

MINUTES
SUATS POLICY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 29, 2021 @ 3:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
(21 N. MAIN STREET, SUMTER, SC)

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**; State Representative **J. David Weeks**; Planning Commission Chairman **Jim Crawley**; and State Senator **J. Thomas McElveen, III**.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: County Councilman **James Byrd, Jr.**, City Councilman **Thomas J. Lowery**, Sumter Economic Development Board President & CEO **Jay Schwedler**; State Representative **G. Murrell Smith** Shaw Air Force Base Commander Col. **Derek O'Malley**, SCDOT 5th District Commissioner **David E. "Gene" Branham**, Sumter County Administrator **Gary Mixon**; Sumter City Manager **Deron McCormick**, 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 Friday, October 29, 2021, @ 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers (21 N. Main St., Sumter, SC). Chairman David P. Merchant called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended for the June 25, 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 June 25, 2021, meeting was made by Mr. McCain and seconded by Mr. McLaurin. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

Revision #5 to FY2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Kelly advised the TIP is the SUATS area's transportation capital improvement program, which contains a matrix of transportation projects consistent with federal regulations and area policies and strategies. The TIP serves as a planning tool to ensure the most effective use of limited funding for transportation improvements. The FAST Act requires that any transportation improvement be identified in the TIP to be eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Kelly then added the drafted revisions to the current TIP for FFY2021-2027, which incorporates the following modifications:

1. Shift \$50,000 in right-of-way funds for the Hauser St. (S-114) over Turkey Creek Bridge Replacement from FY2022 to FY2023.
2. Shift \$1,650,000 in construction funds for the Hauser St. (S-114) over Turkey Creek

Bridge Replacement from FY2023 to FY2024.

3. Addition of \$55,000 in capital purchase (vehicle) funding for the Sumter County Disabilities and Special Needs Board (DSNB for FY2021).

Staff recommended that the Policy Committee adopt proposed Revision #5 to the SUATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2021-2027 and open a 21-day public comment period as required by the SUATS public Participation Plan.

A motion to adopt Revision #5 to FY2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) subject to a 21-day public comment period was made by Mr. McCain and seconded by Mr. Weeks. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Amendment #9 to 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Mr. Kelly briefed the Committee on the Long -Range Transportation Plan identifies ways that SUATS plan to invest in the area's transportation system over a 25-year period. The LRTP includes both a description of the transportation vision for the region as well as a detailed list of policies, operational strategies, and specific projects to achieve the vision.

Mr. Kelly added the LRTP is used as the guide for how SUATS plans to invest in the area's transportation system over a 25-year period. Federal regulations and SCDOT Planning Procedure Agreement PL-2017-01 require that MPO Long Range Transportation Plans include Safety Performance Measure Targets for urbanized areas.

To accomplish this requirement, Amendment #9 to the current 2045 LRTP to adopt the Statewide Annual 2018-2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets.

Staff recommends that the Policy Committee adopt proposed Amendment #9 to the current 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and open a 30-day public comment period as required by the SUATS Public Participation Plan.

A motion to adopt Amendment #9 to the current 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) subject to a 30-day public comment period was made by Mr. Crawley and seconded by Mr. McLaurin. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Proposed Changes to Selected SUATS Area Functional Classification

Mr. Kelly mentioned several SUATS roadway segments are currently classified differently from their existing and/or desired uses. Changes to functional classifications impact the engineering standards for roadway segments (i.e. moving from arterial to collector type can reduce the required pavement width), and impact a roadway's category for maintenance such as resurfacing. For maintenance, moving a road from minor collector to local access does not mean it is not eligible for certain paving funds. Likewise, moving a road to a higher intensity use (such as moving from minor collector to major arterial) does not automatically mean that it will be paved more frequently, as there are strata of funding allocation for different road classes.

Mr. Kelly added Functional Classification are also used by the Sumter City – County Planning Department to inform various elements of the City and County Zoning and Land Development Ordinances, including setback requirements.

Mr. Kelly added the following list of roadways is proposed for revision of functional classification:

Route Name	Route Number	Begin	End	Current Functional Classification	Proposed Functional Classification
N. Main St.	S-5	Calhoun St.	US-378	Minor Arterial	Major Collector
N./S. Main St.	L-5	Calhoun St.	Oakland Ave.	Minor Arterial	Major Collector
Manning Ave.	S-152	Oakland Ave.	US-15 South	Minor Arterial	Major Collector
W. Bartlette St.	S-118	S. Main St.	S. Washington St.	Minor Arterial	Major Collector
E. Bartlette St.	L-88	S. Main St.	S. Harvin St.	Local Access Road	Major Collector
S. Washington St.	S-70	W. Liberty St.	W. Bartlette St.	Minor Arterial	Major Collector
N./S. Salem Ave	L-57/S-1495	Broad St	Bradford St.	Major Collector	Minor Collector
Bradford St.	S-1495	S. Salem Ave.	S. Guignard Dr.	Major Collector	Minor Collector

Staff recommends that the Policy Committee approve the proposed list of Functional Classification adjustments.

A motion to adopt Proposed Changes to Selected SUATS Area Functional Classification was made by Mr. McCain and seconded by Mr. Mc. 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. McLaurin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCain and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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