

**MINUTES**  
**GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**October 17, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Suite 400 – County Square**  
**Remote participation by Committee members**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Senator Rice, Vice-Chairman Senator Turner, Senator Allen, Senator Loftis, Representative Cox, Councilor Davis, Councilor Norris, Councilor Saitta, Commissioner Christopher, GTA Chair Smith, Mayor Amidon, Mayor McLeer, Mayor Perry, Mayor Sanders, Mayor Womack, and Keith Brockington

**OTHERS PRESENT:** C. Lucas, A. Bodner, A. Stewart, S. Jackson-Amell, J. Barker, L. Mehserle, T. Coker, J. Chandler, R. Jeffers-Campbell, B. Conner, and IS Staff

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chairman Senator Rice called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Due to the absence of a quorum, the informational items on the agenda were discussed first.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no individuals signed up to public comment.

**SCDOT GPATS PROJECT STATUS UPDATE:**

Casey Lucas, Program Manager with the SCDOT, addressed the Committee members with a brief project update presentation included in the agenda packets:

- Projects in Design:
  - Woodruff Road Congestion Relief (WRCR) Project right of way obligation is planned for December 2022.
  - S-107 Butler Road Design Field Review (DFR) was held in August 2022. Preliminary right of way plans are in review. Right of way obligation is scheduled for winter 2022.
  - Fountain Inn Woodside Streetscape Project bids were rejected in May 2022. City of Fountain Inn is working on scope revisions to lower the project cost.
  - Riverside Middle School Sidewalk and Fountain Inn Woodside Connector are in need of additional Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program funding in order to be let.
  - Town of Central Connector local match was received in September 2022. Project scope is being determined.
- Guideshare Projects in construction in the GPATS area are as follows:

- S-164 Batesville Rd Widening roadway portion has been completed. The anticipated completion date has been moved to October 2022 due to traffic signal supply.
- SC 146 Woodruff Rd Widening asphalt work is continuing along Woodruff Rd and Scuffletown Rd. The estimated completion date has been moved to October 2022 due to concrete availability.
- Roper Mountain Rd (RMR)/Roper Mountain Rd Ext (RMRE) anticipated completion date is October 2023.
  - Curb and sidewalk work continues along RMR and RMRE
  - Construction of Rocky Creek Bridge is expected to begin in October 2022
- Non-Guideshare Bridge Replacement projects were as follows:
  - S-75 Cherokee Rd over US 29 anticipated completion date is August 2024. Storm drain installation is continuing. A Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall is being built. Pile driving will begin once walls are completed.
  - S-140 over Shoal Creek and S-250 over Doddies Creek are anticipated to be complete in June 2023. Both bridges are being replaced by the same contractor.

Ms. Lucas made herself available for any questions.

#### **GPATS HORIZON2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee with a status update for the Horizon2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update:

Mr. Brockington said GPATS staff is working to achieve a list of fiscally constrained ranked projects, which is required by Federal Regulations. The DRAFT Horizon2045 LRTP Update can be found on the GPATS website. The document is in the process of being updated and has been presented for review and comment by the GPATS Study Team.

There will be a called Study Team Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> and a called Policy Committee Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> to handle the final review and adoption of the Horizon2045 LRTP Update.

Mr. Brockington said GPATS is not required to update the Congestion Management Process (CMP) at this time. GPATS is working with the Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) and SCDOT on statewide CMP pilot project.

Mr. Brockington encouraged everyone to view the DRAFT Horizon2045 LRTP Update on the GPATS website.

Mr. Brockington made himself available for any questions.

Chairman Senator Rice expressed the importance of the called Policy Committee Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged members to attend this meeting to adopt the Horizon2045 LRTP Update.

Mayor Womack, with the City of Easley, asked what time the called Policy Committee Meeting would occur on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Brockington replied the meeting would be held virtually at 10 a.m.

**Meeting came to a quorum at 10:28 a.m.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 16, 2022 AND AUGUST 15, 2022 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** By Chairman Senator Rice, seconded by Commissioner Christopher, to approve May 16, 2022 and August 15, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE**

Anna Stewart addressed the Committee with Performance Target amendments to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) documents for the Safety Targets, Greenlink Transit Safety Targets, and Greenlink Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets. The following were reviewed:

Safety Targets:

- SC Baseline
- SC Targets
- GPATS Baseline

Greenlink Transit Safety Targets

Mode of Transit Service for Fixed Route and Demand Response/Paratransit

- Fatalities Total
- Fatality Rate
- Injuries Total
- Injury Rate
- Safety Events Total
- Safety Event Rate
- System Reliability

Greenlink Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets

- Rolling Stock
- Equipment
- Facilities

Ms. Stewart made herself available for any questions.

Chairman Senator Rice requested more information on the meaning and importance of the Performance Measures.

Mr. Brockington said a presentation on the Performance Measures could be provided at the Policy Committee Meeting in February 2023.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Womack, seconded by Mayor McLeer, to approve the Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

**MOTION:** By Vice-Chairman Senator Turner, seconded by Mayor McLeer, to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

### **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee on the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Special Allocations:

At the request of the SCDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Office, the following TA Program projects need additional funding in order to be fully funded for completion. The current GPATS TA Program balance will be able to cover these costs. The projects are as follows:

- Fountain Inn, Woodside Park Connector: \$447,972.00
- Anderson County, Riverside Middle School Sidewalks: \$214,596.80

The City of Easley has requested the Brushy Creek Greenway TA Project be canceled. The City has worked out the closure with SCDOT, and the remaining balance will be returned to the GPATS TA balance.

SCDOT is still developing details of the new TA Program. GPATS should have a new TA Program for those jurisdictions who submitted a Letter of Intent to apply in 2023.

Chairman Senator Rice asked if a scope change was the reason these projects needed additional funds.

Casey Lucas said Riverside Middle School scope was reduced as much as possible. The School District does not have enough to cover the cost overrun. The construction costs have been too high for the Woodside Park Connector project.

Senator Loftis, with Greenville County Legislative Delegation, asked how the inflation rate impacted these projects.

Mr. Brockington responded these numbers were provided by SCDOT based off the budget, and he is unsure how the inflation rate impacted these projects.

Chairman Senator Rice asked for clarification on the local match required.

Mr. Brockington responded it is a 20% match, and additional allocations come with an additional match requirement.

**MOTION:** By Senator Loftis, seconded by Mayor McLeer, to approve the Transportation Alternatives Program Special Allocations to the Transportation Improvement Program and to remove the City of Easley Brushy Creek Greenway Project from the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

### **TRANSIT SECTION 5310 APPLICATIONS**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee with an update on the Section 5310 applications evaluated by the Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC).

He shared a presentation on the basics of 5310 funds. 5310 funds are federal funds which can be used to improve transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. GPATS is the designated recipient for 5310 funds in the urbanized area. Nonprofit organizations, state or local governments, and public transit operators are eligible to apply for 5310 funding. Some traditional 5310 projects include buses and vans, wheelchair lifts and ramps, and information technology systems. Nontraditional 5310 projects include driver training, volunteer driver programs, sidewalks, and signage.

Currently, GPATS has \$407,558 available for a federal match. The applications evaluated are as follows:

1. Greenville Transit Authority (GTA) dba Greenlink scored an average of 75.8/100
  - a. Local Match \$40,000
  - b. Federal Match \$160,000
  - c. Total Application \$200,000
2. Clemson Area Transit (CAT) dba CATBus scored an average of 50.0/100
  - a. Local Match \$30,800
  - b. Federal Match \$123,200
  - c. Total Application \$154,000
3. Pickens County Meals on Wheels (PCMoW) scored an average of 78.5/100
  - a. Local Match \$41,650
  - b. Federal Match \$122,850
  - c. Total Application \$164,500.

Pamela Christopher, SCDOT Commissioner for the Third Congressional District, asked for clarification on Clemson Area Transit's 5310 application scoring much lower than the other two applications.

Mr. Brockington responded the full applications are on the GPATS website. Currently, the application is geared towards agencies, such as Meals on Wheels. At this time the application is not geared towards transit agencies. GPATS is looking into reevaluating the 5310 application.

Chairman Senator Rice clarified the scoring system was evaluated by the Transit Coordinating Committee, which included CAT and GTA.

Mr. Brockington said this was correct.

Mayor McLeer, with the City of Fountain Inn, asked if any funds would lapse after the GTA's and PCMoW's applications are funded.

Mr. Brockington responded 5310 funds are not set to lapse until September 2023.

Mayor McLeer asked if the Committee could revisit CATBus' application after it has been revised.

Chairman Senator Rice entertained a motion to adopt GTA's and PCMoW's 5310 applications and carry over CATBus application. The application would not be denied.

**MOTION:** By Vice-Chairman Senator Tuner, seconded by Mayor McLeer, to approve Greenville Transit Authority's and Pickens County Meals on Wheels' Federal Transit Administration 5310 application, and carry over Clemson Area Transit's application. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

#### **GPATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY2023-2028 AC#1**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee with the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment AC#1 and advised the following changes:

At the request of SCDOT, the following changes are being made to the TIP:

- Addition of FY2022 Recreational Trails Program awards:
  - City of Clemson - \$100,000
  - Conestee Nature Preserve - \$60,000
  - City of Mauldin - \$66,000
- Increase in Construction for Non-Guideshare Safety Program
  - Woodruff Road Road Safety Assessment Improvements - \$3,691,000
  - Various small increases in funding for intersection operational improvements
- Addition of FY2022 LowNo Grant award to CATbus for \$3,170,000
- Addition of FY2022 RAISE Grant award to GTA/Greenlink for \$5,845,300
- Addition of FTA Section 5310 Applications
  - GTA/Greenlink: \$160,000

- Pickens County Meals on Wheels: \$122,850
- Removal of TA Project for City of Easley, Brushy Creek Greenway
- Special Allocations for current TA Projects
  - Anderson County/School District Four - \$214,596.80
  - City of Fountain Inn - \$447,972

**MOTION:** By Commissioner Christopher, seconded by Vice-Chairman Senator Turner, to approve the Transportation Improvement Program FY2023-2028 Amendment AC #1 as discussed. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

**GPATS 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Keith Brockington reviewed with the Committee the meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2023, as each received in their packets. The meeting schedule is subject to change, due to the change in meeting space at the new building. Currently, the meeting dates are all in Suite 400 of Greenville County Square.

**MOTION:** By Mayor McLeer, seconded by Mayor Womack, to approve the GPATS 2023 meeting schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. There were no objections.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Keith Brockington addressed the importance of the Called Policy Committee Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. This meeting is for the adoption of the Horizon2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update, and Transportation Improvement Program Amendment AC#2.

Chairman Senator Rice recognized the following outgoing Policy Committee Members:

- Representative Garry Smith
- Representative West Cox
- Greenville County Councilor Willis Meadows
- Greenville County Councilor Xanthene Norris

Chairman Senator Rice thanked them for their service on the GPATS Policy Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Without objection Chairman Senator Rice adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

*Anna Stewart*

Submitted by Recording Secretary