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| <p>AGENDA GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE March 19, 2012 Conference Room A - Greenville County Square 10:00 a.m.</p> |
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| | 1. | CALL TO ORDER | <i>Chairman Senator David Thomas</i> |
| action: | 2. | APPROVAL OF January 9, 2012 MINUTES | Attachment 1 |
| action: | 3. | BUTLER ROAD PROJECT UPDATE The Chair requests to hold the project until the June Policy Committee Meeting for further SCDOT review. | Attachment 2 <i>Tommy Elrod, PE SDOT Project Engineer</i> |
| | 4. | GPATS/SCDOT PROJECTS UPDATE | Attachment 3 <i>Tommy Elrod, PE SCDOT Project Manager</i> |
| action: | 5. | TIP AMENDMENT - GTA ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT FOR FY2012 | Attachment 4 <i>Greg Baney Greenlink Planning & Grants Manager</i> |
| | 6. | 2035 LRTP UPDATE – PRELIMINARY LIST OF NEW PROJECTS | Attachment 5 <i>Keith Brockington, AICP GPATS Transportation Planner</i> |
| | 7. | GPATS WEBSITE UPDATE | Attachment 6 <i>Tiffany Wedmore GPATS Associate Transportation Planner</i> |
| action: | 8. | FOUNTAIN INN – REQUEST FOR RTP LETTER OF SUPPORT | Attachment 7 <i>Eddie Case City of Fountain Inn, Administrator</i> |
| | 9. | NEW BUSINESS | |
| | 10. | PUBLIC COMMENT | |
| | 11. | ADJOURN | |

MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
January 9, 2012
DunBurks Banquet Hall, Easley, South Carolina
12:00 noon

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Thomas, Chairman; Representative Dwight Loftis; Representative Owens; Senator Phillip Shoopman; Senator Verdin; Senator Martin; Greenville Council Chair Kirven; Councilor Payne; Councilor Norris; Councilor Meadows; Pickens Council Chair Willis; Mayor Long; Mayor Danner; Mayor Sherriff; Mayor Owens; Mayor Raines; Mayor Eichor; Mayor Bagwell; Commissioner Adams; Commissioner Edwards; M. Long; D. Mitchell; P. Bowers

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Owings; K. Brockington; T. Wedmore; H. Hahn; T. Elrod; E. Dillon; G. Sprague; M. Sullivan; S. Gwinn; G. Ryan; H. Gamble; K. Waters; J. Heckter; J. Chasteen and J. Gardner

Mayor Bagwell welcomed all in attendance to Easley.

The Chair welcomed all to Easley, invited each to continue with lunch and he would shortly call the meeting to order.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Chairman Thomas welcomed all new members to the GPATS Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 MINUTES

MOTION: By Councilor Norris, seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Thomas moved the item regarding the Butler Road Project to the end of the meeting in order to allow for public comment.

GPATS/SPATS/ACOG MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Chip Bentley with the Appalachian Council of Governments addressed the Committee members regarding a memorandum of understanding as was included in the agenda packets. He stated he had addressed the Committee members previously regarding a cooperative effort between the three agencies to collaborate on future projects that involve crossing boundaries.

MOTION: By Councilor Payne, seconded by Mayor Long to approve the memorandum of understanding. The motion carried unanimously.

TIP (TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN) AMENDMENT – GTA ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT FOR FY2011

Greg Baney addressed the Committee members regarding an amendment to the TIP to include the total allotted to GTA in the amount of \$2,123,657.00. The funds would allow GTA to provide fixed routes and demand response service throughout Greenville County by covering replacement, vehicle maintenance and non-vehicle maintenance.

MOTION: By Commissioner Adams, seconded by Mayor Danner to approve the presented amendment to the TIP. The motion carried unanimously.

TIP AMENDMENT – MAULDIN – SIMPSONVILLE 5307 FUNDING FOR FY2010 AND FY2011

Greg Baney addressed the Committee members regarding an amendment to the TIP to include the total apportionment allotted to the Mauldin/Simpsonville Urbanized Area for a combined total of \$1,818,196.00. The funds will be used for the previously approved Mauldin/Simpsonville route schedule for implementation in FY2012.

MOTION: By Greenville Council Chair Kirven, seconded by Mayor Long to approve the presented amendment to the TIP. The motion carried unanimously.

TIP AMENDMENT – JARC/NEWFREEDOM GRANT FUNDING CYCLE

Greg Baney addressed the Committee members regarding an amendment to the TIP to include FY2010 and FY2011 Annual 5316 and 5317 discretionary funding with a combined total of \$637,282.00 to be awarded to GTA for transit-related projects. The projects will be submitted to the GTA JARC/New Freedom Selection Committee for vetting in mid-January, and will be brought to the GTA Board of Directors for formal approval and use of the funding.

MOTION: By Council Norris, seconded by Senator Martin to approve the presented amendment to the TIP. The motion carried unanimously.

CALL FOR LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECTS

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members regarding road projects that have not yet been brought to the GPATS attention. He stated staff would be working on a project list for 2035 and would like to submit the list to the Policy Committee at the March meeting. Mr. Brockington stated staff would be available for contact if anyone has a project they would like placed on the list. In addition, Mr. Brockington also announced an initial call for Transportation Enhancement projects that will be scheduled in the LRTP. He provided the members of the Committee with a list of current funded and unfunded projects from the adopted 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan as well as the FY2010-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for their reference.

GPATS WEBSITE AND SURVEY UPDATE

Tiffany Wedmore provided the Committee members with an update on the GPATS website. She provided a sample of what the homepage of the website would look like and projected the site to be operational by some time in March. She stated the website

would be much more user friendly and would provided detailed projects maps and information.

Ms. Wedmore also stated staff had received more than 700 responses to its online LRTP update transportation survey and mailings have begun with a scientific survey. She stated surveys would be mailed to approximately 2000 households within the GPATS region and staff expects to have survey results in late spring.

DISCUSSION OF DATE CHANGE FOR FUTURE GPATS JANUARY MEETINGS

Keith Brockington brought to the Committee's attention the January meeting coming shortly after the holiday season and conflicting with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. He stated previously, the fourth Monday had been discussed, but at that time SPATS (Spartanburg Area Transportation Study) held their meeting. This is no longer an issue with SPATS, and Mr. Brockington suggested the Committee may wish to change their 2013 January meeting to the fourth Monday.

Without objection Chairman Thomas stated the January 2013 meeting would be on the fourth Monday of the month.

BUTLER ROAD PROJECT DISCUSSION

Tommy Elrod presented an overview to the Committee on the plans the SCDOT had for the GPATS project on Butler Road from Mauldin High School to Bridges/Corn Road. He in addition answered questions from the Committee members on a section of property belonging to Ms. Joel Ann Chandler. The question was in regards to a triangular section of property. Mr. Elrod stated the section of Ms. Chandler's property was needed in order to achieve a safe intersection according to the ARMS manual. In addition, Mr. Elrod stated the SCDOT had attempted to work with Ms. Chandler in making different access points into her business and also grading and paving a parking area where her trucks could enter and exit safely.

Ms. Joel Ann Chandler addressed the Committee members with her concerns regarding the intersection project on Butler Road. She stated she had concerns regarding the negative effect the changes would have on her business.

After discussions between the Committee members the following motion was made.

MOTION: By Senator Verdin, seconded by Mayor Eichor to hold the project on Butler Road pending information obtained in Columbia regarding the ARMS manual. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert Freeman addressed the Committee members regarding the Butler Road project.

Ms. Chancey Lindsey-Peake addressed the Committee members regarding the Butler Road project.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: March 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Butler Road Project Update

SCDOT has been working with staff, Study Team, and Policy Committee on resolving the issues regarding the Butler Road project from Mauldin High School to Bridges/Corn Rd.

At the January Policy Committee meeting, the committee voted to place the project on hold pending information obtained in Columbia regarding the SCDOT Access and Roadside Management Standards (ARMS) Manual. This process is still ongoing, and at the request of the Chair SCDOT will have a final recommendation at the June Policy Committee meeting.

Action: A vote to continue holding the Butler Road project will place the item on the June agenda for review once again. This will provide SCDOT sufficient time to finalize their recommendations.

GPATS Area Projects Status Report – March 19, 2012

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.

Interstate

I-385 Rehabilitation: Laurens Co. line to north of Fairview St., Greenville County, work began 12/10/09 with a 7/31/2011 completion date, Eagle Const, \$14 million construction contract, raise SC 418 and Fairview Street bridges, rehabilitate pavement, add concrete median barrier wall, extend Fairview Street northbound on-ramp; intermediate paving completed fall 2011 including opening new NB on ramp at Fairview Street; final paving to occur approx. April 2012 (once nighttime temperature requirements meet -60 degree minimum)

I-385 Design-Build Widening: widen 5.5 miles from south of I-185/US 276 to south of Woodruff Road and repave an additional 1.5 miles to north of I-85 for a total project length of 7 miles in Greenville County, design-build project to widen to 6 lanes and rehabilitate the mainline and ramp pavement and add ITS/camera coverage, Lane Construction is the contractor at a total estimated cost of \$78 million (including \$36.9 million ARRA funds) and a duration of 745 days (October 2012 completion); by late March, all traffic will shift to southbound lanes while northbound lanes are reconstructed

I-85/I-385 Interchange Upgrade: includes completing the 6-laning of I-385 from south of Woodruff Road to north of I-85; auxiliary lanes and additional ramp pavement on I-85 between Pelham Road and I-385, collector-distributor roads along I-385 and replacing loop ramps with directional ramps; this project will also replace the Roper Mountain Road bridge over I-85; a design public hearing is anticipated for July; Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for interested design-build teams is anticipated to be issued during the second half of 2012, with contract execution in first half of 2013; construction is anticipated to occur 2014/15/16; estimated \$235 million budget to cover all PE, R/W, utility relocation and construction costs

I-185 Rehabilitation: resurface southbound I-185 from near the end of Mills Avenue to just beyond the White Horse Road overpass; opened bids December 14, 2010; Ashmore was low bidder at \$1,884,779 with a completion date of 11/30/11; final surface course of asphalt placed September 2011

I-85 Rehabilitation: resurface northbound I-85 from near White Horse Road to near Laurens Road and southbound I-85 from near Laurens Road to near SC 14; opened bids Dec. 14, 2010; Rea Construction was low bidder at \$20,508,129; completion date is 11/30/12

ARRA

US 123 in Easley: raise US 123 about 10-ft. to match the grade of the new Prince Perry bridge; Eagle Construction was low bidder at \$4,708,356 for the SCDOT/ARRA project (Taylor & Murphy is the contractor for the remainder of the Town Center infrastructure work); work began 12/21/09 and the contract completion date was 9/30/10; the reconstructed intersection at US 123/Prince Perry Road and the new Prince Perry bridge opened to traffic August 27, 2010

Fairforest Way in Greenville: reconstruct Fairforest Way from Mauldin Road to Ridge Road; opened bids April 2010, with Morgan Corp. low bidder at \$6,045,832; construction began 8/23/10; landscaping installed February 2012 and final paving is scheduled for March

Church Street in Greenville: reconstruct Church Street from Reedy River to Augusta Street, providing a four lane roadway with left turn lanes at major intersections and with curb, gutter, sidewalks, bike lanes and landscaping; SCDOT opened bids July 13, 2010 but low bid was 15% over estimate so project was re-bid in October; \$4,299,865.50 contract has been awarded to S&S Construction of Anderson, SC; work began February 2011 with a completion date of 06/30/12; SCDOT is providing up to \$5.1 million (federal + state match; no ARRA funds) for this project, with the City of Greenville responsible for any amount over \$5.1 million; drainage pipe and curb/gutter/sidewalk completed late 2011; with asphalt paving, lighting, irrigation and tree planting remaining

SC 153 Widening Phase I in Anderson County: widen SC 153 to 3 lanes from the Saluda River/county line to Cooper Road; bids were opened January 2010 and Larry Green Grading was low bidder at \$539,990; work began 4/14/10 with substantial completion on 8/31/10

Total ARRA funds obligated within GPATS boundary is approx. \$52.6 million. This includes approx. \$36.9 million for the I-385 Design-Build widening project.

