

GPATS

Policy COORDINATING COMMITTEE



DATE: JUNE 21, 2010

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM A
COUNTY SQUARE, GREENVILLE

Memorandum

To: Policy Committee Members

From: Daniel McGee, MPA Transportation Manager

Subject: MPO 101 – Planning Process Overview

Date: June, 21st 2010 (9am Conference Room A)

I would like to invite each Committee member to attend a brief workshop scheduled one hour prior to our June 21, 2010 GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee meeting. The workshop will provide you with some informative discussion that will better explain the overall MPO history, planning framework, and products or services we offer our stakeholders. We will have discussions on the TIP, UPWP and the Long Range Transportation Plan. Staff and I look forward to answering any questions the Committee may have regarding our work programs and welcome any suggestions.

Again, remember the time 9:00 a.m. on June 21, 2010 in Conference Room A.

GPATS – 101
MPO PROCESS OVERVIEW

Learn more about Federal Transportation Planning
Process & Metropolitan Planning Organization requirements.

Held In Conference Room A
Greenville County Square
9:00 – 10:00 AM
June 21st, 2010



<p>AGENDA GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE June 21, 2010 Conference Room A, County Square 10:00 a.m.</p>
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| <p>1. Call to Order</p> | <p>Chairman
 <i>Senator David Thomas</i></p> |
| <p>action: 2. Approval of March 15, 2010 Minutes</p> | <p>Attachment 1</p> |
| <p>action: 3. Presentation of Final FY 2011 UPWP</p> | <p>Attachment 2
 <i>Daniel McGee</i></p> |
| <p>action: 4. FY 2010-2015 TIP Amendment
 City of Greenville Parks & Recreation FTA 5317 Grant</p> | <p>Attachment 3
 <i>Greg Baney</i></p> |
| <p>action: 5. Transportation Enhancement Program
 Recommendation for application process</p> | <p>Attachment 4
 <i>Keith Brockington</i></p> |
| <p>6. Project Updates</p> <p><u>Interstate</u>
 I-385 widening Greenville County
 I-85/385 Interchange Plan
 I-85 Study (US 25 to US 129)</p> <p><u>ARRA Projects</u>
 Prince Perry Bridge
 Church Street (As shifted to ensure obligated \$ spent)
 Fair Forest Way</p> <p><u>GPATS TIP</u>
 SC 153 Extension (SC 123-Prince Perry)
 Brushy Creek/Pearson Intersection Project
 US 25-White Horse Rd – <i>Appalachian Development Program</i>
 Batesville Road (SC 14 to Anderson Ridge Road)</p> | <p><i>Michael Dennis</i>
 SCDOT</p> <p><i>Daniel McGee</i></p> <p><i>Keith Brockington</i></p> |
| <p>7. New Business
 Transit Vision & Master Plan
 Rail Corridor Alternatives & Feasibility Study</p> | <p><i>Carl Jackson/Greg Baney</i>
 <i>Peter Strub</i></p> |
| <p>8. Public Comment
 Batesville Road (S-164) Guideshare Project</p> | <p><i>Virginia Barnette</i></p> |
| <p>9. Adjourn</p> | |

**MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

March 15, 2010

Conference Room A – County Square

10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Thomas, Chairman; Senator Verdin; Greenville County Council Chair Kirven, Councilor Gilstrap; Councilor Burns; Councilor Meadows; Councilor Payne; Mayor Bagwell; Mayor Long; Mayor Danner; Mayor Godbey; Mayor McCall; Mayor Waldrop; Pickens County Councilor J. Willis;

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Long; T. Usher; C. Burgess; E. Dillon; T. Elrod; B. Fulmer, H. Gamble, J. Gardner; S. Gwynn; C. Hall; R. Hawes; B. Jordan; P. Lindsay; F. Simons; P. Strub; J. Chasteen; M. Carter; J. Allby; G. Baney; B. West; T. Wedmore; D. McGee; J. Owings; K. Brockington; D. Powell and H. Hahn

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

While awaiting a quorum, the Chairman moved forward the following items on the agenda to receive information.

PROJECT UPDATES

I-385 Widening of Greenville County portion

Tommy Elrod addressed the Committee members with an update of the I-385 project, explaining the progress and stating construction to be during 2011 and 2012 with night time lane closures and with two lanes open during certain times of the day. Mr. Elrod stated the Fairview Street Bridge 418 project was currently underway and scheduled to reopen in early April. He stated the stimulus project, Easley 123 is underway with a completion date of October 31, 2010 and the Fairforest Way project will begin receiving bids in April. Mr. Elrod stated there was approximately 44 million dollars in stimulus monies allocated.

