

Spartanburg Area Transportation Study

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SPATS Policy Committee

Minutes

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Present:

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Jeff Horton

Pat Watson

John Throckmorton

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Roger Nutt

Justin Bradley

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Jeff Horton called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting were approved as offered by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Justin Bradley.

Statewide MPO/COG FAST Act Plan of the Year Award-Country Club Road Corridor Study

Ms. Sherry Dull, SPATS Senior Transportation Planner, was pleased to report the Spartanburg Area Transportation Study's **Country Club Road Corridor Study** was selected by the Federal Highway Administration and South Carolina Department of Transportation as the **2016 Statewide Inaugural Transportation Plan of the Year** at the recent Metropolitan Planning Organization and Council of Governments Conference. Country Club Road Corridor Study was selected from three finalist plans which were considered as "raising the bar" in transportation planning for South Carolina.

Plans were judged on the following criteria:

1. Quality product;
2. Innovative approach;
3. Transferability of the plan to serve as a model for other areas;
4. Significance to the area;
5. Sustainability;
6. And efficient use of resources.

The study was a transportation and land use analysis of the well-traveled 3.3 mile corridor, and focused on:

1. Extensive personal and technology-based public engagement (most notably, a crowd-sourcing tool called Wikimap to gain “virtual” public input)
2. Multi-modal solutions, including vehicular, pedestrian and bicycling (alternative transportation)
3. Unique guiding principles for the study, developed by the citizens and stakeholders
4. Creative partnerships and relationships, which resulted in shaping a vision for preserving character of the area while enhancing safety of all users.

SPATS, lead consultants Toole Design Group of Spartanburg, Stantec, and Sprague & Sprague brought together citizens, planners, advocates, community organizations, and other stakeholders to craft a vision to transform the corridor into a “Great Street,” showing a balanced quality of service for all modes of travel while remaining sensitive to the desires of residents. The corridor will become a vibrant active transportation link between downtown Spartanburg, the Glendale community and the statewide Palmetto Trail, connecting the Mary Black Rail Trail, Historic Glendale Bridge, Goodall Environmental Center, greenway and blueway kayak trails at Glendale Shoals, the Glendale Outdoor Leadership School and the Cottonwood Trail.

TIP 2017-2022 Update and LRTP Amendment (Intersection Projects)

Ms. Lisa Bollinger, SPATS Transportation Planning Manager, reminded the Policy Committee with the approval of the Long-Range Transportation Plan in February, now we are able to move forward with programming and beginning work on the next projects for the Transportation Improvement Program. She reviewed the recommendations of the Intersection Subcommittee and the LRTP consultants for the new TIP intersection projects.

1. SC 9 and 4th Street/Shoally Creek Road intersection:

Recommended TIP Programming: \$700,000 in PE beginning in 2017, \$400,000 in ROW in 2018, and \$2 million in Construction in 2019.

Ms. Bollinger explained this intersection will be coordinated as the first project programmed into the TIP from the 2040 LRTP because of the recent fatalities in this area and the opportunity to coordinate with CTC and SCDOT on other nearby improvements. This is a capacity improvement project, widening SC 9, adding lanes and sidewalks in each direction in Boiling Springs from Racetrack/QT to Northbrook Baptist Church/CVS. Access management will be part of the project-most likely in the form of bollards in front of Zaxby’s. Mr. Ron Kirby, Spartanburg County Engineer, reported that the CTC’s first priority project is 4th Street corridor improvements. They will phase 4th Street Improvements over multiple years. The first phase will include relocating Hanging Rock Road and 4th Street to intersect. He said CTC currently has appropriated \$700,000 for survey, design, ROW and construction of the first phase. He

believes it will take \$1.5 million total for the whole project. CTC will be asked to contribute additional funding. SCDOT has started the process by placing bollards in front of Zaxby's at the project already. Additional traffic impacts will come from the new Shoally Creek Elementary on Parris Bridge Road, down Shoally Creek Rd.

Project numbers 2, 3, and 4 are proposed to be programmed together as US 29 in Duncan, Lyman and Wellford is an SCDOT designated freight corridor as well as Strategic Corridor. SPATS will coordinate 3 projects in close proximity with SCDOT and CTC to alleviate congestion from the school traffic and recent increase in subdivision development impacts. These include: US 29 and Pine Ridge Road, SC 358 and Pine Ridge Road, and US 29 and SC 129/Holly Springs Road.

2. US 29 and Pine Ridge Road intersection:

Recommended TIP Programming: \$200,000 PE in 2018, \$150,000 ROW in 2019, and \$700,000 Construction in 2020.

Turn lanes are planned on Pine Ridge Road. Timing of the reclamation of the Pine Ridge Road corridor by CTC will not interfere with the SPATS intersection project. Pine Ridge Road will be widened from 21 to 24 feet and the project should begin in about 3 weeks.

3. SC 358 and Pine Ridge Road intersection:

Recommended TIP Programming: \$500,000 in PE in 2018, \$300,000 in ROW in 2019, and \$1,750,000 in Construction in 2020.

