

MINUTES
GPATS STUDY TEAM COMMITTEE
January 28, 2019
Suite 400 – County Square
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Brockington, Brennan Hansley, David Dyrhaug, Brandon Madden, Ronda Sloan, Jessica Hekter, Jon Caime, Todd Steadman, Michael Holden, Chris Brink, Dyke Spencer, Shawn Bell, Jason Knudsen, Greg Gordos, Erica Hailey, Penny Phillips, Kelli McCormick, Skip Limbaker, Lance Estep, Heshia Gamble, Nicole McAden, Valerie Holmes, Dwayne Cooper, Asangwua Ikein, Christina Lewis, Kenny Larimore, Rick Wyatt.

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Ridlehoover, L. Mann, R. Ward, P. Alderman, A. Reid, C. Link, D. Montgomery, P. Butler, E. Dillion, A. Hardest, J. Chasteen, R. Garrett, and (inaudible).

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Keith Brockington called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Erica Hailey addressed Study Team members with a brief update of projects which were included in the agenda packet.

- Batesville Road Widening SC 14 and Roper Mountain Road is currently in the letting prep. Currently waiting on the Corps permits to avoid delay with the February 2019 letting.
- Woodruff Road Widening Project is also in letting prep and expecting a February 2019 letting.
- Butler Road S-107 consultant negotiations have been completed.
- Gibbs Shoals Road Bridge Replacement it has a current let date of July 2019. The right-of-way has been certified and is currently awaiting utility certification.
- Lebanon Church Road Bridge Replacement has a current let date of July 2019. The utility certification has been and right-of-way is being completed.
- West Georgia Road Replacement Bridge is currently in construction and was awarded to GLF Construction Corp in December 2019.
- Hampton Ave. Bridge Replacement is currently in construction and was awarded to Crowder Construction.
- Minor Street Sidewalk Project status is in right-of-way and the let date has been moved to the summer of this year.

- Clemson University Bike and Walking Trail Toole Design Group are doing the preliminary designs and currently is on schedule.
- US 123 Signal Project is in construction.
- Woodruff Road Signal Project construction is expected to begin in March 2019.
- US-29 Signal Retiming Project construction is 75 percent complete.

Ms. Hailey made herself available for any questions.

Ms. Gamble asked regarding the signal timing for the Butler Road and Fairview Road if there is a timeline. Mr. Brockington responded there are a lot of Signal Projects which have additional funding needs. GPATS relies on SCDOT to advise the needs for these projects. GPATS currently receives \$125,000.00 annually for these projects and will be increased to \$900,000.00 in 2024. Another question was asked if there is somewhere you can view and see which signals will be part of the Signal Projects. Mr. Brockington advised Signal Projects will be available once an interactive mapping system is in place. Mr. Larimore added SCDOT Project viewer is located on the SCDOT website where you can also view state projects.

A member inquired if there were any more updates on the Woodruff Road Parallel. Mr. Brockington advised GPATS is currently waiting on State Infrastructure Bank (SIB). GPATS applied for \$72 million in 2017 with SIB. SIB late last year requested for updates to be made to this application. Those updates have been made and a certification letter was sent to SCDOT Leland Colvin. He advised if GPATS does not get the funding requested from SIB a decision may need to be made at the April Study Team and May Policy Committee meetings as to either hold the project up pending SIB funding or spend the 2024 and 2025 Guides share and more to fund it. Another question was asked if the alternate has been selected. He advised "6C" is the preferred alternate, but no alternate can be decided on until the funding has been settled.

GPATS PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE

Brennan Hansley addressed the members regarding the second round of GPATS Safety Performance Measures. She advised this document is included in their agenda packet regarding updates to the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. This document includes a chart on the results from last round statewide Safety Performance Measures and Targets and the new state targets are included as well.

Next, she stated an amendment is needed for the TIP document regarding Safety Performance Measures. She advised this is replacing the old targets with the new and the wording was changed in the paragraph from GPATS adopting to have adopted the targets.

Ms. Hansley made herself available for any questions.

Mr. Larimore wanted members to know the SCDOT Transit Asset Management position was filled and the person's name is Steven Allen. He stated he would give GPATS his contact information at the conclusion of Study Team meeting.

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

Recommendation: Mr. Brockington asked for approval or any objections from the members to pass existing TIP document amendment recommendation to Policy Committee for approval. No objections or questions by consensus.

NEW LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) PROJECTS

Keith Brockington addressed members that since October he has received several requests for project suggestions to be included in the LRTP. He requested members to email him with their project suggestions so none are excluded for the upcoming LRTP amendment which is to be presented to Policy Committee in May 2019 meeting.

GPATS TIP 2018 – 2023 AMENDMENT AC #5

Keith Brockington advised members of changes to the GPATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Fiscal Years 2018 through 2023 provided in their agenda packet.

- Addition of Woodside Streetscape Enhancement/ARC Project
- Addition of SC Recreational Trails Projects – Non-Guideshare
 - o Arts Park Connectivity Trail
 - o Conestee Boardwalk Replacement
- Addition of McKelvey Rd over Huff Creek Bridge Replacement

Recommendation: Mr. Brockington asked for approval or any objections from the members to pass recommendation to Policy Committee for approval of TIP 2018 – 2023 Amendment AC #5. No objections or questions by consensus.

