

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

BETWEEN THE GREENVILLE-PICKENS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (GPATS)  
AND THE GREENVILLE TRANSIT AUTHORITY (GTA)

## **SUMMARY**

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Greenville Urbanized Area's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), GPATS, and the authorized public transit provider, GTA d.b.a. Greenlink Transit, for the purposes of detailing the functions and responsibilities of each, effective on this date the 2 of July, 2025.

## **PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS**, (1) the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study adopted a resolution on March 17, 2014 to authorize GPATS as the Designated Recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) apportionments in the Greenville and Mauldin-Simpsonville Urbanized Areas (UZA) effective upon the concurrence of the public transportation providers residing within the Urbanized Areas, and

**WHEREAS**, (2) the Greenville Transit Authority (GTA) d.b.a. Greenlink Transit is currently the only FTA Direct Recipient to provide mass transit service within the Urbanized Areas, and

**WHEREAS**, (3) FTA regulations, 23 CFR §450.310 *et seq*, require “an agreement between the MPO and operators of publicly owned transit services which specifies cooperative procedures for carrying out transportation planning (including corridor and subarea studies) and programming as required,” and

**WHEREAS**, (4) FTA Section 5307 and 5339 apportionment funding may be sub-allocated from the certified Designated Recipient to certified Direct Recipients and Sub-Recipients thereof, and

**WHEREAS**, (5) FTA Section 5310 apportionment funding is intended for eligible applications and may only be sub-allocated by the certified Designated Recipient as permissible, and

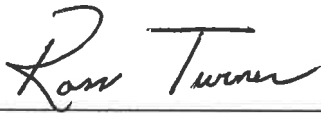
**WHEREAS**, (6) FTA Section 5303 funding is programmed annually in the GPATS Unified Planning Work Program,

**THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, that the following provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding are agreeable to all parties:

- 1)** That the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) shall continue to serve as the sole Designated Recipient of FTA Apportionments for the Greenville and Mauldin-Simpsonville Urbanized Areas for the purposes of allocating the FTA Section 5307/5339 apportionment funding to area public transit providers.
- 2)** That the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) shall continue to serve as a Direct Recipient of FTA Apportionments for the Greenville Urbanized Area for the purposes of administering the distribution of the FTA Section 5310 apportionment funding.
- 3)** That the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) shall continue to administer any transit planning activities related and pursuant to the Designated Recipient status through the Federal Highway Administration Planning Grant (FHWA PL) and not through Section 5307 or 5303 Planning apportionments, which will be passed through to the eligible transit providers.
- 4)** That the Greenville Transit Authority will maintain its status of Direct Recipient, and receive the allocations of the Urbanized Areas Section 5307/5339 funding and any other FTA or SCDOT Transit formula allocation.
- 5)** That the FTA Section 5310 apportionment funding will only be sub-allocated to GTA as permitted by FTA and SCDOT. Otherwise, this sectional funding shall be administered by GPATS, and shall be announced and applied for by eligible sub-recipients on an annual basis; recommendation of projects funded shall be made by a joint sub-committee of the GPATS Study Team (made up of GPATS, GTA, and other relevant staff) and decided upon by the GPATS Policy Committee.
- 6)** That the FTA Section 5303 apportionment funding shall be scheduled in the annual GPATS Unified Planning Work Program, activities to be notated by GTA in the time leading up to the UPWP approval. All FTA Section 5303, as provided in the GPATS PL funding, shall be passed on to GTA so long as that amount is sufficiently matched 20% by GTA as budgeted in the UPWP Element 303.

- 7) That for coordination and reporting purposes, the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) and the Greenville Transit Authority (GTA) d.b.a. Greenlink Transit do agree to the following:
- a) That GPATS will, by Federal regulations, provide a voting seat on the GPATS Policy Committee to the Chair of the Greenville Transit Authority Board.
  - b) That GTA will maintain active participation in the GPATS process, providing staff to meetings and sitting on the GPATS Study Team, and that GPATS will in turn maintain active participation in the processes of GTA.
  - c) That GPATS Staff will coordinate FTA Section 53 apportionment grant cycles in a timely manner with GTA.
  - d) That both GPATS and GTA will be prompt in any required reporting to the other party, SCDOT, FTA, and others as needed.
  - e) That GPATS will include all planning activities by GTA into the Long-Range Transportation Plan and any other relevant Plan.
  - f) That GTA will provide GPATS with yearly 5-year budget projections for both operations and capital for use in the GPATS Transportation Improvement Program.
  - g) That GTA will provide GPATS with a copy of its yearly Program of Projects for GPATS Approval.
  - h) That GTA will provide a list of all planning activities to be reimbursed using Section 53 funds for inclusion in the GPATS Unified Planning Work Program.
  - i) That GTA will provide annual Asset Management Plans to all parties for capital planning purposes.

Agreement to this Memorandum of Understanding entered into agreement upon this day, the 2 of July, 2025.



Senator Ross Turner, GPATS Chair

  
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