

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