

MINUTES
GPATS STUDY TEAM COMMITTEE
July 30, 2018
Suite 400 – County Square
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Brockington, Brenna Hansley, Heather Lollis, Todd Steadman, Chris Brink, Mike Holden, Greg Gordos, Shawn Bell, Jon Caime, Dyke Spencer, Lance Estep, Casey Lucas, Patrea St. John, Nicole McAden, Alex John, Dwayne Cooper, Erica Hailey, Doug Frate, Pete Knudsen, Rhonda Sloan, and Asangwua Ikein

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Holt, D. Montgomery, P. Gucker, H. Gamble, A. Reid, B. Butler, A. Hardesty, R. Garrett, J. Cunningham, J. Mustar, and E. Dillon

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Keith Brockington called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Keith Brockington welcomed all in attendance and requested those in attendance to introduce themselves.

SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Keith Brockington introduced Casey Lucas with SCDOT to the Study Team who replaced Tommy Elrod. She directed everyone's attention to the new GPATS Project Status Report document which was included in their electronic message. She gave a brief description of this document so members could follow along with the updates. In regards to the Guideshare projects S-164 Batesville Road the right-of-ways and utilities are completed. The consultant is working on revisions. This project is scheduled for December letting. She advised the SC-153 project work was started in April. Also the SC-146 Woodruff Road widening they are trying to get utilities certified. This project is currently in the February 2019 letting. The Roper Mountain/Roper Mountain Rd. Ext. also has issues with the utilities. She advised Duke Energy needs to acquire easements in this project and could take up to six months to complete. The let date has been moved to May 2019. Next, the Woodruff Rd. parallel project ICE will be presented at the August Policy Committee meeting with updates. The SC-153 Intersection project has gone into right-of-ways and is moving along. She advised the Butler Rd. project is going to go to an on-call road consultant and is in the selection progress. More updates coming once a consultant has been selected. The I-385 Rehab was awarded in August 2016. Sloan Construction is acquiring surveys and an engineering firm to complete the cross slope correction plan. In regards to the Gibbs Shoals Rd. project, they just meet on site in mid-July. She advised the utilities and right-of-way is underway. Next, the S-75 Mt.

Lebanon Church Rd. project is now in the right-of-way phase and coordination has started. Project S-272 W. Georgia Rd. SCDOT is doing bridge design in-house. They have a consultant for the road erosion portion and advised all plans have been finalized. SCDOT is waiting on Greenville Water Systems to advise where their utilities have been relocated. SCDOT is working in coordination with City of Greenville regarding the US-29 project with how they want to proceed. Everything is completed with the Hampton Ave. project. They need just a few right-of-way permissions to be able to move forward with the letting. For the Woodruff Rd. sidewalk the LPA contract was awarded to Saluda Construction. The very last project, Fairview Street over I-385, she advised there is leftover earmark funding available from 2008. This project should be finished by May 2019. Question was asked when the project SC-153 is to be finished. She advised July 2019.

GPATS BY-LAWS CONSOLIDATION AND UPDATE

Mr. Brockington advised members there was a discussion with Federal Highways last week and over the past few months regarding what is actually required. They advised GPATS so long as the by-laws are defining what the Study Team is and what the process is; it does not matter as much how the Study Team goes about making recommendations to Policy Committee. He directed everyone's attention to the draft by-laws included in their electronic message.

- Policy Committee membership was changed to add one more member from Anderson County council.
- Clarified Study Team memberships are not voting members they are just members.
- Study Team membership is extended to any GPATS jurisdiction or appropriate entity/agency that routinely participates in meetings and efforts, at the approval of the Study Team and Policy Committee.
- Quorum has been removed and manner of voting was changed to manner of recommendation.
 - Consensus – Unanimous support by Members present
 - Consensus with Objection – Formal Objections(s) to the Recommendation shall be noted by the Chair and voted when providing the Recommendation to the Policy Committee
 - No Consensus – Significant Objection resulting in a split Recommendation shall be noted by the Chair and explained to the Policy Committee
 - No Recommendation – Significant Objection or issues with agenda item, resulting in a lack of Recommendation, shall be noted by the Chair and explained to the Policy Committee.
 - Ex Officio members, this includes GPATS staff, may participate in discussion but shall not provide Recommendation.

He advised this change is more in-line from the last Study Team meeting and what the Policy Committee wants from the Study Team. He stated the Policy Committee biggest objection was they did not want the Study Team to make

formal votes ahead of their formal votes due to the Study Team is not made up of appointed official. Question was asked regarding to clarify 4.2. Mr. Brockington stated everyone is able to weigh in on a recommendation. There is a stipulation in 7.3 the Study Team can hear from the public if they so choose, but may request them to attend the Policy Committee meeting. The 4.2 section is to be changed to clarify the meaning of interested professionals to be any professionals representing municipality in the region. Mr. Steadman suggested a word was possibly left out from 9.5 section. Suggested to enter the word "of" to read "successful completion of the" instead of it saying "successful completion the". Another question was asked if formal minutes will be taken at the Study Team meetings. Mr. Brockington advised that minutes will be taken and may possibly be posted online for viewing on the GPATS website. He stated the Study Team minutes will not need to be approved due to Study Team does not have a quorum.

Mr. Brockington asked for approval or any objections from the members to pass recommendation to Policy Committee for approval. No objections or questions by consensus.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE

Ms. Hansley addressed the members with a PowerPoint presentation and advised more safety targets will need to be set in the upcoming days. The national goals areas are safety, infrastructure condition, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight movement and economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and reduced project delays. GPATS will be creating goals to support the state's goal but not necessarily identical. GPATS will also be studying their own objectives which are to be measurable, time bound, and realistic. She gave the example of a safe environment in which automobile and non-automobile users can access daily needs. The objective might be to reduce "x" amount of fatalities by 2040. She advised SCDOT has a year to set a target. Once the target is set by SCDOT, GPATS will have 180 days to accept and adopt this target or GPATS can set and create their own. She advised that safety, transit asset management, infrastructure condition, and system & freight reliability has been released. GPATS adopted the State's targets last year. These targets are currently being re-evaluated by SCDOT and must be set by August 31, 2018. GPATS will need to decide to create new targets or adopt targets by February 27, 2019. She stated Greenlink and CAT bus are currently working on the Transit Asset Management Plans and targets, which are due October 1, 2018. Once GPATS has Greenlink and CAT's plans they will be placed in the TIP and LRTP to be presented to the October Policy Committee meeting. She advised on infrastructure condition for interstate and non-interstate National Highway System (NHS) pavement which also includes NHS bridges. Next, system and freight reliability which includes travel time reliability for both interstate, non-interstate NHS, and truck travel time reliability. GPATS will be looking at what time of the day is there congestion and what contributes to the congestion.

GPATS will need to include these targets performance reports in the LRTP. She advised for the most part they are reported along with the LRTP plan and are updated with the LRTP cycle. However, the safety is reported annually. She showed an example of performance targets from Minnesota Transportation. Mr. Brockington advised the TIP and LRTP amendment will be viewed at the September Study Team meeting. A question was asked regarding what is the cycle on the LRTP. Ms. Hansley answered the LRTP cycle is reviewed every five years and updated every ten years. Mr. Brockington stated GPATS will begin next LRTP update cycle in year 2021. The next one needs to be approved by year 2022. Ms. Hansley stated GPATS will amend in each target to LRTP.

FTA SECTION 5310 CALL FOR PROJECTS

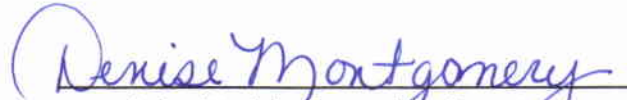
Mr. Ikein addressed the members that after two and half years working with the FTA GPATS is able to accept applications for new projects. He stated beginning in August an advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper and social media. An electronic message will be sent to all members of the Study Team and Policy Committee to let anyone they know to apply. He advised the application must be submitted to him by the end of September. Those applications will be evaluated for adoption by GPATS, Study Team, and Policy Committee. Currently there is \$356,000.00 available; in addition to funds still remaining from previous year. GPATS is not setting limits on how much the applicant may apply for. He stated in past years funds had expired due to no applications. He asked Study Team members if they knew of any transportation services which provides to the elderly or disabled to advise them to apply. He stressed the applicant must keep strict records of funds spent in case of an audit by GPATS or state government.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brockington advised the members the PRT study is in a draft format and was sent to several for review. He asked if there was anyone who would like to view this draft to let him know. GPATS is anticipating a final report for adoption at the October Policy Committee meeting. If not completed; then at the February Policy Committee meeting. Next, he updated on the Woodruff Rd. Congestion Relief which a presentation will be made at the Policy Committee meeting. The County currently still has a safety application in for Woodruff Rd. There may be a need for more funds due to cost estimates. Currently there is \$40 million for this project and advised this may not be enough. He advised there are two upcoming events hosted by Ten at the Top. First event will be the unveiling of Connecting Our Future to be held on August 7th at the TD Convention Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Next event to be held by Ten at the Tope is on August 23rd for Transit Oriented Development workshop from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at their business location. Mr. Estep updated Study Team regarding the Freight Plan. He sent an electronic message out to GPATS, SPATS, and ANATS to advise and update on the Freight Plan. Currently he is waiting on SCDOT to work out a third party agreement with vendor to allow them to utilize the data for the Freight Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Mr. Brockington adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.


Submitted by Recording Secretary