is being provided for informational purposes only, and no action by the Policy Committee is required at this time.**