

Spartanburg Area Transportation Study

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SPATS Policy Committee

Minutes

August 14, 2017

Present:

Patricia Watson

Jeff Horton

Mike Forrester

Julian Hankinson

Sterling Anderson

Roger Nutt

Tom Arthur

Whit Kennedy

Justin Bradley

Larry Chappell

Clyde Rogers, Jr.

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Chair Jeff Horton called the meeting to order. Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the June 19th meeting as emailed, seconded by Mr. Nutt. Mr. Horton recognized Larry Chappell as the new Mayor of Lyman and Clyde Rogers, Jr. as the new Mayor of Duncan.

Middle Tyger Walkability Corridor Study

Caroline Parris, SPATS Planner, introduced Blake Sanders from Alta Planning to give an update on the Middle Tyger Walkability Corridor study process, sponsored by the State Dept. of Environmental Control. Design charettes and presentations over the last few months were attended by citizens and stakeholders, including officials, government staff, property owners, education leaders, nonprofits and community groups. Multiple photo renderings (including pedestrian crosswalks, shared paths and pedestrian spaces) developed through the charette process were presented to express what was desired for improvements along Holly Springs Road from DR Hill Middle School to SC 129 and also along Pine Ridge Road from Holly Springs Road to US 29. This study takes the next step from the 2008 SPATS Bike and Pedestrian Plan recommendations for these corridors for bicyclists and pedestrians, and also compliments the concepts for the three nearby intersection improvements currently programmed into for redesign through the SPATS Transportation Improvement Program. This study will help decision-makers understand the current conditions for pedestrians in this area in order to design the best and safest paths for all modes for these corridors.

Mr. Chappell said citizens who travel Holly Springs Road currently have directly asked for these improvements, and the Town is working to fulfill those needs. Concerns from the committee included the cost of the projects proposed, unknown ROW required and its cost, and competing interests for funding.

The study was supported in concept by the SPATS Committee by a vote of 7 to 4.

I-85 and I-26 Design Build Project Updates

Brad Reynolds, SCDOT Design-Build office, presented scope, elements, and timelines of each project. Mr. Reynolds reminded the group to visit the Public Portal on the SCDOT website for project updates.

<https://scdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ca1cd69fc88945f4bb465e16765d761c>

I-85 Reconstruction and Widening from Mile Marker 77-98

Scope: Reconstruct existing pavement. Add travel lane toward the median. Modify 4 interchanges and their on and off ramps. (Exit 83,87,95,96) Improve substandard bridge clearance (horizontal and vertical). Construct walls for the 6-lane between interstate and Frontage Road to minimize ROW impacts (all structures will become completed for future 8 lane section). *Section 1* (SC 85 to N. Pacolet River Bridge)-July 2017 to October 2020 (CSX RR Bridge-Sept. 2017 to Dec. 2019). *Section 2* (N. Pacolet River Bridge to S. of exit 90) overall completion by Summer 2021.

I-85 Widening Mile Markers 40-69

Scope: Reconstruct or resurface existing pavement. Add a travel lane in each direction. Improve substandard bridge
Schedule: PE: current to Summer 2021.
Begin construction contract (final design, ROW, and permitting): Fall 2021-Fall 2022. Equipment moving by Fall 2022-2025.

I-26 Widening (Mile Marker 13.8 (US 176) to 22.5 SC 296)

Scope: Reconstruct or resurface existing pavement. Add a travel lane in each direction. Bridge clearance.
Prelim – Summer 2020 –Fall 2023
Begin construction contract (final design, ROW, and permitting): Spring 2024 – Spring 2025
Construction: Spring 2025 - 2027

Transportation Alternatives Program Updates

Glendale Pedestrian Bridge Renovations are underway and will be completed June 2018.

Pacolet River Gateway Passage – Roundabout and Riverwalk – received the notice to proceed this month. ROW underway. Construction expected Spring 2018.

Lyman Rail-Trail Phase 1 is complete. Bollards were installed to prevent vehicles from entering the trail and a split-rail fence was included in the project. Phase 2 is in public comment phase.

Projects Status Report

Ms. Penny Phillips, SCDOT Program Manager, presented a project status report.

Old Furnace Road sidewalks from Hanging Rock Rd. to Mason Rd.:

PE and ROW are complete. Construction is 98% complete.

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 and ROW complete. Let May 2017. Preconstruction July 2017.

S-30 Fernwood/Clifton/Glendale Rd. and Zion Hill Rd. Intersection Improvements:

PE 95% complete. ROW complete. Construction letting scheduled for Late 2017.

I-85 Mile Marker 69-77: Reconstruct 10 lanes N bound and S bound of interstate 85 pavement from Mile Marker 69-Mile Marker 77: PE Complete. Construction 15% complete.

SC 85 Bridges: Replace bridges over Southern RR and S-42-995 and S-2 (Howard Street) between Hearon Circle and New Cut Road. Construction letting scheduled for Late 2019/2020, patching at end of this month.

SC 9/4th Street: Awaiting surveys. Assigned in May. Fatality reported last month near this intersection.

Other Business and Adjourn

There being no other business, motion was made by Mr. Hankinson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017.