



Spartanburg Area Transportation Study

Policy Committee Minutes

February 14, 2022

Present:

Rosalyn Henderson-Myers
Manning Lynch
Roger Nutt
John Throckmorton

Bob Walker
Phillip Stone
Whit Kennedy
Glenn Greer, II

Jerome Rice
Steve Bolin
Julian Hankinson
Scott Messenger

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes (November 8, 2021)**

Mayor of Spartanburg Jerome Rice (Chair) called the meeting to order. He recognized **new members: Mayor Glenn Greer II (Town of Lyman), Mayor Bruce Mahaffey (Town of Chesnee), Mayor Scott Messenger (Town of Reidville), and Mayor Jerome Rice (City of Spartanburg)**. Chair Rice requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8th meeting as emailed. Mr. Throckmorton moved and Mr. Nutt seconded the motion. The minutes will now be made available online on the SPATS website.

2. **Election of Officers**

Chair Rice requested a motion for the 2022 slate of officers. Mr. Nutt moved and Dr. Stone seconded **Rep. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers as Chair, Manning Lynch First Vice-Chair and Jerome Rice as Second Vice-Chair.**

3. **TIP Corrections/Updates**

Lisa Bollinger, SPATS Transportation Planning Manager, presented the SCDOT Nonguideshare (non-SPATS funding) corrections recommended by Study Team:

- **Spartanburg Regional Transportation Services Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 grant application:**
Operating-(federal: \$2,657,686 and local match of \$2,657,686 for a total of \$5,315,372.)
Preventive Maintenance-(federal: \$150,000 and local match of \$37,500 for a total of \$187,500.)
Total Grant Amount: (federal: \$2,807,686 and local match of \$2,695,186 for a total of \$5,502,872.)

First Vice Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Dr. Stone.

As info, Spartanburg Regional Transportation Services received American Rescue funds (100% federal funding) of \$546,338 (\$516,338 Operating and \$30,000 Preventive Maintenance). Also, SPARTA received \$14,000 in overage for a previous CARES Act award. First Vice Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion to acknowledge these awards for our area transit agencies. Mr. Rice moved to approve, seconded by Dr. Stone.

- **FY22 Bridge Replacement and Repair Program:**

1. 2 Closed/Load restricted bridges in design/build currently out for public comment: repair S 31 bridge over Peters Creek in the Pacolet area (\$100,595 PE) and S 197 bridge over the S. Tyger River (\$100,595 PE).
2. Repair SC 9 bridge over Lake Bowen in Boiling Springs area (\$100,000 PE). Mr. Walker was given clarification by Ms. Bollinger that this project does not include raising of the bridge.
3. Repair US 176 over the Southern Railroad (\$100,000 PE). First Vice Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion to acknowledge these SCDOT Nonguideshare bridge projects in the SPATS area. Mr. Hankinson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Throckmorton.

Ms. Bollinger next presented the SPATS Guideshare corrections recommended by the Study Team:

- **City of Spartanburg Traffic Signals** (N. Church Street)-shift Construction of \$120,000 System Upgrade-Urban-Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds from FY2021 to FY2022.

First Vice Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Dr. Stone moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Rice.

- **SC 9 and 4th St./Shoally Creek Rd. Intersection Improvement**-shift ROW \$1,200,000 from 2022 to 2023. Shift Construction \$2,700,000 from 2023 to 2024.

First Vice Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Hankinson.

- **Reidville Road Improvements LRTP and TIP correction:** As recommended by Study Team, Ms. Bollinger asked Policy Committee to approve the renaming and update termini of the Reidville Road Improvements Project to Corridor Improvement – SC 296 (Reidville Road) from SC 290 to SC 146 (Woodruff Road) as it is a federal requirement that a termini cannot be a river or a boundary and makes more sense from an engineering/construction standpoint to understand the proposed starting point and ending point of a project. First Vice Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion to approve. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Dr. Stone.

4. Corridor Improvement – SC 296 (Reidville Road) from SC 290 to SC 146 (Woodruff Road)

Ms. Bollinger reviewed the Reidville Road corridor improvements concept

Only the feasibility study phase is entered into the TIP at this time and is scheduled to begin in April. The anticipated timeline is approximately 8 weeks according to Betsy McCall, SCDOT feasibility manager. GPATS Study Team acknowledged our investment in the study in their draft TIP on January 31. Ms. Bollinger was in attendance and made statement on the SPATS commitment to the study and importance of proactively working together to improve the corridor. Approval of the GPATS TIP amendment by the GPATS Policy Committee is scheduled for March 7th.

Mr. Keith Brockington, Transportation Planning Manager for Greenville-Pickens Transportation Study (GPATS) explained to the Policy Committee that GPATS is in support of participating in the feasibility report and thanked the Committee for

5. Interim Long-Range Transportation Plan Process Status

Ms. Bollinger briefed the committee on the Interim LRTP process status. The City Downtown Transportation Plan/SPATS Conceptual Project List Study Selection Committee recently reviewed and scored the four proposals submitted, with the consultant scheduled to begin work this month. SPATS staff will keep the Study Team and Policy Committee aware of upcoming input workshops. Please take the LRTP transportation needs survey at spatsmpo.com (Spanish version also available). The Long-Range Plan draft projects list will be presented in June and a final approval planned for August.

6. Projects' Status Report

Ms. Kit Scott, SCDOT Program Manager, presented the SPATS Guideshare Projects' Status Report provided to members prior to the meeting, including upcoming projects, projects in design, projects in construction, and projects completed. Detailed updates and the corresponding SCDOT Project Viewer link include:

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

SC 85 and Hearon Circle/SC 85 and I-585 intersection improvements:

Feasibility Report Phase (Planning or PL phase) final report with evaluated alternatives being reviewed by Project Development Team. Expected begin schedule for each phase: Preliminary Engineering (PE) FY23. ROW Obligation FY25, and Construction Obligation FY26.

SC 215 (Blackstock Rd.) and SC 296 (Reidville Rd.) Intersection

Improvement: Planning Phase obligated. Waiting on feasibility to start.

SC 296 (Reidville Rd.) and Anderson Mill Rd. Intersection Improvement:

Planning Phase obligated. Waiting on feasibility to start.

US 29 and Gap Creek Rd Intersection Improvement

SC 9 and Parris Bridge Road/Sloane Garden Road:

Planning Phase Obligation Date October 2022.

PROJECTS IN DESIGN:

Country Club Road Improvements: operational and safety improvements on S-47 for 3.3 miles from Union St. (SC 56) to Clifton-Glendale Road (S-30). Project includes east-west trail connection along Country Club Road linking the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail to the Glendale Shoals area. PE complete. ROW certified August 2021. Utility/railroad certified September 2021. Current schedule: NEW letting date: May 2022 due to bids coming in higher than expected. Low bid was \$20.68m, 58% higher than the SCDOT engineer estimate. [Country Club Road Corridor Project link in SCDOT Project Viewer](#)

Lyman Traffic Triangle: improve traffic operations at three main intersections: US 29/Pine Ridge Road, SC 358 (Holly Springs Road)/Pine Ridge Road, and US 29/SC 129/SC 358 (Holly Springs Rd.)/SC 292. Preliminary Engineering Complete. ROW acquisitions and final utility coordination is underway. On schedule to be let for Construction Summer 2022 and anticipated to begin Fall/Winter 2022.

[Lyman Traffic Triangle Project Link in SCDOT Project Viewer](#)

SC 9 and Shoally Creek Rd./4th Street Intersection Improvement:

includes adding/lengthening turn lanes along with reducing the 4th St. curvature, a “loon” design at SC 9 and 4th St. and an “R cut” intersection at SC 9 and Candlenut Lane. Additional public meeting update planned for Summer 2022. ROW acquisitions anticipated late 2022. ROW obligation to begin Fall 2023. Construction anticipated Fall 2024.

I-85 and SC 290 Diverging Diamond Interchange: Project let October 2021 with only one bidder with a proposal of double the size of the estimate. Project will be re-let March 2022. Construction expected to last 18-24 months. Detours will be in place during construction. More details to follow. Will be the second DDI in SC once complete. Gold Hill Road at I-77 in Fort Mill is the first to be completed in SC.

PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION (Resident Construction Engineer’s Update):

SC 85 Bridges over Howard Street and Southern RR and SC 85 Northbound over Lawson’s Fork Creek: Replace bridges over S-42-995 (Buffington Rd.)/Norfolk Southern RR and S-2 (Howard St.) between Hearon Circle and New Cut Road including SC 85 Northbound over Lawson’s Fork Creek. Letting was in March 2021 to E.S. Wagner Company, LLC. Work began June 2021. Anticipated completion is Summer 2023.

[SC 85 Northbound Bridge Replacement over Lawson's Fork Creek](#)

SC 85 Bridges over Norfolk Southern RR and Buffington Rd. (S 995):

Anticipated completion January 2023.

SC 85 over Howard St. (S 2): Start date for S 2 bridge estimated for July 2022. Anticipated completion June 2023.

SC 85 NB over Lawson Fork Creek: bridge closure for Lawson Creek Bridge is set for February 21, 2022 with a 270 day completion date. Staging operations for crossovers is currently underway. