

AGENDA
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
November 1, 2021
1:00 p.m.

The GPATS Policy Committee meeting is to be conducted with remote participation by Members, who have been emailed a special link. Citizens and other interested parties may access the meeting at the appointed time, at the following web address: <https://www.greenvillecounty.org/livestreamplanning.aspx>

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| | 1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS | <i>Vice-Chairman
Senator Rex Rice</i> |
| action: | 2. WOODRUFF ROAD CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECT
FUNDING AGREEMENT | <i>Attachment 1
Keith Brockington
GPATS Transportation Manager</i> |
| | 3. ADJOURN | |



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Attachment 1

MEMORANDUM

TO: GPATS Policy Committee

FROM: GPATS Staff

DATE: November 1, 2021

SUBJECT: GPATS Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project Funding

The Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project (WRCRP), funded in part from the GPATS Guideshare and proceeding with all due speed by GPATS and SCDOT, has approval from the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB) and Greenville County to assist with the funding. Please see the current funding breakdown below:

GPATS (Guideshare)	\$42,000,000	35%
Greenville County	\$30,336,733	25%
SC State Infrastructure Bank	\$49,010,199	40%
TOTAL	\$121,346,932	100%

Greenville County is providing the local match for the SCTIB Funding and has requested of GPATS an Agreement (**Attachment 1.2**) to affirm that the GPATS Guideshare will provide all required funding for cost overruns.

This Agreement does not alter or introduce any commitment to GPATS. As with any project prioritized in the GPATS LRTP and programmed in the GPATS TIP, Guideshare has always covered project cost overruns. The intent of the Agreement is to make this clear and assure Greenville County that their financial commitment will not exceed their existing and generous local match.

As a refresher, please find **Attachment 1.3**, a brief slide deck overview of the WRCRP. GPATS and SCDOT Staff will be on hand to answer any additional questions.

The Policy Committee will be asked to approve of the Agreement and direct the Vice-Chairman and Executive Director to sign the Agreement on its behalf. The Agreement will then be sent to Greenville County for its approval.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) WOODRUFF ROAD CONGESTION
) RELIEF PROJECT FUNDING
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE) AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021, by and between Greenville County, South Carolina (“County”) and the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (“GPATS”) (collectively “the Parties”).

WHEREAS, the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project (“Project”) includes a new, alternate parallel route to Woodruff Road that will extend from Verdae Boulevard to Smith Hines Road and improve numerous intersections and access points along Woodruff Road and is estimated to cost \$121,346,932; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank (“Bank”) approved Greenville County’s application for financial assistance to partially fund the Project with a local match to be provided by Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Project will be provided as follows:

GPATS (Guideshare)	\$42,000,000	35%
Greenville County	\$30,336,733	25%
SC State Infrastructure Bank	\$49,010,199	40%
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$121,346,932</u>	<u>100%</u>

WHEREAS, GPATS programmed \$42,000,000 in Guideshare (Surface Transportation Block Group Program) funding for the Project in the GPATS FY2021-2026 Transportation Infrastructure Plan (TIP) which was approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission for inclusion in the South Carolina FY2021-2027 Transportation Infrastructure Plan (STIP); and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving the Bank’s financial participation in the Project through a grant to Greenville County, the Bank is not obligated to provide funding in excess of its contribution of \$49,010,199 and Greenville County must commit to provide additional funds if necessary to ensure completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire and intend that Greenville County’s contribution towards the Project will not exceed \$30,336,733 and that GPATS will be responsible for any Project costs increases and overruns to ensure completion of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits, promises and obligations set forth herein, the sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged and accepted by each party hereto, the Parties agree as follows:

1. GPATS shall promptly take all actions necessary to ensure that the Project remains a federally obligated project in the GPATS TIP and the STIP until the Project or the last

part of the Project is accepted by South Carolina Department of Transportation for inclusion in the State Highway System.

2. GPATS shall promptly take all actions necessary to ensure that adequate funding is available for timely completion of the Project.

3. GPATS shall provide all funding necessary to complete the Project if the amount of monies needed to complete construction of the Project exceeds the current total estimated costs as set forth herein or if any funds or contributions to be provided for the Project by a source other than the County or the Bank, are not received.

4. GPATS will be responsible for any Project costs increases and overruns to ensure completion of the Project

5. GPATS shall execute any other documents that Greenville County determines is reasonably necessary to evidence or establish GPATS' obligations set forth in this Agreement.

6. Invalidation of any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement by any court of competent jurisdiction shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, all of which shall remain, and is intended by the Parties to remain, in full force and effect.

[Signature Pages to Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf.

**GREENVILLE-PICKENS AREA
TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

WITNESS:

Name:

Pickens County Senator Rex Rice, Vice-
Chairman, Greenville-Pickens Area
Transportation Study

WITNESS:

Name:

Keith Brockington, Executive Director
Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Greenville County has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf.

GREENVILLE COUNTY

ATTEST:

Willis Meadows, Chairman
Greenville County Council

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to County Council

Joseph M. Kernell
Greenville County Administrator



WOODRUFF ROAD CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECT - OVERVIEW

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WRCRP History (In Brief)

- Adopted into the GPATS Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in 2013
- Ranked #1 in Ranked Project Lists
 - Woodruff Rd “Vehicle-to-Capacity Ratio” in 2010 at Measured 1.2 (20% over capacity)
 - By 2035 w/o this project the V/C ratio 2 X capacity
 - By 2035 with this project the V/C Ratio could be maintained at 1.5 (50% over capacity)
 - Evaluation of simply widening Woodruff Road to 7-lanes and piecemeal connectivity projects ranked lower than Parallel

WRCRP History (In Brief)

- Programmed into the GPATS TIP: March 2014
- Programmed into State TIP: April-May 2014
- Preliminary Engineering Began: April 2017
- Public Information Meeting: November 9, 2017
- www.fixwoodruffroad.com
- Environmental Assessment (EA) comments received from FHWA: Early March 2020
- Resubmission of EA: March 13th, 2020
- EA signed: April 7th, 2020
- Public Hearing: July 7th – August 7th, 2020
- FHWA Record of Decision: Nov 5, 2020
- Preliminary Engineering Phase 2 Contract executed on June 7, 2021

Project Timeline & Path Forward

- ROW Surveys are Underway, completion in Fall 2021
- Finalize ROW Plans: Summer/Fall 2022
- Begin ROW Acquisition: Spring 2023
- Complete Construction Documents, Utility Agreements, Etc: 2025
- Begin Construction: Summer 2026
- Ideal Completion Timeframe: 3 years, open by end of 2029

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Current designs are still preliminary. Scope and function may/will change. Property impacts will not be known until mid-2022. Questions regarding impacts are to be directed to SCDOT.

Current State of the WRCRP

- Purpose and Need:
New roadway project to improve operational efficiency and alleviate traffic congestion on Woodruff Road.

- Study Area:

- Salters Road to Smith Hines
- Woodruff Road to Carolina Point Parkway/Miller Road
- 1.25 miles of I-85 and .75 miles of I-385 lie within study area



FixWoodruffRoad.com

Current State of the WRCRP

Funding Source	Funding Amount	% Total
GPATS Guideshare	\$42,000,000	35%
Local Match (Gvl County)	\$30,336,733	25%
SCTIB Funding Approved	\$49,010,199	40%
Total Cost	\$121,346,932 (2022 Dollars)	100%

GPATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

GUIDESHARE PROJECTS	Previous Obligations	FY 2020	TIP					TIP COST (2021-2026)	REMAINING COST (2027+)	FUNDING	
			FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025				FY 2026
GUIDESHARE PROJECTS CONTINUED											
Road Improvement Projects Currently in the TIP with Updated Schedule and Cost Estimates Cont.											
ROPER MOUNTAIN ROAD (S-548) **** ROPER MOUNTAIN EXT TO GARLINGTON ROAD (THREE LANES, BIKE LANES, AND SIDEWALK ON ONE SIDE)	1,150 P 1,500 R	3,250 C 1,000 E	4,500 C						34,500		STBGP
BUTLER ROAD (S-107) BRIDGES RD TO US 276 (FOUR LANES, DIVIDED, ONE LANES AND SIDEWALKS)	1,000 P		1,000 R		4,000 C	10,000 C			\$15,500		STBGP
BATESVILLE ROAD (S-164) PHASE II PELHAM ROAD TO THE PARKWAY (THREE LANES, WIDE OUTSIDE LANES, AND SIDEWALKS)	1,200 P					1,000 R	2,500 C	3,000 C	\$12,000	ON HOLD	STBGP
WOODRUFF ROAD PARALLEL WOODRUFF ROAD TO MILLER RD (FOUR LANE DIVIDED, PLANTED MEDIUM AND MULTI-USE PATH)	2,900 P	2,000 P			9,700 R *****28,350 ROAD	8,400 R	9,400 R AND 8,450 R AND	8,450 R AND	\$17,100	\$78,000	STBGP
SC-153 IMPROVEMENTS I-85 TO OLD PENELSTON RD (INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, TURNING LANES)	500 P 1,000 R	1,800 C									STBGP
GARLINGTON ROAD FROM SC-148 TO ROPER MOUNTAIN ROAD				500 PL					\$300		STBGP

Spent to Date: 1.4 Million

Obligated: 6.9 million to PE

SCDOT and ICE Current Design