GPATS TIP

SC 101/290 N. Buncombe Road in Greer: widen to 5 lanes from Wade Hampton Blvd to SC 101/290 split; 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, with R/W acquisitions scheduled for the second half of 2012 and construction beginning by summer 2013

Batesville Road in Greenville County: widen 2.2 miles of Batesville Road to 3 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalks and bike lanes from near 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; a public information meeting was held November 9, 2010 at Oakview Elementary, with 310 attendees, with a large majority of the comments favoring relocating Batesville Road to the west side of Ebenezer UMC rather than widening the existing road through the cemetery and displacing 100 graves; 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; design public hearing anticipated for summer 2012 with R/W acquisitions scheduled for late 2012 and most of 2013; construction is scheduled to begin late 2013 or early 2014 and take about 2 years to complete; \$1.75 million of safety funds are available towards the improvements at the Anderson Ridge Road, Godfrey Road and Roper Mountain Road intersections

SC 183 Intersections in Pickens County: provide turning lanes on SC 183 (Farrs Bridge Road) at Alex Road, at Jim Hunt Road and at Jameson Road; environmental document completed October 2010; SC 183/Alex intersection scheduled for mid-2012 bid opening, with construction beginning fall 2012, using \$1.5 million Appalachian COG funds; construction of the Jim Hunt intersection is scheduled for FY 16 and the Jameson intersection for FY 17 using GPATS funding

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, and right of way acquisitions were underway until placed on hold after January GPATS meeting; construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the first half of 2013 but is dependent upon resuming project development; enhancements including landscaping and irrigation are included with the construction, using enhancement funds matched by City of Mauldin

Roper Mountain Road in Greenville County: widen Roper Mountain Road between Garlington and Feaster Roads to three lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalks; preliminary design and environmental studies underway, with R/W acquisitions scheduled for second half of 2012 with construction beginning spring 2013

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 acquisitions scheduled for late 2012/early 2013 with construction beginning late 2013

SC 153 Extension in Easley: extend SC 153 1.5 miles to Prince Perry Road, including a new bridge over the railroad; the environmental studies extend beyond Prince Perry Road to Saluda Dam Road; the design contract with CECS in the amount of \$2,233,408 was executed 8/25/10; environmental studies are underway; public info meeting held 10/4/11; design public hearing anticipated for late summer 2012, with R/W acquisitions scheduled for the first half of 2013, and construction beginning in 2014

Salters Road in Greenville: widen Salters 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 will be executed March 2012 due to more extensive environmental studies and documentation than initially anticipated; public information meeting held 2/9/12, with design public hearing anticipated late summer 2012, and R/W acquisitions scheduled for first half of 2013 (\$200,000 R/W budget is based on substantial R/W donations so the cost estimate will increase if donations prove not feasible); construction is scheduled to begin late 2013/early 2014

SC 153 Widening Phase II: widen SC 153 to 3 lanes from Cooper Road to near I-85; environmental document approved 8/3/10 and R/W acquisitions are complete; bids opened May 2011 with S&S Construction low bidder at \$528,860; construction completion date is 5/31/12

SC 183 @ SC 8 in Pickens: improve the intersection of Farris Bridge Road/Jewel Street and improve Jewel Street (SC 8) adjacent to the (former) Pickens HS in the City of Pickens; environmental document approved 7/29/10; right of way funds were obligated 11/29/2010 and the acquisition process is underway; construction is scheduled to begin late 2012; the construction budget in the TIP is \$2 million and the anticipated construction cost including utility relocations is in the \$2.5-\$3.0 million range; study team will review options and make a recommendation

