

# *Spartanburg Area Transportation Study*

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## **SPATS Policy Committee**

### **Minutes**

*August 13, 2018*

#### **Present:**

Junie White

Woody Willard

Mike Forrester

Roger Nutt

Jeff Horton

Larry Chappell

Tom Arthur

Julian Hankinson

Patricia Watson

Jared Wilson

#### **Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Mayor White called the meeting to order. Mr. Horton moved to approve the minutes of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting as emailed, seconded by Mr. Hankinson. The minutes will now be made available online at [spatsmpo.org](http://spatsmpo.org).

#### **Country Club Road Corridor Improvement Project Update**

Ms. Emily Swearingen from AECOM gave a Country Club Road Corridor Improvement Project overview and status. A review of the roadway design proposed concept with operational and safety considerations was given. Crash data and traffic counts were reviewed. Typical cross-sections were outlined for urban and rural sections of the corridor. Public involvement opportunities include: project website, email updates, Steering Committee, public information meetings, public hearings, newsletter boxes along the corridor, and individual/group meetings with the project team as requested.

Proposed schedule: Surveys, Fall 2017; Alternatives Analysis, Spring 2018; Environmental Documents, Winter 2018/2019; Right-of-Way Acquisition, Spring 2019/2020; Construction, Fall 2020.

Mr. Hankinson asked if the proposal was for the most part, a multi-use path on the north side of the road and Ms. Swearingen confirmed. Mr. Arthur asked if there were any negative comments from landowners, and Ms. Swearingen explained that there has been no one specifically against the project, but there are a lot of questions on how the project affects them. There will be more communication on the details at the public meeting in the near future.

## **Spartanburg Regional Section 5307 Transit Funding Request/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment**

Ms. Sabrina Mason presented the Spartanburg Regional transit funding request to the Committee. Mr. Nutt moved to approve the funding request as an amendment to the SPATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seconded by Mr. Hankinson. Ms. Bollinger and Ms. Gilbert will inform SCDOT of this approval and request for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) inclusion.

### **Performance Targets Update and Schedule**

Ms. Lisa Bollinger presented an overview of the schedule for performance targets. Transportation partners continue the transition to managing transportation assets (“asset management”) and guiding their investment to a desired outcome of the condition and performance of our transportation system. Performance-based planning is guided by a planning agreement for each performance measure between SCDOT and SPATS which establishes a process by which we work together to achieve those targets. SCDOT is held responsible, but we are part of establishing the targets and give input to the process. SPATS incorporates performance-based plans into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and sets targets with SCDOT.

**Pavements and Bridges performance measures:** There will actually be six performance measures for assets,

- % of **interstates** in good condition, and % in poor condition,
- % of **non-Interstate NHS** in good condition, and % in poor condition,
- % of **NHS bridges** in good condition and % in poor condition.

Pavements – a minimum condition level for the interstates has been set so that no more than 5% of the lane-miles can be in poor condition. Condition is assessed annually. Bridges – The SCDOT must meet the 10% of total deck area can be deficient target for a three year period.

### **Mobility performance measures:**

Traffic congestion is measured in peak hour excessive delay in annual hours per capita, and in % of non-single occupancy vehicle travel. On-road mobile source emissions are measured by total emission reduction. Freight movement is measured by truck travel time reliability on the interstate system. Performance of the interstate and non-Interstate National Highway systems is measured in % of reliable person-miles traveled.

**Transit Management Plan:** The transit providers are part of the Statewide Group Transit Management Plan and will continue to coordinate with SCDOT and the MPOs on performance, including through the required Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program documents.

The SCDOT chose targets for pavement, bridges, and mobility in May of 2018. MPOs and COGs are to choose their targets by Nov. 2018. Motion was made by Mr. Horton and seconded for SPATS to approve the state’s targets for assets and mobility and for coordinating with the transit providers as part of the SCDOT Statewide Plan.

## **Freight Study Update**

Mr. Lance Estep presented the Freight Study Update to the Committee. This regional study will analyze freight impacts in Oconee, Anderson, Pickens, Greenville, Laurens, Spartanburg, and Cherokee counties. The Appalachian Council of Governments will serve as the lead with support from SCDOT, SPATS, ANATS, and GPATS. The consultant's deliverable to us will be a set of recommendations for targeted priorities for freight investments throughout the region, with respect to the federal guidelines and the SCDOT Statewide Freight Plan.

SCDOT will soon acquire the 2016 TranSearch data to utilize for the Plan. This extensive freight flow database will help us confirm current truck and rail freight system operations and logistics. Infrastructure deficiencies, congestion and safety will be addressed in the Plan. An economic development and land use analysis will be included much like the Centrolina COG Charlotte Regional Freight Mobility Plan. This type of analysis is vital given our region's population and industrial growth. The ACOG hopes to have a consultant on board to begin work by the end of the year.

## **Projects' Status Report**

Ms. Penny Phillips presented the updates for the SPATS projects:

**US 176 Operational Improvements from I-26 to I-585/SC 56 split with Intersection Improvements at John Dodd Rd., Belcher Rd., and Springfield Rd.:** PE, ROW acquisition and construction **COMPLETE**

**S 30: Intersection Improvements on S-30 at Fernwood/Clifton-Glendale Rd. and Zion Hill Rd.:** PE and ROW acquisition complete. Construction letting was Early 2018. Construction 10% complete.

**I-85 Mile Marker 69-77-Reconstruct 10 lanes NB and SB of Interstate 85 pavement.** PE complete and Construction Phase is 65% complete and expected to be complete Spring 2019.

**S-1557: Bridge Replacement on S-1557 over Fairforest Creek near S. Forest St. and Irwin Ave. Ext. Crescent Ave.**  
PE and ROW acquisition complete. Construction 40% complete.

### **Shoally Creek and 4<sup>th</sup> St and SC 9:**

Safety office will install concrete median soon down middle of SC 9  
**Lyman Intersections:** late 2020 letting.

## **Other Business and Adjourn**

There being no other business, motion was made by Mr. Horton to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hankinson. Next meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY, November 13, 2018. (Veterans Day is November 12<sup>th</sup>).