This intersection will be part of the Duncan/Lyman/Wellford area improvements. This intersection is closer to the schools and new subdivisions. Mr. Kirby reported that CTC is working with the local legislator and a local developer of multiple subdivisions to improve the SC 358/Shiloh Church Road intersection, which is in close proximity. This will all help the US 29 corridor impacts. Ms. Bollinger asked for a motion to amend the Long-Range Transportation Plan to include the SC 358 and Pine Ridge Road intersection as part of the Lyman area group of intersections. Motion was made by Mr. Nutt to amend the LRTP, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

4. SC 129/SC 358 (Holly Springs Road) intersection:

Recommended TIP Programming: \$350,000 for PE in 2018, \$100,000 for ROW in 2018, and \$600,000 for Construction in 2020.

Access management component of the area improvements. Convert SC 358 (Holly Springs Road) to right in/right out. Restrict left turn from SC 129 to SC 358 (Holly Springs Road). Median improvement with maintenance agreement will be prepared from example drafts from other projects).

- 5. SC 85 and I-585 interchange/SC 85 and Hearon Circle interchange:**
Recommended TIP Programming: PE - \$700,000 in 2019
ROW - \$500,000 in 2020 and C - \$4,500,000 in 2021
Lengthen "weave" area and flatten "S" curve ramp. Safety improvements and correct design deficiencies. Mr. Horton made the comment that merging at SC 85 and Hearon Circle/I-585 is quite challenging.
- 6. US 29 and Gap Creek intersection:**
Recommended TIP Programming: PE - \$300,000 in 2020
ROW - \$400,000 in 2021 and C - \$1,500,000 in 2022
Access Management, cross access, driveway consolidation and add double left turn lanes.
- 7. Blackstock Rd (SC 215) and SC 296 intersection:**
Recommended TIP Programming: PE - \$155,000 in 2020
ROW - \$150,000 in 2021 and C - \$900,000 in 2022
Add right turn-only lane on Reidville Rd onto Blackstock Rd. Paint second lane for turn-only onto I-26 W. Mr. Nutt and Mr. Eric Dillon (SCDOT) mentioned traffic controls by the City but timing seems to be off.
- 8. Blackstock Road and College Drive intersection:**
Recommended TIP Programming: PE - \$300,000 in 2021
ROW - \$150,000 in 2022 and C - \$1,620,000 in 2023
Replace intersection with roundabout.
- 9. SC 9 (Boiling Springs Road) and Parris Bridge Road intersection:**
Recommended TIP Programming: PE - \$300,000 in 2021
ROW - \$150,000 in 2022 and C - \$1,620,000 in 2023
Access Management/ median, pavement removal, add right turn lanes; dual lefts for more capacity.
- 10. Hwy 101 and Rogers Bridge Road intersection:**
Recommended TIP Programming: PE - \$125,000 in 2022
ROW - \$100,000 in 2023 and C - \$675,000 in 2024
Widen road to add room for stacking left turn lane.
- 11. Anderson Mill and SC 296 intersection:**
Recommended TIP Programming: PE - \$250,000 in 2022
ROW - \$500,000 in 2023 and C - \$1,350,000 in 2024
Access Management, cross access, add right turn lanes, beautification with maintenance agreement.

Ms. Bollinger asked for a motion to approve the addition of the new intersections into the TIP for 2017-2022. Motion was made by Mr. Nutt to approve the TIP, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Projects Status Report

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

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 (\$400,000) is 85% complete. ROW obligation (\$200,000) is underway and 50% complete. Construction (\$1.7 million) letting is scheduled for Fall 2016. There will be some improvements at Springfield Road, including repaving and sidewalk a couple hundred feet from the intersection.

S-30 Fernwood/Clifton/Glendale Rd. and Zion Hill Rd. Intersection Improvements: PE (\$500,000) is 50% complete. ROW Obligation (\$550,000) is underway and 30% complete. Construction letting (\$1.7 million) is scheduled for Fall 2017.

Old Furnace Road sidewalks from Hanging Rock Rd. to Mason Rd.: PE (\$200,000) is 95% complete. ROW acquisition (\$250,000) is complete. Construction letting is scheduled for Fall 2016.

S-41 Relocation (N. Blackstock Rd.) & S-525 (Fairforest Rd.) and Church St.: PE (\$225,000) is approximately 35% complete. ROW is estimated at \$400,000 and Construction is estimated at \$1.6 million. Public Information Meeting was held May 24, 2016. The committee has heard from some members of the public that the traffic signal improvements over the years has helped the backup there and many citizens have expressed the desire to see the project scope revisited. The earmark from the project was from 2003. Mr. Willard asked Ms. Phillips to confirm if the earmark can be transferred to another project. Mr. Willard also asked how much funding had been spent to date, and Ms. Phillips reported \$200,000, and it could not be recovered. He asked Ms. Phillips to report at the next meeting in August how the funding can be used and how long we have to spend the funding. He also suggested a special meeting if the matter is time sensitive.

Other Business and Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Nutt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bradley. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2016.