SC 101 @ Fews Chapel/Fews Bridge Roads in northern Greenville County: improve the intersection of O'Neal Road, Fews Chapel Road and Fews Bridge Road by realigning Fews Bridge Road and providing turning lanes and traffic signals; environmental document approved 7/16/10; R/W acquisitions are underway with construction scheduled to begin fall 2012

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 are anticipated to 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 are anticipated to 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 Thursday, January 20, 2011, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Faith Temple Fellowship Hall, 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 working on an option that would address the skew angle but keep the 253/290 intersection as close as possible to the existing location and maintain the Keller Road/SC 290 intersection; environmental studies/documentation are underway with R/W acquisitions scheduled for the second half of 2012 with construction beginning by summer 2013

Brushy Creek Road @ Pearson/Nancy Streets in Easley: improve the intersection of Brushy Creek Road and Pearson/Nancy Streets in the City of Easley; environmental document was approved 2/22/10, the R/W acquisition process was initiated 4/22/10 and is complete; bids were opened April 2011 with Sloan Construction the low bidder at \$1,468,140; construction completion date has been extended 27 days (from 6/22/12 to 7/19/12) due to unexpected obstacles in drainage construction; this is a jointly funded project with the Pickens CTC providing PE funding and \$465,000 of construction funds

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; anticipate public information meeting summer 2012 with R/W acquisitions scheduled for late 2012/early 2013; construction is scheduled to begin fall 2013

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 at the new Pickens High School; R/W acquisitions are scheduled for the second half of 2012 with construction beginning by mid-2013

SC 146 Woodruff Road Widening in Greenville County: widen Woodruff Road between Scuffletown and Bennetts Bridge Roads; surveys are complete and preliminary design underway, with the R/W phase scheduled for 2013 with construction beginning in 2014

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, and add one lane in each direction to SC 14 between the 2 intersections; PE phase has been initiated with surveys scheduled for spring 2012; R/W acquisitions scheduled to occur in FY 15 with construction beginning in FY 16

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; PE phase has been initiated, with R/W acquisitions scheduled for FY 15/16 with construction beginning in FY 17

Roper Mountain Road (S-548) improvements between Roper Mountain Ext. and I-85; widen to 3 lanes with curb/gutter/sidewalk; PE phase has been initiated with R/W acquisitions scheduled for FY 15/16 and with construction beginning in FY 17

Butler Road (S-107) improvements between Corn/Bridges Roads and Laurens Road (US 276) in the City of Mauldin; PE is scheduled to begin FY 13, with R/W acquisitions in FY 16/17; construction phase is beyond the 6-Year TIP window

Batesville Road (S-164) improvements between The Parkway and Pelham Road in Greenville County; anticipated improvements include widening to three lanes with sidewalks; PE is scheduled to begin FY 16; R/W and construction phases beyond the 6-Year TIP period

US 25 White Horse Road in Greenville County: bids were opened April 2010 with Eagle Construction the low bidder at \$17.6 million; construction began 7/14/10 with a contract completion date of 9/30/12

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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: March 19, 2012

SUBJECT: TIP Amendment – GTA Annual Apportionments for FY2012

An amendment to the TIP to include the FY2012 Annual Apportionments in the amounts of \$1,073,810.00 and \$458,709.00 for GTA and Mauldin/Simpsonville respectively is being requested due to a recent invitation to comment issued by FTA. The invitation to comment authorizes 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 onward.

The request for funding must be submitted through the Annual Apportionment applications in order to be applied since no line item currently exists for such funding in any grant already obligated. In order for GTA to apply the cost savings to the current fiscal year the above Annual Apportionments would need to be submitted and obligated prior to September 30th of 2012.

