

**MINUTES**  
**GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**August 20, 2018**  
**Suite 400 – County Square**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Butch Kirven, Representative Burns, Representative Smith, Representative Loftis, Senator Rice, Councilor Norris, Councilor Meadows, Councilor Hudson, Councilor Payne, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Willard, Mayor Durham, Mayor Cook, Mayor Petersen, Mayor Danner, Mayor Bagwell, Mayor Curtis, Mayor Raines, Mayor Lee, Mayor White, Mayor Amidon, Addy Matney, and Keith Brockington

**OTHERS PRESENT:** P. Gucker, S. Holt, B. Hansley, A. Ikein, H. Hahn. D. Montgomery, H. Gamble, C. Lucas, S. Amell-Jackson, D. Dryhaug, M. Holden, P. Phillips, L. Estep, R. Sloan, and J. Horton

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chairman Kirven called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 21, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MOTION:** By Representative Smith to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018 Committee meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no individuals signed up for public comment.

**SCDOT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

Casey Lucas introduced herself as Tommy Elrod's replacement with SCDOT. She directed everyone's attention to the form included in the agenda packet and explained the fields. She addressed the Committee members with a brief update of projects.

Ms. Lucas answered questions regarding the Hampton Avenue Bridge. SCDOT needs one signature to be able to continue with the project. Greenville County is currently working with the property owner regarding an easement.

Ms. Lucas was asked about the SC-153 Extension cost and completion date. She advised she would send this information to those with questions after the meeting.

Ms. Lucas made herself available for any questions.

## **WOODRUFF ROAD CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECT UPDATE**

Freddy Kicklighter with Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering (ICE) addressed the Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation on the current status of the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project with several alternatives that are currently under further study. He stated each of these alternatives does not improve Woodruff Road to the desired level of service for the future. The suggested alternatives currently have the level of service at level "E"; this is still within acceptable guidelines by FHWA.

- Alternative 1 (Partial Widen WR) cost estimate \$54,500,000.00
- Alternative 2C (2-lanes) cost estimate \$96,800,000.00
- Alternative 3C (2-lanes) cost estimate \$125,900,000.00
- Alternative 6C (4-lanes) cost estimate \$102,200,000.00
- Alternative 6D (4-lanes) cost estimate \$118,000,000.00

Mr. Kicklighter stated there is currently \$41.3 million of GPATS funds allocated to the Project. He advised the Committee FHWA will not approve the environmental document on this project unless funding is available.

Question was asked regarding additional funding.

Mr. Brockington advised Greenville County has applied to the State Infrastructure Bank for \$72 million to extend and enhance this project. He is expecting to receive their decision by September for the October Policy Committee meeting. The other option is the possibility that part of the funding for the I-85/Woodruff Road Widening maybe able to be used. He stated this project is not ranked but could supersede other Guideshare projects. Currently the funding available would only allow for alternatives 1 and 2C.

After further discussion, Chairman Mr. Kirven thanked Mr. Kicklighter for the presentation.

## **GPATS BY-LAWS CONSOLIDATION AND UPDATE**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members regarding updating the GPATS By-Laws. At the May Policy Committee meeting, GPATS staff was directed to coordinate with FHWA to discuss the requirements of Study Team formalization and voting. Staff determined no formal vote by the Study Team was required, so long as what process exists is well defined in consolidated GPATS By-Laws. Mr. Brockington went over the attachment included in the agenda packets.

After a brief discussion Chairman Mr. Kirven reminded the Committee members that at some point the by-laws will need to be adopted due to the Federal requirements.

**MOTION:** By Representative Loftis, to hold the item until the next Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **GPATS TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE**

Brennan Hansley addressed the Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation updating the TPMs (Transportation Improvement Measures). She stated targets will be set and adopted at the State and MPO level as required by the Federal Government. She reviewed information presented last year and followed up with new targets that have been announced by the State. Ms. Hansley stated once the State has announced their targets, GPATS will have 180 days to set its own targets or adopt the State's targets.

Targets for three new performance measures have been announced and another is up for review. Safety targets must be monitored and reported annually. GPATS adopted the State's targets in November 2017 and must now decide if the targets need to be modified. The new performance measures in question are:

- Transit Asset Management
- Infrastructure Condition
- System & Freight Reliability

### **FTA SECTION 5310 (ELDERLY AND DISABLED) FUNDING CALL FOR PROJECTS UPDATE**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members regarding a call for projects under Section 5310 funding. GPATS is the designated recipient and responsible for the allocation of the Federal Transit Administrations Section 5310 funding which is available to providers of transit service for elderly, disabled, and for job access. He stated currently there was \$1,011,761.43 available for applications. Staff has advertised to solicit applicants through the month of August, with the intent to bring a recommendation to the Study Team in September for October approval by Policy Committee. He advised Asangwua Ikein is overseeing the project and anyone who is interested in applying, or who may know of agencies qualified to apply may contact him.

### **HORIZON2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FINAL DOCUMENT UPDATE**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members on the Horizon2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan final document. Staff has been working with Kimley-Horn and Associates to clean up and finalize the document for clarification, readability, additional ranking and analysis data. The completed document with the exception of one appendix is available online at GPATS.org. Staff is having the main document printed in limited quantities. The document will be mailed to Policy Committee members when completed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

SCDOT Commissioner Davis updated the Policy Committee with a report on the first year progress of the ten year SCDOT plan. He stated SCDOT has exceeded their goals for the first year and the Commission was looking forward to the continued progress in the upcoming year.

Chairman Kirven reminded everyone the next Policy Committee meeting will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Council member Mr. Payne advised a report he has been working on concerning the Feasibility Study of Traffic Congestion Mitigation using an Automated Transport Network will be presented to the Policy Committee at the October meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Without objection Chairman Kirven adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.



Submitted by Recording Secretary