

MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
February 22, 2016
Suite 400 – County Square
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Butch Kirven, Vice Chairman Senator Martin, Representative Smith, Representative Burns, Representative Loftis, Councilor Meadows, Councilor Payne, County Council Chair Taylor, Councilor Norris, Councilor Smith, Commissioner Willard, Mayor Baughman, Mayor Cook, Mayor Bagwell, Mayor Lee, Mayor Raines, Mayor Danner, Mayor Durham, Mayor Owens, Mayor Curtis, Keith Brockington and M. Carter

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Gucker, E. Vinson, H. Hahn, S. Julius, M. Floyd H. Gamble, E. Dillon, C. Nelson, T. Elrod, J. Chasteen, W. Elgin, D. Purgess, D. Dryhaug, D. Cooper, C. Unic, E. Case, M. Freeman and J. Horton.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kirven called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed the new GPATS members; Simpsonville Mayor Janice Curtis, Ft. Inn Mayor Sam Lee and GTA Board Chair Matt Carter.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 COMMITTEE MEETING.

MOTION: By Senator Martin, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals signed up to speak.

SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Tommy Elrod with the SCDOT introduced Mr. Wilson Elgin, Engineer for the Upstate Regional Production Group. He gave the Committee an update on the various projects within the GPATS area. He spoke on the SC-153 extension, stating right of way that is needed is currently being acquired. Mr. Elrod stated the permitting process looked favorable. An application has been submitted to the CORP, recommending using the adjacent mitigation bank that was outside the watershed area of the project. Upstate Forever was opposed to the recommendation and had several suggestions. Mr. Elrod stated there was a site in northern Greenville County that looks favorable and we would be able to purchase. Hopefully there will be an approved permit by late summer. Construction would begin soon after.

Mr. Elrod spoke to the I-85/I-385 project, stating contractors have begun work. Substantial construction completion date would be October of 2018. Additionally, SCDOT was pursuing two additional widening projects in the area, from Pelham Road to BMW and from 385 to White Horse Road.

Mr. Elrod stated in May there would be opening bids for pavement rehab projects.

Mr. Elrod went over other projects which were included in the Committees agenda packet.

2016 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS

Keith Brockington informed the Committee of the annual cycle for the Transportation Alternative Program shall be opened for Fiscal Year 2016, for all eligible jurisdictions who currently do not have an active application or project less than 50% complete. He stated he was expecting notification of the FY2016 TAP Apportionment to GPATS in early spring. He explained all GPATS jurisdictions have been provided with applications and the applications are due by Friday, February 26, 2016. Mr. Brockington gave the tentative schedule for review and submission to GPATS.

GPATS DIRECT RECIPIENT STATUS/TRANSIT COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with news of GPATS receiving Direct Recipient Status, allowing the Committee to fully manage the Transit Section 5339 and 5310 programs within the Greenville and Mauldin-Simpsonville Urbanized Areas. He stated as part of receiving the Recipient Status, GPATS is required to have a Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC), comprised of staff relevant to transit to meet regularly to discuss any upcoming transit issues. Mr. Brockington stated the TCC would be comprised of a sub-committee of the GPATS Study Team and meet one week prior to Study Team meetings and brings recommendations to the Study Team to be passed to the Policy Committee. Membership on the TCC will be voluntary and open for any interested Study Team members, but will be required of GPATS GTA and CAT staff.

Mr. Brockington gave the Committee a list of the current membership and answered questions from the Committee regarding the membership.

MOTION: By Councilor Smith to approve the creation of the Transit Coordinating Committee. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

GPATS TRANSIT PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Keith Brockington informed the Committee as part of the GPATS Direct Recipient Status, GPATS is required to adopt a Project Management Plan for transit. He stated a Project Management Plan serves to detail the roles and responsibilities of GPATS as it carries

out duties as an FTA Direct Recipient Grantee, identify partners, describe the GPATS Transit Program and formally state policies with regard to compliance in areas such as Civil Rights and ADA. Mr. Brockington stated Sam Julius, Transit Planning and Grants Manager will be responsible for the plan and insure that GPATS remains in compliance.

MOTION: By Councilor Smith, seconded by Representative Loftis to approve the GPATS Transit Project management Plan

GPATS 2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT #2

Mr. Brockington addressed the Committee with an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program as follows:

- Inclusion of FY 2016 Interstate Rehab of I-385 of \$30,000,000
- Inclusion of FY 2016 Section 5303/GPATS UPWP Element 303 funding of \$100,000 for Planning Funds for mass Transit
- Breakdown of FY 2014/2015 Section 5339 funding between GTA and CAT based on applications for Bus Replacement capital purchases.
- Inclusion of the SCDOT's FY 2016 Vehicle Replacement Initiative, with the awarded amounts for GTA and CAT.

MOTION: By Senator Martin, seconded by Mayor Bagwell to approve the GPATS 2016-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Kirven asked Commissioner Willard if he had anything to report to the Committee.

Commissioner Willard stated Christy Hall was now the Secretary of Transportation. He stated both the SCDOT and Commission have provided additional information to the Senate Transportation as well as the Finance Committee. Hopefully the information has provided them a foundation to make a decision.

Senator Martin briefed the Committee on the debate in Columbia regarding roads and increase in gas tax.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

GPATS 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN KICK-OFF

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee on the LRTP kick-off, with the formal Kick-off to be April 1, 2016. Mr. Brockington presented a tentative schedule for the LRTP and noted staff was preparing to hold at least seven (7) meetings per round, reaching all major areas of the GPATS region. He stated once underway more information will be sent out and at each Policy Committee meeting during this time, reports will be given on progress made and upcoming meetings. The tentative schedule is:

- Spring 2016 – Kickoff
- Summer 2016 – Initial Rounds of Public Involvement
- Fall/Winter 2016 – Travel Model, Data Processing
- Spring 2017 – Project/Document Finalization
- Fall 2017 – LRTP Adoption

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and without objection the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary