

**AGENDA**  
**GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**March 21, 2011**  
**Conference Room A - County Square**  
**10:00 a.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairman*  
*Senator David Thomas*
- action:** 2. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2011 MINUTES** Attachment 1
- action:** 3. **BY-LAW AMENDMENT** Attachment 2  
a. Ballot vote *Tiffany Wedmore*  
**action:** b. Chairman position *Associate Transportation Planner*
- action:** 4. **PROJECT UPDATE** Attachment 3  
a. Batesville Road termini Extension *Tommy Elrod, PE*  
*SCDOT Project Manager*
5. **DRAFT FY2012-2017 TIP** Attachment 4  
*Keith Brockington, AICP*  
*Transportation Planner*
- action:** 6. **ENDORSEMENT OF TRANSIT RAIL STUDIES** Attachment 5  
a. Transit Vision and Master Plan *Daniel McGee, MPA*  
**action:** b. GCEDC Multimodal Transit Corridor *Planning Manager*  
Alternatives Feasibility Study
7. **DRAFT FY 2012 UPWP** Attachment 6  
*Daniel McGee, MPA*  
*Planning Manager*
8. **I- 85 CORRIDOR PLAN** *Michael Dennis, PE*  
*SCDOT Project Engineer*
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
10. **ADJOURN**

**MINUTES**  
**GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**January 24, 2011**  
**Conference Room A – County Square**  
**10:03 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senator Thomas, Chairman; Senator Martin; Senator Verdin; Senator Anderson; Representative Owens; Mayor Danner; Mayor Godbey; Mayor Long; Mayor Bagwell; Mayor McCall; Mayor Waldrop; Mayor Owens; Mayor Deese; Mayor White; Councilor Willis; County Council Chair Kirven; Councilor Meadows; Councilor Payne; Councilor Norris; Commissioner Adams; Commissioner Edwards; M. Long; M. Carter and Todd Usher

**OTHERS PRESENT:** H. Gamble; J. Gardner; J. Owings; D. McGee; K. Brockington; T. Wedmore; H. Hahn; T. Elrod; E. Case; J. Hekter; R. Hawes; J. Allison; S. Gwinn; C. Nelson; F. Simmons; E. Boughman; T. Hodges; V. Holmes; K. Waters; F. Curti; J. Frieson and A. Doyle

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 MINUTES**

The Committee discussed the Guideshare funding motion from the September 20, 2010 meeting and for clarification the following motion was made to correct the minutes.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Ms. Willis to have the minutes of the September 20, 2010 reflect Mayor Godbey presenting the motion to approve the changes in the guide share and Ms. Willis seconding the motion.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Kirven, seconded by Ms. Willis to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**MOTION:** By Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Mayor Long to nominate Senator Thomas as Chairman of GPATS.

Nominations were closed and Senator Thomas was elected as Chairman unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Deese, seconded by Ms. Willis to nominate Senator Martin as Vice-Chairman of GPATS.

Nominations were closed and Senator Martin was elected by acclamation.

### **FY 2010-2015 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Greg Baney with Greenlink addressed the Committee members with regards to amending the TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) to reflect the figures in the memorandum included in the agenda packet.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Danner, seconded by Mayor Godbey to approve the amendments as presented in the agenda packet. The motion carried unanimously.

### **FY 2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Dan McGee addressed the Committee members regarding and adjustment to the UPWP to reflect an over-programming amount of \$50,000. The monies would be shifted from additional Guideshare monies.

**MOTION:** By Senator Martin, seconded by Mayor White to approve the shift in monies. The motion carried unanimously.

### **TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members regarding the FY2011 Enhancement Program. He stated after meeting with Mayors and managers in December 2010, proposals were discussed and consideration was given to the direction of the program. Mr. Brockington stated the solution brought forward by John Gardner of Mauldin seem the most reasonable. He explained the program would commit \$200,000 of the recent \$3.6 million annual increase in Guideshare funds to the Transportation Enhancement Program. The funds would be distributed using the current population-based formula, and Guideshare funds would be used to provide an additional \$100,000 to each of the 12 jurisdictions over a six-year funding cycle.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Mayor Danner to approve the program. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

Tommy Elrod with the SCDOT addressed the Committee members regarding various projects within the GPATS area. A memorandum explaining each project was included in the agenda packet.

Mayor McCall complimented the SCDOT staff for their work during the recent snow storm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tiffany Wedmore addressed the Committee members with the following updates:

City of Greenville Bicycle Master Plan: The Consultants (Alta Planning) held a Public meeting in November, and will schedule another public meeting soon to review the draft plan they have put together. She mentioned more information was available at [www.bikeville.org](http://www.bikeville.org).

LRTP: GPATS staff is beginning the 5-year update of the Long Range Transportation Plan and will be meeting with the consultant, Kimley-Horne on February 8, 2011 to discuss a timeline and finalize the contract.

Northwest (Berea) Area Plan: The long-range planning staff has started an area plan for Berea and will be holding the community kickoff meeting at 6:00 p.m. on January 27, 2011 at Greenville Tech's Northwest Campus.

Mr. McGee reminded the members of the public meeting regarding I-85 and I-385, which would be January 27, 2011. A flyer was sent out to all committee members.

An announcement was made that GTA would be having their annual meeting today at noon if anyone would like to attend.

Senator Martin requested staff to draft a proposed amendment to the Bylaws regarding the chairmanship. He suggested that there be a rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair each term with Greenville County and Pickens County.

**MOTION:** By Senator Martin, seconded by Larry Bagwell to have staff draft an amendment to the Committee Bylaws to reflect the chairmanship to be a rotation between Greenville County and Pickens County.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Bagwell, seconded by Senator Martin to amend the Committee Bylaws to reflect nominations and vote to be done by secret ballot.

Both drafts to be presented at the next GPATS meeting.

Without objection the Chair referred the items to the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no appearances for public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

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Submitted by Recording Secretary



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

**FROM:** Tiffany Wedmore

**DATE:** March 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Proposed changes to Policy Coordinating Committee Bylaws

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At the January 2011 Policy Coordinating Committee meeting, staff was asked to draft two amendments to the Committee Bylaws.

The first amendment would require the Chair election process to be carried out by paper ballot (reflected in the blue highlighted section). The second amendment would require the Chairmanship to be a rotation between Greenville County and Pickens County, and also would require the Vice Chairmanship to be a rotation between Greenville County and Pickens County (reflected in the yellow highlighted section).

**Staff requests Policy Committee action on these amendments.**



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

**FROM:** GPATS Staff

**DATE:** March 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Project Status Update

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The attached is a status report from the South Carolina Department of Transportation on various projects within the GPATS area.

There is no action required of the Committee, Mr. Elrod with the SCDOT will go over the status report and be available to answer any questions. This is for information only.



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

**FROM:** Keith Brockington

**DATE:** March 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** DRAFT FY 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

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In June 2011, the GPATS Policy Committee will be asked to adopt the biannual update to the five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This document will cover GPATS project programming for the immediate Fiscal Year of 2012 and future years of 2013-2017

Please refer to attachment, the Draft TIP Financial Statement. Changes made from the previous TIP are highlighted, and several figure amounts are still to be filled in before the June 2011 adoption.

The Policy Committee will not be asked to take action on this document at the March 2011 meeting, but please review the spreadsheet and provide whatever feedback and questions you may have to Staff. The TIP will be finalized and put out for public comment in May and approved by the Study Team ahead of the Policy Committee meeting in June.



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

**FROM:** GPATS Staff

**DATE:** March 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Endorsement resolutions for Transit Vision and Master Plan and GCEDC Multimodal Transit Corridor Alternatives Feasibility Study

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URS recently completed the Transit Vision and Master Plan for Greenlink. The plan establishes a long-term transit vision for the area and includes specific operational recommendations for near-term, short/mid-term, and long-term implementation.

TranSystems also recently completed the Multimodal Transit Corridor Alternatives Feasibility Study for the Greenville County Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC). This study focuses on a 3.42-mile segment of rail corridor owned by GCEDC. The group initiated this study to determine the feasibility of a high capacity transit system between the cities of Greenville, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn. Both of these plans will help guide improvements to local transit operations.

- 1. GPATS Policy Committee to endorse the Transit Vision and Master Plan**
- 2. GPATS Policy Committee to endorse the Multimodal Transit Corridor Alternatives Feasibility Study**

Pending approval of the plan by GPATS Policy Committee, the Multimodal Transit Corridor Alternatives Feasibility Study will be brought to Greenville County Council.



**GPATS – MPO Endorsement Resolution for the Transit Vision & Master Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation provides financial assistance to public agencies for transportation technical studies; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires approval of regional transportation plans and programs by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in accordance with 23 U.S.C Part 450; and

**WHEREAS**, this list of recommendations will be implemented through collaboration between Greenville Transit Authority (d.b.a GreenLink); Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS); South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT); Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Federal Transit Authority (FTA);with local units of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville – Pickens Area Transportation Study and Policy Committee is the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greenville – Pickens Urbanized Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville – Pickens Area Transportation Study through its standing committees and Public Participation Plan which requires public involvement has considered the Transit Vision & Master Plan

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GPATS – METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE THAT IT ENDORSES THE TRANSIT VISION & MASTER PLAN**

**Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011 by the GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee.**

**Attested by:**

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SCDOT –Area Engineer  
**Michael Sullivan, P.E.**

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GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee  
**David L. Thomas- Chairman**

**Endorsement Resolution for Multi-modal Transit Corridor Alternatives Feasibility Study**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation provides financial assistance to public agencies for transportation technical studies; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires approval of regional transportation plans and programs by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in accordance with 23 U.S.C Part 450; and

**WHEREAS**, this list of recommendations will be implemented through collaboration between Greenville County Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC); Greenville Transit Authority (GTA); Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS); South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT); Federal Highways Administration (FHWA); Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and local units of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville – Pickens Area Transportation Study and Policy Committee is the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greenville – Pickens Urbanized Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville – Pickens Area Transportation Study through its standing committees and Public Participation Plan which requires public involvement has considered the Multi-modal Transit Corridor Alternatives Feasibility Study

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GPATS – METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE THAT IT ENDORSES THE MUTI-MODAL TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**Adopted this 21st day of March, 2011 by the GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee.**

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SCDOT –Area Engineer

**Attested by: Michael Sullivan, P.E.**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

**FROM:** Daniel McGee – Transportation Planning Manager

**DATE:** March 21, 2010

**SUBJECT:** FY 2012 Draft Unified Planning Work Program

**Purpose:** This document outline the planning work activities, schedule and funding to coordinate federal and state planning requirements. The Fiscal Year (state) will start July 1, 2011 and end June 30, 2012.

**Action:** The work program must be approved after 15 days of public notice to facilitate the planning certification to ensure GPATS meets the federal mandates of the current authorization bill (SAFETEA-LU). The Final UPWP will be presented June 20<sup>th</sup> for adoption.

The attachment contains the Work Programs summary funding table for each of the planning tasks to be coordinated by the MPO staff and the Self Certification statement which upon approval will be signed by the GPATS Policy Committee Chairman and SCDOT Area Planning Engineer. The full document can be found at the web link listed below:

[http://www.greenvillecounty.org/gcpc/transportation\\_planning/gpats/gpats\\_upwp.pdf](http://www.greenvillecounty.org/gcpc/transportation_planning/gpats/gpats_upwp.pdf)

**Under TASK # 403 – Special Transportation Studies we propose the following:**

- Swamp Rabbit Trail Survey & Evaluation being contracted with Furman University for the Greenville County Recreation District. We are granting \$15,000 to assist in this planning effort and GCRD will match the PL funding.
- The City of Mauldin is interested in developing a Butler Road Corridor Plan to assess the transportation needs and associated context (land-use, etc.) of this immerging area. Staff will work with Mayor Godby and Economic Development Planner John Gardner to coordinate future planning assistance.