

MINUTES
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
August 22, 2017
Suite 400 – County Square
10:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Butch Kirven, Representative Smith, Representative Loftis, Representative Collins, Senator Allen, Senator Rice, Senator Gambrell, Councilor Norris, Councilor Meadows, Councilor Payne, Councilor Roberts, Commissioner Davis, Mayor Owens, Mayor Bagwell, Mayor Raines, Mayor Durham, Mayor Cook, Mayor Danner, Addy Matney and Keith Brockington

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Gucker, T. Barber, B. Hansley, A. Ikein, H. Gamble, M. Forman, S. Jackson, M. Holden, T. Elrod, J. Chasteen, V. Holmes, D. Cooper, C. Link and D. Dryhaug

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Kirven called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. He welcomed Senator Gambrell as the newly appointed member of the GPATS Committee.

Chairman Kirven announced long time District Engineer Eric Dillon with the SCDOT has retired and Mike Holden will be replacing Mr. Dillon.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 19, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION: By Representative Smith, seconded by Senator Gambrell to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017 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

Tommy Elrod with the SCDOT addressed the Committee members with an update of projects within the GPATS area as were included in each agenda packet. He stated the new bridges for the I-85, I-385 are beginning to come out of the ground. Once the project is complete, there will be three lanes from Fountain Inn to Downtown. Completion date is still mid-2019. Mr. Elrod stated right of way acquisitions were still being done on the Batesville project, with construction anticipated to begin next summer. He stated the intersection in Liberty was complete and SC-153 extension in

Easley will be placed out to bid in November and if good bids are received construction could begin February 2018. Mr. Elrod stated Salters Road reopened yesterday. Ann Street in Pickens was under construction and would be complete the middle of next year. Woodruff Road, still working with the utilities and hoping to open bids in spring of 2018. Construction bids will be open in November for Five Forks Road and Bethel Road.

GPATS 2018-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program. He stated the FY2018-2023 TIP was adopted by the Policy Committee in June, however after the GPATS RMA Certification Review in July, changes were requested. The changes are required to implement the TIP and keep projects moving.

- The TIP Fiscal years have been balanced. Line items for SCDOT Guideshare Advancement and Repayment have been added to show how SCDOT will account for the funding. As the TIP is “in the black” by FY2023, no project shifts are required.
- Transit funding has been projected through the life of the TIP. These amounts will change based on FTA Allocations to the UZA’s and Formula Results for the Greenville UZA, as that information is known.
- The full TIP Document has been uploaded to the GPATS Website for review and contains information as requested by SCDOT, FHWA, and FTA as a part of the TMA Review.

Mr. Brockington asked the Committee to approve the amendment which will allow GPATS to continue uninterrupted for another two years

Councilor Payne stated he had sat in on the review and commended Keith on the work he had done.

MOTION: By Councilor Payne, seconded by Representative Smith to approve the GPATS 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan Amendment. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HORIZON 2040 LRTP UPDATE

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with a presentation outlining the progress of the Long Range Transportation Plan. He stated Kimley-Horn and Associates are working with SCDOT and GPATS on project prioritization and cost estimates. While the lists are not ready for the policy committee, they will be sent for review as soon as they are developed. Mr. Brockington went over the following:

- Draft Project lists

- Information regarding Federal Performance Measures and the impact they will have on project ranking, implementation and compliance.
- Summarized results of public engagement efforts to date and information on the final Public Roll-Out Meeting.
- Information regarding potential implementation strategies, including funding breakouts for project type
- October 16th Final Adoption.

Mr. Brockington stated over the next two months GPATS staff and Kimley Horn and Associates with Alta Planning will be drafting the document ahead of adoption .

FEDERAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE

Brennan Hansley addressed the Committee members with performance measures which have been put in place to objectively measure the impact of transportation projects. She explained targets and data sources are making their way from the Feds through SCDOT and compliance is starting to be required by the MPO's and COG's. GPATS will be the first MPO in South Carolina that will have an LRTP Update that takes these formal Performance Measures into account.

Ms. Hansley gave a short presentation going over the following goals and briefly explained how staff will be adaption our Planning Process:

- Safety
- Infrastructure Condition
- Congestion Reduction
- System Reliability
- Freight/Economic Vitality
- Environmental Sustainability
- Reducing Project Delivery Delays

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Davis stated Commissioner Willard sends his regrets as he was unable to attend today's meeting. He stated both the Commission and staff are trying to be as efficient and transparent as possible. Commissioner Davis noted the website had some great improvements, listing all the projects in the state and also the progress of the project. He additionally offered the mayors, city council or county council members a chance to hear from the Commission about what was going on from a Commission standpoint. Commissioner Davis also spoke to the talk of having a Commission or not having a Commission. He stated if the Commission did nothing, if they had no authority what so ever, he felt the real justification for the Commission is it allows for an immediate transparent meeting to occur once a month. The meeting is open to the public, open to the staff members, members of the Legislature, County Council or anybody else that would like to come. It is streamed live on television, the agenda and

notebook the Commission gets is published on line. Everything the staff has done the previous month is told to the Commission at that meeting.

Chairman Kirven announce the Horizon 2040 Roll-Out Meeting scheduled for August 29th at the TD Convention Center from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

Keith Brockington stated GPATS staff did pass the certification unofficially and was waiting for the finalized report along with any suggestions.

Mr. Payne announced Greenville County was invited to hold an event sponsored by FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) related to highway safety. The meeting would be in Suite 400 on September 7th and September 8th and if anyone is interested in attending,

Ms. Gucker stated if anyone was interested in attend to email either her or Mr. Payne.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Councilor Norris to adjourn. Without objection Chairman Kirven adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary