

MINUTES
SUATS POLICY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 @ 11:30 A.M.
CONDUCTED VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: The Honorable Mayor **David P. Merchant**; Chairman; County Council Chairman **James T. McCain, Jr.**; Sumter CTC Chairman **Hugh M. McLaurin, IV**; Planning Commission Chairman **Jim Crawley**; and Sumter Economic Development Board President & CEO **Jay Schwedler**; State Representative **G. Murrell Smith**, State Representative **J. David Weeks**; Sumter County Administrator **Gary Mixon**; and Sumter City Manager **Deron McCormick**,

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: State Senator **J. Thomas McElveen, III.**, County Councilman **James Byrd, Jr.**, City Councilman **Thomas J. Lowery**, Shaw Air Force Base Commander Col. **Derek O'Malley**, SCDOT 5th District Commissioner **David E. "Gene" Branham**, and SCDOT 6th District Commissioner **John Barnwell Fishburne**.

OTHERS PRESENT: (See sign-in sheet)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Senior Planner **Kyle Kelly** and Executive Assistant **Kellie Chapman**

A meeting of the Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) Policy Committee was held on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. via Videoconference. Chairman David P. Merchant called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended for the April 1, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. McLaurin and seconded by Mr. McCain. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. McLaurin and seconded by Mr. McCain. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

Amendment #8 to SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Mr. Kelly advised the Committee that in support the objective of the LRTP to capture specific projects to achieve the plan's overall vision and to keep the inventory of future projects accurate and up-to-date, an amendment is presented to the current 2045 LRTP to include inclusion of SCDOT 2021 System Performance Report as an Appendix and the adoption of Public Transit Safety targets.

Mr. Kelly then briefed the Committee on the System Performance Report presents the baseline, performance/condition measures, targets and the progress made towards achieving those targets. The performance measures are part of SCDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP). SCDOT's TAMP has been developed in a collaborative effort with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The TAMP has been designed to not only satisfy federal rulemaking, but to transcend these requirements by setting 10-year performance estimates for all state-maintained roads and bridges. To ensure statewide

consistency, SCDOT has asked all MPOs to amend their LRTPs to include the 2021 System Performance Report as an Appendix.

Staff recommended that the Policy Committee adopt proposed Amendment #8 to the 2045 SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and open a 30-day public comment period.

A motion to adopt Amendment #8 to the 2045 SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) subject to a 30-day public comment period was made by Mr. McCain and seconded by Mr. McLaurin. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Amendment #3 to FY2022-2023 SUATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Kelly briefed the Committee on the SUATS FY2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes all urban transportation and transportation-related planning activities anticipated for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. It contains a discussion of the major transportation issues, goals and objectives in the SUATS MPO Study Area.

Mr. Kelly added the UPWP is a work program comprised of tasks to achieve the overall goal of bringing effective transportation improvements to the SUATS planning area. Each task has its own objective and is identified with the source of staffing to carry out the task to produce final products. The ten (10) proposed major tasks are as follows:

- Task 1 – Administration and Management
- Task 2 – Long Range Planning
- Task 3 – Short-Range Planning
- Task 4 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Task 5 – Project Implementation and Monitoring
- Task 6- Modal Planning
 - A – Bicycle and Pedestrian
 - B – Transit
 - C – Intermodal Freight
- Task 7 – Transportation Data Collection and Analysis
- Task 8 – Land Use Monitoring and Analysis
- Task 9 - Public Involvement
- Task 10 – MPO Consultant Services

Mr. Kelly stated that staff recommends that the Policy Committee approved the Amendment #3 to FY2022-2023 SUATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and open a 21-day public comment period.

A motion to adopt Amendment #3 to FY2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) subject to a 21-day public comment period was made by Mr. McCain and seconded by Mr. McElveen. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Active Projects Update

Mr. Kelly provided a brief status update on current area transportation improvement projects funded via the Sumter Penny for Progress sales tax initiative and SUATS Guideshare Program. The briefing focused on the implementation schedules for each major phase of work.

With no further business, Mr. McCain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLaurin and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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