

# *Spartanburg Area Transportation Study*

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## **SPATS Policy Committee**

### **Minutes**

*February 13, 2017*

#### **Present:**

Tony Gillispie	Patricia Watson	Mike Forrester	Lisa Scott
Julian Hankinson	Justin Bradley	Tom Arthur	Mike Meissner
Roger Nutt	Jeff Horton	Woody Willard	Sterling Anderson
Cornelius Huff	Jared Wilson		

Also present: Gene Snow, (Mayor of Reidville), Steve Bolin (Town of Cowpens Administrator), Larry Chappell (Lyman Mayor Pro Tem), Gregg Miller (Lyman Administrator), and Jeremy Caulder (Inman Administrator).

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

Chair Mike Forrester called the meeting to order. The minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting and November 14, 2016 were approved as emailed.

Mr. Forrester welcomed back Committee member Mr. Tony Gillispie, Mayor of Lyman, after illness. Woody Willard was congratulated as the new SCDOT Commission Chair. Jared Wilson was welcomed from the City of Spartanburg Planning Commission. Mayor Mike Meissner was welcomed from the Town of Pacolet.

#### **Election of 2017 Officers**

The SPATS Chair rotates every year between the Chair of Spartanburg County Council, the Mayor of the City of Spartanburg, and the Chair of the Legislative Delegation.

Mr. Horton asked for a motion for the 2017 slate of officers. Mr. Bradley made the motion to elect Mr. Horton as Chair, Mr. White as Vice-Chair, and Mr. Forrester as Second Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Hankinson.

#### **Town of Reidville and Town of Central Pacolet Committee**

##### **Appointments**

Mr. Nutt made the motion to amend the SPATS Bylaws to include the Mayor of the Town of Reidville (Gene Snow) as a voting member of the SPATS Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Forrester. The Mayor of Central Pacolet was

invited to join the membership, but was not present, and will be invited again to the June meeting.

### **Unified Planning Work Program Amendments**

Ms. Bollinger requested amendments to the work program for a number of studies. This funding comes from organizational planning funding, or “PL” funding, to operate the transportation planning process in the Spartanburg area.

### **Middle Tyger Area Intersections Study:**

US 29 and Pine Ridge Road, SC 358 and Pine Ridge Road, and SC 129/SC 358 (Holly Springs Road) intersections were approved as a bundle for the 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

Possible scope: Consultant developing the study would start with the conceptual drawings by SPATS from the Long-Range Plan and any previous studies in the area, with special attention to new development and upcoming development.

More detailed designs will be developed on improving traffic flow, and cost estimates for short and long term fixes.

Traffic pattern scenarios could be developed, depending on available software. Analysis could consist of the following:

- traffic count updates;
- turning movements;
- capacity analysis;
- crash analysis;
- any pedestrian or bicycle user observations and identification of pedestrian activity potential between multiple subdivisions, two schools, to Lyman and Duncan via Pine Ridge Road (because there are currently no bicycle or pedestrian facilities);
- US 29 potential for future transit stop at US 29 and Pine Ridge Road;
- Incorporation of Middle Tyger Pedestrian Plan recommendations from April 2017.

Mr. Nutt made the motion to amend the UPWP (C-1, Traffic Operations Element) to include this study, seconded by Ms. Scott.

### **SC 101 Corridor Study:**

Possible scope could include SC 101 corridor near I-85 (build upon previous 2015 study focusing on current traffic counts and turning movements, then develop more detailed designs, proposed geometry, and construction costs based on the even more recent development patterns and potential change in traffic patterns).

There may be an opportunity to partner with other regional towns and GPATS as the study would help identify ways to get ahead of future traffic congestion and patterns on SC 101.

Could also include:

- analysis of future turning movements;

- more detailed geometry than the conceptual plans from the Long-Range Plan; and
- trip generation based on land use patterns given the development on the horizon.

Mr. Anderson made the motion to amend the UPWP (C-1, Traffic Operations Element) to include this study, at no more than \$50,000 of PL funding, with the understanding that staff may propose another amount to be approved by the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

**Freight Update:**

The 2012 Freight Update is quite outdated since it was completed before the development of the Greer inland port. Additional freight data collection and analysis was a need identified during the Long-Range Plan process and on the heels of the I-85 Park and Ride Lot Location and Truck Parking project. This study will help us confirm corridor candidates for the National Freight Network, intermodal connectors, and the Statewide Freight Plan network connections as critical urban and rural freight corridors. This type of study will also help us be organized when we ask for additional funding for freight improvements.

Mr. Forrester also asked if the study will look at alternate routes, and Ms. Bollinger said this would most likely be a part of the scope.

Mr. Willard added that SCDOT may have additional funding in the budget for freight corridors that could be used to gather data for the study and SPATS could take advantage of that funding.

Mr. Meissner asked if the distribution areas in Pacolet will be included and Ms. Bollinger said that this would most likely be included in the scope.

Ms. Bollinger asked for an amendment to the UPWP (B-1, Travel Monitoring Element). Mr. Forrester made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

**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. Bids are in and construction should begin in March-April at \$2,750,000.00. Mr. Arthur asked about the increase in price and Ms. Phillips confirmed a 30% increase.

**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 is complete. ROW 99% complete. Let November 2016, but not awarded due to low bid. Scheduled to be relet in April 2017.

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

PE 75% complete. ROW 50% complete. Construction letting scheduled for Fall 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. Let January 2017. Bids came in lower than anticipated at \$65 million instead of the estimated \$75 million.

**SC 85 Bridges:** Replace bridges over Southern RR and S-42-995 and S-2 (Howard Street) between Hearon Circle and New Cut Road. PE 70% Complete. ROW scheduled for Spring 2017. Construction letting scheduled for Summer 2018.

**S-1557: Bridge Replacement on S-1557 over Fairforest Creek near S. Forest St. and Irwin Ave. Ext.:**

PE 75% complete.

ROW 60% complete.

Construction letting scheduled for Fall 2017.

**Other Business and Adjourn**

Mr. Anderson asked the Committee to review the email he plans to send this week regarding support for the US 29 sidewalk project in the City of Spartanburg. He wants to share a photo and story of a mother with her children walking from Covenant Church to the mall. He will be following up soon. SPATS staff offered to set up another meeting to continue discussion on this project.

Ms. Scott asked for an update on the SCDOT Safety project in Duncan at SC 290 and Spencer St. at the Railroad. Eric Dillon will set up a meeting with Ms. Scott to sign an agreement as he has received full engineering plans recently.

Motion was made by Mr. Nutt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Forrester. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017.