Easley Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

Tiffany Wedmore introduced John Cock with Alta Consulting who presented the Committee with a slide show overview of the Easley Bike Pedestrian Master Plan. He stated there were a variety of meetings held and sidewalks were a priority along with widening and reducing speeds on roads. In addition the citizens expressed the desire to see a shared use path for bicycles along with signage. Mr. Cock stated the overall plan came up with the recommendation of 28 miles of sidewalk, 16 intersection improvements and shoulder bike lanes with road share. The total price for the infrastructure projects was about 2 million dollars, much of which could be shared with developers. The plan included design guidelines and the implementation process has begun working with the SCDOT. The plan also looked at schools to make it safer for children to walk and bike to school.

With a quorum being present The Chairman moved the following item forward.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2010 MINUTES

MOTION: By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Mayor Long to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

Tiffany Wedmore addressed the Committee members regarding the attachment provided in their agenda packets with the by-laws for the Citizen Advisory Committee.

MOTION: By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Ms. Willis to amend the Citizen Advisory Committee by-laws with the inclusion of representatives appointed by the mayors of the municipalities within GPATS area. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Mr. Kirven to approve the Citizen Advisory Committee by-laws as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE STUDY TEAM BY-LAWS

Tiffany Wedmore addressed the Committee members regarding the attachment provided in their agenda packets with the by-laws of the Study Team.

MOTION: by Mayor Godbey, seconded by Ms. Gilstrap to approve the Study Team by-laws as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT FY2011 UPWP

Daniel McGee addressed the Committee members regarding the attachment provided in their agenda packets which provided a summary of planning elements for the UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program) work schedule for 2011. He stated he was working closely with the SCDOT to insure all numbers are accurate. Mr. McGee stated he would present a more detailed summary of the UPWP at the June GPATS meeting.

Mr. Elrod stated he would set a meeting up with SCDOT officials and Mayor Bagwell to explain the process of shifting monies in the TIP.

During the discussion, the committee requested staff email members, with a red flag alert if a change to the agenda is made after packets are mailed to GPATS members, pertaining money or funding issues.

MULTI MODAL RAIL CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES STUDY

Peter Strub with Transystems Consulting gave a PowerPoint presentation on a study done for multi modal rail between Greenville and Fountain Inn, approximately 18 miles. He showed the various options which were looked at, along with recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

SCTAC TRAFFIC STUDY

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee on the traffic study currently underway at SCTAC, formerly the Donaldson Center. He stated staff was in the beginning process of

the study to determine how to improve traffic flow and access within the area. Initially, as an Air Force Base, it was not designed to promote access. Mr. Brockington stated intersection improvements were being looked at along with pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.

WOODSIDE MILL HISTORIC SURVEY AND SC418 CORRIDOR

Dan Powell addressed the Committee on the east to west route corridor in Fountain Inn. He stated the City of Fountain Inn held a public meeting with good participation in regards to the corridor, there has been a mill village survey with the results being a set of design guidelines for the revitalization of the mill area. There will be a community meeting on the mill survey and are currently in the beginning stages.

TRANSIT VISION AND MASTER PLAN

Daniel McGee addressed the Committee on the Transit and Vision Master Plan that the GTA was currently working on. He stated there would be a public meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the Carolina First Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.



Submitted by Recording Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: Daniel McGee – Transportation Planning Manager

DATE: June 21, 2010

SUBJECT: FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Purpose: This document outlines the planning work activities, schedule and funding to coordinate federal and state planning requirements. The Fiscal Year (state) will start July 1, 2010 and end June 30, 2011.

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 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

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

- The City of Fountain Inn has previously requested planning funds to accommodate a Historic Survey for the Woodside Mill & SC 418 Corridor Plan which is being carried over to FY 2011. For additional information please contact Mr. Dan Powell at 467-7287 or dpowell@greenvillecounty.org
- The City of Greenville has requested planning funds to develop a Master Bicycle Plan to examine the bike network and future opportunities to connect our homes, work, school and recreation needs in the community. This was approved in FY 2010. For additional information please contact Keith Brockington, AICP at 467- 7143 or kbrockington@greenvillecounty.org
- The Greenville County Recreation District has requested some funding to perform a Survey and Usage Assessment of the Swamp Rabbit Trail. This will be essential to document the types of users (socio-demographic differences), identify the recreation, transportation, and economic impact of this trail. For additional information please contact Ty Houck at GCRD 288-6470 or ty@gcrd.org
- Anderson County and a planning group (formed by the Powdersville Water District) has requested some assistance with planning funds to coordinate a study along the SC 153 Corridor (roughly from I-85 to SC 123) which will improve the connectivity, infrastructure, safety, and land-use. For additional information please contact Rusty Burns at 260-4031 or Dyke Spencer at dspencer@powdersvillewaterdistrict.com – Powdersville Water District Offices 269-5440.
- The City of Easley has requested some planning funds to develop a Brushy Creek Greenway Feasibility Study to examine a concept to connect this potential trail to the new High School in Pickens County. For additional information please contact Fox Simmons at 855-7900 or fsimons@cityofeasley.com

APPENDIX A

GPATS FY 2011 UPWP FUNDING SUMMARY

Planning Activities	Local	FHWA PL and FTA 5303	Total
Element 101 Study Coordination	10,000	40,000	50,000
Element 102 Unified Planning Work Program	14,000	56,000	70,000
Element 103 Staff Education	3,000	12,000	15,000
Element 104 Computer System and Equipment	2,000	8,000	10,000
Element 201 Public Involvement Program	19,100	76,400	95,500
Element 301 Systems Performance and Safety Planning	10,100	40,400	50,500
Element 302 Short Range Planning	16,000	64,000	80,000
Element 303 Multi-modal Coordination	20,800 (1)	83,200	104,000
Element 401 Transportation Improvement Program	22,058	88,232	110,290
Element 402 Long Range Planning	26,000*	104,000	130,000
Totals:	143,058 **	572,232	715,290
Element 403 Special Transportation Studies	5,000 (2)	20,000	25,000
Brushy Creek Greenway Feasibility Study	3,750 (3)	15,000	18,750
Swamp Rabbit Trail Evaluation Survey	3,750 (4)	15,000	18,750
SC 153 Corridor & Area Plan	7,750 (5)	35,000	42,750
Woodside Mill Historic Survey & SC 418 Plan	20,000 (6)	80,000	100,000
Total for PL carry over funded plans	40,250	165,000	205,250

*- Element 402.2 funded through Consolidated Planning Funds and matched SCDOT.

**- Under agreement the PL Local Match (20%- \$122,258 matched 75% Greenville Co. – 25% Pickens Co.)

Footnotes: (1) – Matched by GTA (2) – Matched by City of Easley; (3) – Matched by Greenville County Recreation District; (4) Matched by Anderson County; (5) – Matched by City of Fountain Inn; (6) – Matched by the City of Greenville. *Italicized Projects* (listed under Element 403) were carried over from FY 2010 UPWP.



MPO SELF-CERTIFICATION

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.334 and 450.220 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, the South Carolina Department of Transportation, and the Greenville-Pickens Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greenville-Pickens Urbanized Area(s) hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C 5303, and this subpart;
- (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (3) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (4) Section 1101(b) of the SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- (5) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (6) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- (7) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (8) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (9) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Michael Sullivan, PE
Area Planning Engineer
SC Department of Transportation

David Thomas, Chairperson
GPATS
Policy Committee

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: Daniel McGee – Transportation Planning Manager

DATE: June 21, 2010

SUBJECT: TIP Amendment for New Freedoms Grant

Purpose: This amendment was requested by GTA/Greenlink to program FTA section 5317 (New Freedoms Program) in our FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

Action: The amendment is requiring GPATS approval after 15 days of public notice to facilitate requirements of our Participation Plan and TIP amendment processes.

The attachment is to approve the grant application from the City of Greenville Parks Department for a new van to transport seniors to various facilities. The applicant was subsequently approved by the GTA Board. For additional information please contact Greg Baney 467-2700 or gbaney@greenvillesc.gov

New Freedom 2008 Funds FTA 5317 Funding Grant

The following use of New Freedom funds should be incorporated into the TIP/STIP:

Total Grant Amount: \$62,574.00 divided as follows:

Essentially, the request entails \$48,000.00 for the purchase of a new 15 passenger minibus that will enable the City of Greenville's Department of Parks and Recreation to provide transportation to elderly and disabled individuals of low to moderate income who rely on public transportation to go to and from the various community centers operated by the department. This amount is eighty percent of the total cost of the bus (\$60,000.00).

In addition, fifty percent of the cost of operating the bus ($\$17,772.00 \times 50\% = \$8,886.00$) is included in this request. Also included in the amount requested above is one hundred percent of GTA/Greenlink's cost of administering the grant up to ten percent of the requested amount (\$5,886.00). This will cover the additional time spent by GTA/Greenlink staff to provide oversight and administration of the above project as well as the cost of additional materials and supplies that will be required for such oversight.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: Daniel McGee – Transportation Planning Manager

DATE: June 21, 2010

SUBJECT: Enhancement Funding Mechanism

Purpose: This is recommended from the Study Team to outline the process for applying for the Transportation Enhancement Funding appropriated to the GPATS – MPO.

Action: The Study Team was presented a set of three choices to accommodate grant applications for this upcoming Fiscal Year. The federal highway bill (SAFETEA-LU) has been extended through a continual resolution up to the end of the calendar year. The Study Team is recommending the 2nd option as provided in your attachment.

- The attachment contains the framework or mechanism to coordinate the TE funds and provides a spreadsheet that displays the funding allocated to the various municipal units of government over the next five years. When the new authorization bill is finalized we will revisit this funding source and the GPATS distribution of such funds.

GPATS Transportation Enhancement Program Alternatives

Recommendation from Study Team:

- Upon review of the following alternatives by the Study Team, it was determined that:
 - With the SAFTEA-LU Authorization Bill expiring this year, a multi-year funding mechanism (Alt 1&3) is chancy at best.
 - Alternative 2 would be handled from year to year until a new Authorization Bill is signed, at which time Study Team will re-evaluate the alternatives.

1) Continue Current Funding Mechanism

1. See attached Table 1
2. Carryover previously unspent funds; jurisdictions will not lose their previous allocations
3. Population and allocation numbers will be updated as 2010 Census numbers are released.
4. Recommend removing future carryovers; unspent funds revert to MPO for “projects of regional significance.”
5. May not be sustainable on a multi-year basis.

2) Move to “Equitable Competitive Application” Process

1. Carryover previously unspent funds; jurisdictions will not lose their previous allocations
2. Funds are preserved for counties and their jurisdictions
 - Greenville County 70% (\$450,547 per year)
 - Pickens County 25% (\$160,910 per year)
 - Anderson County 5% (\$32,182 per year)
3. Projects applications to be evaluated ranked and recommended by Study Team, and approved by Policy Committee.
4. Unspent funds revert to MPO for “projects of regional significance,” but are held to the preserved jurisdictions as much as possible.

3) Combine 1 and 2

1. Use both mechanisms on a 50/50 split of funding.
2. This would allow for jurisdictions to maintain regular funding, while allowing larger projects to compete for additional funds.



FY 2011 to 2015 Transportation Enhancement Program

Jurisdiction	Fiscal Year					Total with Carryover
	06-10 Carryover	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Greenville County						
Fountain Inn	TBD	-	-	-	-	66,734
Greenville	-	243,035	103,000	140,000	-	621,109
Greer	-	-	83,108	-	-	186,803
Mauldin	-	-	-	168,847	103,695	168,847
Simpsonville	-	-	-	-	159,176	159,176
Travelers Rest	-	-	-	-	-	45,461
Greenville County	-	273,544	200,010	301,420	310,921	1,378,281
Pickens County						
Easley	-	127,060	-	-	69,847	196,907
Liberty	-	-	-	33,372	-	33,372
Pickens	-	-	33,406	-	-	33,406
Pickens County	-	-	120,926	-	-	224,911
Anderson County						
Anderson County	-	-	103,189	-	-	103,189
Subtotal by County						
Greenville	-	516,579	366,118	610,267	573,792	2,628,411
Pickens	-	127,060	154,332	33,372	69,847	488,596
Anderson	-	-	103,189	-	-	103,189
Grand Total		643,639	643,639	643,639	643,639	3,218,196
Available		643,639	643,639	643,639	643,639	3,218,196

Table 2
Allocation of Enhancement Funds

Jurisdiction	2000 Pop	% of Total	Weighted [2] Population	Weighted % of Total
Fountain Inn [1]	6,017	1.4%	12,034	2.1%
Greenville	96,002	12.6%	112,004	19.3%
Greer [1]	16,843	3.8%	33,686	5.8%
Mauldin	15,224	3.4%	30,448	5.2%
Simpsonville	14,352	3.2%	28,704	4.9%
Travelers Rest	4,099	0.9%	8,198	1.4%
Greenville County [3]	248,544	56.0%	248,544	42.8%
Easley	17,754		35,508	6.1%
Liberty	3,009		6,018	1.0%
Pickens	3,012		6,024	1.0%
Pickens County [3]	40,556		40,558	7.0%
Anderson County, Powdersville area [3]	18,608		18,608	3.2%
Grand Total	444,022	81.3%	580,334	100.0%

[1] Includes Greer population in Spartanburg County (6,877) and Fountain Inn population in Laurens County (1,360).

[2] Municipal populations are factored by 2.

[3] County population includes unincorporated areas within GPATS area only.