

**MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
CALLED MEETING**

June 15, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Remote participation by Committee members

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Senator Turner, Vice-Chairman Mayor McLeer, Senator Allen, Senator Elliott, Senator Rice, Representative Beach, Representative Collins, Representative Morgan, Councilor Bradley, Councilor Saitta, Councilor Seman, Mayor Amidon, Mayor Danner, Mayor Merritt, GTA Chair Sean Rusnak, and Keith Brockington.

OTHERS PRESENT: B. DeRoos, H. Gamble, B. Groel, M. Groves, C. Hill, A. Ikein, S. Jordan, T. Oswald, A. Patel, M. Pleasant, and L. Quattlebaum.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Senator Ross Turner called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and announced that a quorum had not been met. Chairman Turner suggested that if other members could reach out and get one more person to attend, then the action items could be voted on.

In the absence of a quorum, Chairman Turner moved down the agenda to the FTA Section 5310 Update section.

FTA SECTION 5310 UPDATE

Asangwua Ikein, GPATS Transit Planner/Grants Manager, updated members on the FTA Section 5310 awarded to Able SC. Mr. Ikein explained that although the GPATS Policy Committee has already approved the funding, the federal government requires a separate approval for the indirect costs associated with the award. Mr. Ikein presented the exact dollar amounts of the indirect costs, reminding members that this was included in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Ikein made himself available for questions.

Still lacking a quorum, Chairman Turner continued to the next agenda item.

GPATS FY2025-2034 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AC #9

Keith Brockington, GPATS Transportation Planning Manager, addressed members on the TIP Amendment AC#9 reminding them the financial statement is included in today's Agenda Packet.

The following Non-Guideshare changes are being made to the FY2025-2034 AC #9 TIP Financial Statement:

- Update Project Speedway Local Access Road – per SCDOT to align STIP and TIP:
 - Shift \$3 mil ROW/Other Allocated Funds/ARC OAF funding from FY2026 to FY2027 and reduce to \$391,436.
 - Add \$2.6 mil ROW/Local/Pickens County/LOC funding to FY2027.

- Increase FY2027 CON/Other Allocated Funds/ARC/OAF funding from \$7.3 mil to \$8.1 mil
- Decrease FY2027 CON/Local/LOC funding from \$805,563 to \$0.
- Remove Completed or Cancelled SCRTP Projects:
 - Nicholtown Mountain Bike and Hike Trails
 - Conestee Park Mountain Biking
 - Green Crescent Trail (Gateway Park Connector)
 - The Pavilion Miniature Rail-Trail
 - Bolick/Cannon Trail
 - Green Crescent Trail (Clemson Park Loop)
 - Parallel Swamp Rabbit Trail in Unity Park
 - Gilder Creek Multi-Use Trail
- Remove Completed or Cancelled TA Projects:
 - Woodruff Road Sidewalks
 - Haywood Road Sidewalks
 - Brushy Creek Greenway
- Update FY2026 TAP Allocation \$1,233,320
- GTA/Greenlink FY2026 Apportionments
 - FTA Section 5307 – Greenville Urbanized Area - \$4,082,111
 - FTA Section 5307 – Mauldin/Simpsonville Area - \$3,087,090
 - FTA Section 5339 - \$318,946
 - FTA Section 5310 - \$575,872
- Add New Safety/HSP Projects - per SCDOT
 - Corridor Improvements – SC 291 (N. Pleasantburg Drive) MP 5.8 – 8.0 RSA
 - \$1.5 mil PE – FY2026
 - \$1,000 ROW – FY2028
 - \$5 mil CON – FY2029
 - Corridor Improvements – US 29 (Wade Hampton Blvd.) MP 12 – 16 RSA
 - \$1.5 mil PE – FY2026
 - \$1,000 ROW – FY2028
 - \$5 mil CON – FY2029
 - Corridor Improvements – US 123 (Easley Bridge Rd.) MP 2.6 – 4.9 Vulnerable Road User
 - \$1.5 mil PE – FY2026
 - \$1,000 ROW – FY2028
 - \$5 mil CON – FY2029

Mr. Brockington made himself available for any questions.

Representative Thomas Beach, Anderson County, asked for clarification on ownership of the Speedway Access Road.

Meagan Groves explained that this is actually not on the Speedway property and pertains to realignment and signalization, or safety updates, at that intersection. The intersection is not owned by the Speedway.

Senator Rex Rice added that the SC-124 and SC-123 intersection has been a safety issue for many years, and this correction to the GPATS TIP is intended to make that portion of the roadway safer. Senator Rice explained that there is a lot of new development in that area, and even without the Speedway, there are safety concerns that need to be addressed.

Mayor Terry Merritt, City of Mauldin, asked whether, if the new safety projects (the last three items presented) were not approved, would that leave more funding available for the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project (WRCR).

Mr. Brockington replied that WRCR is a guideshare fund. The safety projects are non-guideshare funds, and they would not hinder or help any of the guideshare projects. These non-guideshare, safety projects are prioritized at SCDOT in Columbia, and GPATS has no direct access to these funds.

Mr. Brockington stated that the GPATS Study Team reviewed the TIP changes and made a recommendation with an objection. That objection concerned the Guideshare changes, specifically the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief (WRCR) project. For that reason, the vote today will be on non-guideshare projects only and will exclude WRCR and other guideshare projects. He added that the guideshare projects will be discussed further in the July Study Team meeting and August Policy Committee meeting.

Having reached a quorum at 10:28, Chairman Turner asked for a motion on the TIP AC# 9 as presented.

MOTION: By Senator Rice, seconded by Councilor Seman, to approve GPATS FY2025-2034 Transportation Improvement Program AC#9 as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

Chairman Turner asked for a motion on the February 23, 2026 Policy Committee Minutes.

MOTION: By Mayor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Seman, to approve the February 23, 2026 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

Chairman Turner asked for a motion on the approval of the May 18, 2026 Policy Committee Minutes.

MOTION: By Mayor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Bradley, to approve the May 18, 2026 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

Chairman Turner asked for a motion on the FTA Section 5310 Update and Able SC indirect costs.

MOTION: By Councilor Seman, seconded by Councilor Bradley, to approve the Able SC indirect costs as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FINANCIAL SUMMARY FY2027

Mr. Brockington presented the UPWP Financial Summary for FY2027 to the members. He explained that, as part of the biennial UPWP, GPATS projected expected costs and carryovers from FY2026 and is now required to amend it to affirm the FY2027 UPWP Financials.

Mr. Brockington stated the amendment to affirm the FY2027 financials was advertised from May 24 through June 15. He then made himself available for questions.

MOTION: By Representative Beach, seconded by Mayor Merritt, to approve Unified Planning Work Program FY2027 Financial Summary as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

OLD BUSINESS

SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Brockington said the SCDOT Project Status Update was included in the Agenda Packet, and Ms. Groves is available to answer any questions. None were voiced.

GPATS HORIZON2050 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

There was no discussion and no questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Turner asked if anyone had any old business to discuss. There were no comments or questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without objection, Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Recording Secretary
Cleo A. Hill