GPATS DRAFT 2020 – 2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) DOCUMENT

Keith Brockington addressed members regarding the draft TIP Document for the upcoming GPATS 2020 through 2025 fiscal year. He stated the draft document is available to view GPATS website and staff is currently working with SCDOT regarding the finances making sure all projects are included. He advised additional public involvement language will be added in the document due to request made by FTA for GTA and Clemson Transit. This final document will be presented to Study Team

at the April meeting for Policy Committee to adopt at their meeting in May. No action is required at this time.

Mr. Brockington made himself available for any questions.

Mr. Lairmore asked if GPATS is currently on 21 day public comment period. Mr. Brockington confirmed this was correct.

GPATS DRAFT 2020 – 2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) DOCUMENT

Keith Brockington addressed members regarding the draft UPWP Document for the upcoming GPATS 2020 and 2021 fiscal year. He stated the draft document is available to view GPATS website and staff is currently working with Greenville Finances and just recently received the carryover figures from SCDOT. He advised as the same with the draft TIP document a final UPWP document will be presented in April to Study Team for adoption at the Policy Committee meeting in May.

Mr. Brockington made himself available for any questions.

A question was asked what the amounts are. Ms. Lewis was able to advise the carryover amount is \$812,322.00. Mr. Estep with ACOG wanted Study Team to know they are currently working on an agreement with the Regional MPOs for maintenance regarding the ongoing running of the Travel Demand Model. Mr. Estep inquired if this would be eligible for PL funds. Mr. Brockington believes this is correct. Mr. Caime wanted to know if Laurens County would be included in this model. Mr. Estep advised they are not, but would be in the Upper Savannah COG model. Mr. Estep stated how both agencies will be communicating together. Mr. Caime asked for the upper section of Laurens County located in GPATS area to be considered in the model.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) DOCUMENT REVISIONS

Brennan Hansley addressed members on revisions made to the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) document due to growing project management costs and requests from SCDOT. She stated these changes include awarding extra points during the ranking process, regional or multi-jurisdictional, commute, split local match between more than one jurisdiction, and LPA process section. She mentioned a disclaimer was added due to TAP Projects can lapse. This disclaimer states TAP Projects already awarded funds are grandfathered in, but if a TAP Project has not been given a notice to proceed within three years it may be canceled; however, there is the ability to receive special permission to continue. She advised the application will be sent to SCDOT before voting occurs at Policy Committee to resolve conflicts. Mr. Brockington advised this document will not go to Policy Committee for approval for it is internal use only by GPATS.

Ms. Hansley made herself available for any questions.

2019 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) CALL FOR PROJECTS

Keith Brockington addressed members that GPATS has not yet received the official notification from SCDOT but believes the amount will be the same as last TAP cycle. In the meantime, GPATS is moving forward with the last cycle amount of \$656,199. He stated the deadline for preliminary application is March 16, 2019. He encouraged members to apply, but they cannot have a project that is not fifty percent spent down.

A question was asked if there is a city or agency which already has an allocation for a project can they join in on a previous request with another city. Mr. Brockington responded with explaining the prime applicant must not be encumbered with other funds and the project is not fifty percent spent down. He used the example of the Swamp Rabbit Trail project and how Greenville County and City of Greenville will bring the project to ICAR and then this project becomes the City of Mauldin to continue to City of Simpsonville.

Mr. Brockington made himself available for any questions.

GPATS CALENDAR YEAR 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE REMINDER

Mr. Brockington addressed members of the finalized meeting schedule for upcoming 2019 calendar year was included in their electronic agenda packet and asked them if they would kindly give to their Policy Committee members to place these dates on their calendars.

INCOMING GPATS POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Keith Brockington informed Study Team of incoming new Policy Committee members and asked if any of these new Policy Committee members are theirs to reach out to them and let them know what GPATS means to their jurisdiction how they can help by being an active participant as a Policy Committee member. He stated he will be sending an email welcoming these new members with information about GPATS.

The new Policy Committee members are as follow:

- Senator Ross Turner, Greenville County Legislative Delegation (replacing Dan Hamilton)
- Representative West Cox, Anderson County Legislative Delegation (replacing Richard Cash)
- Councilmember Liz Seman, Greenville County Council (replacing Rick Roberts)
- Councilmember Dan Tripp, Greenville County Council (replacing Fred Payne)
- Councilmember Jimmy Davis, Anderson County Council (new appointee)
- New GTA Chairperson George Campbell, (replacing Addy Matney)

Non-Voting Members

- New Greenville CTC Chairperson Ruth Sherlock, (replacing Paul Hughes)

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Keith Brockington informed the Study Team he had been asked by Greenville County to tell them about the Plan Greenville County – Comprehensive Plan. He directed them to view the website www.plangreenvillecounty.org. He stated there will be many public meetings available during the month of February usually between the hours of five to eight p.m. He advised there will be a larger public meeting held at County Square on February 21st during the day. He referred to Mr. Dillon, who is on the consulting team, if there was anything further he would like to add. Mr. Dillon stated there was a stakeholders meeting last week and from the tour of the County they got good information.

Larry Larimore introduced Christina Lewis to Study Team as the new planning engineer for the GPATS area with SCDOT. Mr. Brockington advised the members Mike Sullivan will no longer be with SCDOT after the COG/MPO conference next week.

Lance Estep updated the Study Team on the Freight Plan. He stated they received all comments from FHWA and SCDOT and are currently incorporating them for the Commission to approve on February 21st. He advised once this is completed they would like to post the RFP by March 1, 2019 and have someone in place by the middle of May 2019. He also advised if anyone was interest or wanted any details about the COG/MPO conference they were welcome to email him at lance@scacog.org.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Mr. Brockington adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Denise Montgomery

Submitted by Recording Secretary