Action: Acceptance of the FY2012 5307 Annual Apportionment monies will require a minor amendment to the GPATS TIP and state STIP. This will become line-items in the TIP upon approval for the amounts of \$1,073,810.00 and \$458,709.00.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: March 19, 2012

SUBJECT: 2035 LRTP Update – Preliminary List of New Projects

As a part of the GPATS 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update, staff has been gathering projects which were not identified in the 2030 LRTP, but have since become important to the region.

Please review the attached list, and feel free to contact staff with any questions, changes, or concerns.

The projects compiled in this 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.

At this time, no action by the Policy Committee is needed. Staff will be using the next few months to assess and prioritize these projects along with the remainder of projects unbuilt from the 2030 LRTP, and will be presenting the final list of projects at the June Policy Committee meeting.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: March 19, 2012

SUBJECT: GPATS Website

GPATS selected Greenville-based Peculiar as the vendor for its website design project, and Peculiar began initial work on the project in November. Peculiar has designed and developed a website that GPATS staff will be able to update in-house on a regular basis. The site will be located at www.gpats.org.

The new GPATS website is more user-friendly than the current webpage, and provides detailed project maps and information. It includes search features and information specifically tailored to GPATS Policy Committee members and the public, as well as a calendar and contact forms so the public can easily send a question or comment to GPATS staff.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: March 19, 2012

SUBJECT: City of Fountain Inn Recreational Trails Program Letter of Support

Attached please find a letter from the City of Fountain Inn requesting a letter of support for their 2012 Recreational Trails Program application.

Eddie Case, Administrator for the City of Fountain Inn, will be available to answer any additional questions the Policy Committee might have.

Also attached, please find the letter of support to be signed by Chairman Thomas once voted on by the Policy Committee.

Action: Acceptance of the Letter of Support will submit the attached signed letter to the Recreational Trails Program in support of the City of Fountain Inn's application on behalf of GPATS.

March 8, 2012

Senator David Thomas
Greenville Pickens Area Transportation
Study
305 South Weston Street
Fountain Inn, SC 29644

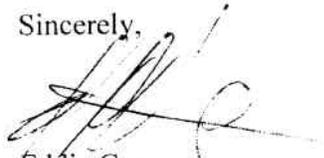
Dear Senator Thomas:

The City of Fountain Inn would like to request a letter of support from the GPATS Study Team. We would like this letter to be a part of the GPATS regular business meeting in March. The City of Fountain Inn is seeking \$100,000 through the federal highway administration to help fund the new 1/2 mile section of the Southern Swamp Rabbit Trail, which is through the *2012 Recreational Trails Program* with the SC Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department.

This project is in keeping with the county's Master Greenway Plan and the City of Fountain Inn's Transportation Plan. We believe this project will positively impact southern Greenville County by promoting tourism, economic development, and improving quality of life.

Thank you for your continued support with our city's transportation improvements.

Sincerely,



Eddie Case
City Administrator

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March 19, 2012

Attn: 2012 RTP Application
SCPRT – State Trails Program
Recreation, Planning and Engineering Office
1205 Pendleton Street, Room 246
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Review Committee,

On behalf of the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study, I submit this letter of support for the Fountain Inn Recreational Trail and Greenway Project application to fund the new ½ mile section of the Southern Swamp Rabbit Trail. The project will strengthen our community by providing accessible recreational opportunities and help to encourage healthier living. The project's result will provide an accessible recreational facility to children, adults, seniors, residents, and visitors. The multi-use recreational trail as described in the grant application is something the Fountain Inn community will be proud of. The multi-use recreational trail will also provide accessible connections to existing recreational facilities and tourism designations within the city. Fountain Inn located in the Golden Strip of Greenville County is primed for this project.

I believe the project will help us reach our goal of completing a major city, county, and regional greenway and multi-use trail system, thus increasing transportation choices, new jobs, and tourism and recreational opportunities in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

David L. Thomas, Senator, GPATS Chairman
Member of the SC State Senate
State of South Carolina
District 8