

**2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**



## **INTRODUCTION**

### **SUATS ORGANIZATION**

The purpose of the Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Sumter area is to establish and maintain a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process. While meeting the appropriate federal and state requirements, this process promotes the development of a safe, effective, efficient and environmentally sensitive multi-modal transportation system for moving people and goods in the SUATS area.

The study area is approximately in the center of Sumter County, South Carolina. The City of Sumter and outlying area beyond the corporate limits as shown comprise the SUATS area.

SUATS is monitored by two committees, the Policy Committee, which has final local approval and authority on all major transportation decision, policies, and programs of SUATS, and the Study Team, which provides advice to the Policy Committee and staff on technical methods, procedures and standards that are used in the development of transportation plans and programs.

### **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)**

The Transportation Improvement Program details all projects and programs that have obligated funding from FHWA. These projects and programs derive from the SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan. The TIP has been developed by SUATS with the cooperation of SCDOT and SWRTA. The TIP has been advertised and made available for public comment. It covers a period of 5 years but is updated yearly. SUATS, in cooperation with SCDOT and SWRTA, assures that all projects and programs are fully fundable.

The TIP also includes all federally supported capital and non-capital surface transportation projects within the boundaries of the MPO as well as all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA.

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

SUATS follows a Public Involvement Plan that details the approach, values, and activities that are followed to ensure full and effective public participation in the planning process. A variety of methods are used to solicit public input, including small group presentations, news releases, distribution of printed and electronic newsletters, surveys, public workshops, development of corridor studies and area plans, and public hearings.

## **FUNDING**

SUATS projects are funded through federal and state transportation funds.

## Guideshare Funds

Funds for road improvements are allocated by SCDOT through the Guideshare Program. The S.C. Transportation Commission sets aside approximately \$114 million dollars of FHWA and SCDOT funds each year and distributes the money among the state's ten MPOs and Councils of Governments based on population and vehicle miles of travel in each region. The Guideshare sets the annual budget for highway improvements within each MPO or COG, and total project costs in any given year normally cannot exceed the Guideshare apportionment.

Road improvements may include constructing new roads, adding traffic lanes to existing roads, constructing paved shoulders, installing traffic signals, constructing sidewalks or bike lanes, or making safety improvements. Major maintenance improvements may also be included, such as resurfacing a road. However, minor maintenance activities such as patching potholes are not funded through SUATS, but are handled directly by SCDOT maintenance units.

SUATS apportionment from the Guideshare Program is \$2.5 million annually. Of this amount, approximately \$1.2 million per year is devoted to debt service. SCDOT developed an innovative financing plan in 1998 to accelerate construction of many projects that were built between 1998 and 2007, and issued bonds to fund the plan. Debt service payments will continue through 2014 to retire the bonds that were issued to fund the accelerated construction program.

## Transportation Enhancement Projects

In 1991, Congress passed a landmark transportation bill, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). The Transportation Enhancement Program was created by ISTEA and has been widely popular, in part because it funds projects that had frequently been left out of highway improvement plans in past years. Twelve specific activities, listed below, are eligible for Transportation Enhancement funds. Generally, these can be summarized as facilities and programs for pedestrians and bicyclists; landscaping and scenic beautification of transportation facilities; and historic preservation activities that are directly related to transportation. All projects must have a clear relationship to transportation. More information is available on the internet at [www.enhancements.org](http://www.enhancements.org).

## **SECTION II MEMBERSHIP**

Membership will consist of the following:

### Policy Committee (Voting)

1. **\*Mayor, City of Sumter**
2. **\*County Council Chairman**
3. City Council Member
4. County Council Member
5. Legislative Delegation – Resident Senator,  
Resident Representative (2)
6. Planning Commission Chairman
7. Sumter County Development Board Chairman
8. County Transportation Committee Chairman

### Policy Committee (Ex-officio)

1. City Manager
2. County Administrator
3. Fifth Congressional District Highway  
Commissioner
4. Sixth Congressional District Highway  
Commissioner
5. Shaw AFB Commander (or designee)

### Enhancement Committee

1. **Transportation Coordinator, Sumter  
City-County Planning Commission**
2. Planning Director, Sumter City-County  
Planning Commission
3. Public Services Director, City of Sumter
4. Public Works Director, County of Sumter
5. Shaw AFB Community Planner
6. Director Santee-Wateree RTA
7. Chamber of Commerce Representative
8. Director of Community Development,  
City of Sumter
9. Finance Director, City of Sumter
10. Sumter County Active Lifestyles  
Chairman, USC

2. Public Services Director, City of Sumter  
(or designee)
3. Public Works Director, County of Sumter  
(or designee)
4. SCDOT District Traffic Engineer
5. SCDOT Planning Department  
Representative
6. FHWA Planning & Environmental  
Engineer
7. SCDOT District Project Engineer
8. Shaw AFB Community Planner
9. Director Santee-Wateree RTA
10. Chamber of Commerce Representative
11. Director of Community Development, City  
of Sumter
12. Finance Director, City of Sumter
13. Sumter County Active Lifestyles  
Chairman, USC
14. Transportation Coordinator, Sumter City-  
County Planning Commission

### Steering Committee

1. **Transportation Coordinator, Sumter  
City-County Planning Commission**
2. Finance Director, City of Sumter
3. Statewide Planning, SCDOT
4. Planning Director, Sumter City-County  
Planning Commission
5. Finance Director, SCDOT
6. Pre-Construction Project Engineers,  
SCDOT
7. Planning & Environmental Engineering,  
FHWA

### Technical Coordinating Committee (Study Team)

1. **Planning Director, Sumter City-  
County Planning Commission**

**Chairman of each committee is shown in bold print.**

**\*Chairman for the Policy rotates annually between these two members.**

**SUATS FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Policy Committee Approved - May 1, 2006

(COST IN THOUSANDS)												
PIN #	PRIORITY	GUIDESHARE PROJECTS	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	TIP COST (2007-2012)	REMAINING COST (2013+)	FUNDING
		ALICE DRIVE - PHASE I (WESMARK BLVD TO US 376)		500 R	1,000 R					\$3,500		STP
		ALICE DRIVE - PHASE II (US 376 TO US 521)			2,000 C	2,000 C	1,000 C			\$4,050		STP
		ALICE DRIVE - PHASE III (WISE TO WESMARK BLVD)			250 P			1,200 R	700 R	\$1,900	\$5,400	STP
		LONG RANGE PLAN		200 PL						\$200		
		OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS										
		DEBT SERVICE	1,151	1,157	1,172	1,167	1,113	1,107	1,102	\$6,816	\$9,000	NHS & STP
		<b>GUIDESHARE SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,151</b>	<b>\$1,857</b>	<b>\$5,222</b>	<b>\$3,167</b>	<b>\$3,313</b>	<b>\$1,807</b>	<b>\$1,102</b>	<b>\$16,466</b>	<b>\$15,369</b>	
		<b>GUIDESHARE ALLOCATION</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>\$15,566</b>		
		CARRYOVER AVAILABLE	(1,450)	3,784	4,522	1,894	1,321	602	1,390	\$13,513		
		BOND PROCEEDS	4,000									
		<b>GUIDESHARE SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>(\$1,151)</b>	<b>(\$1,687)</b>	<b>(\$5,222)</b>	<b>(\$3,167)</b>	<b>(\$3,313)</b>	<b>(\$1,807)</b>	<b>(\$1,102)</b>	<b>(\$16,466)</b>		N/A
		BALANCE	3,784	4,622	1,904	1,321	602	1,390	2,682			

PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM GUIDESHARE												
24809	US 521 (S-910 TO GUGNARD PARKWAY)											STP
	SUMNER INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER**	1,000										OTHER
	SAFETY PROJECTS (P,R,&C)											SEE 2007 STIP PROGRAM SUMMARIES
	PAVEMENT PROJECTS											SEE 2007 STIP PROGRAM SUMMARIES
	BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS & REHABS											SEE 2007 STIP PROGRAM SUMMARIES
	PAVEMENT MARKING & SIGNING PROJECTS											SEE 2007 STIP PROGRAM SUMMARIES
	APPROPRIATION EARMARKS											SEE 2007 STIP APPROPRIATION EARMARKS
	<b>EXEMPT SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>										

ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS												
	SUATS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM			114	114	114					\$342	STP TOTAL - \$142,811 MATCH - \$28,622
	<b>ENHANCEMENT SUBTOTALS</b>			<b>\$114</b>	<b>\$114</b>	<b>\$114</b>					<b>\$342</b>	

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION												
	SANTEE WATEREE RTA (CA,OP)	617	890	917	944	973	1,002	1,032		\$6,767		FTA SECTION 5307
	SANTEE WATEREE RTA (CA,OP,AD)	647	700	721	743	765	788	811		\$4,628		FTA SECTION 5311
	SUMNER COUNTY DSN BOARD (PS)	30	30							\$30		FTA SECTION 5310
	SANTEE SENIOR SERVICES (PS)	30								\$30		FTA SECTION 5310
	BUS AND BUS FACILITY EARMARK/ INTER-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER		822	847	872	898	925	953		\$5,317		FTA SECTION 5309
	SANTEE WATEREE RTA JOB ACCESS & REVERSE COMMUTE											FTA SECTION 3037
	<b>FTA SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,324</b>	<b>\$2,472</b>	<b>\$2,486</b>	<b>\$2,559</b>	<b>\$2,635</b>	<b>\$2,715</b>	<b>\$2,796</b>		<b>\$15,062</b>		
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,475</b>	<b>\$4,443</b>	<b>\$7,821</b>	<b>\$5,840</b>	<b>\$5,948</b>	<b>\$4,522</b>	<b>\$3,898</b>		<b>\$32,472</b>	<b>\$15,369</b>	

KEY: P - PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, R - RIGHT OF WAY, C - CONSTRUCTION, OP - OPERATING, CA - CAPITAL, AD - ADMINISTRATION, PL - PLANNING, PS - PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACT  
 \*\* - THIS EARMARK WAS ORIGINALLY IDENTIFIED FOR THE INTERMODAL/LAND PORT TERMINAL IN THE 2003 APPROPRIATIONS BILL

## PROJECTS 2009-2012

PROJECT NAME	TYPE	SUATS FUNDS
ALICE DRIVE PHASE 1	Widening	\$4,630,000
ALICE DRIVE PHASE 2	Widening	\$4,050,000
ALICE DRIVE WIDENING	Pedestrian scale lighting, burial of utility infrastructure	(\$1,500,000) (ARRA)

### RESURFACING (ARRA)

JEFFERSON ROAD	Resurfacing	(\$2,536,000)
QUEENS CHAPEL RD	Resurfacing	“
MASON RD	Resurfacing	“
BLACK RIVER RD	Resurfacing	“
STADIUM RD	Resurfacing	(\$1,267,895)
MCCRAYS MILL RD	Resurfacing	“

## ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS 2009-2010

LOCATION	TYPE OF PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST
HIGHLAND AVE (S43-564)	Sidewalk with C&G (1230 ft)	\$46,000
BYNUM ST (S43-392)	Sidewalk (450 ft)	ARRA
PLOWDEN MILL RD (S43-723)	Sidewalk (1200 ft)	\$28,800
SOUTH SUMTER ST (S43-456)	Sidewalk with C&G (855 ft)	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
ALBERT SPEARS DR (S43-	Sidewalk (1260 ft)	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

## ARRA TRANSIT PROJECTS

RENOVATE MAINTENANCE BUILDING	SWRTA	\$136,000.00
SHOP EQUIPMENT	SWRTA	\$20,000.00
TELE-CONFERENCING SYSTEM	SWRTA	\$75,000.00
VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	SWRTA	\$780,000.00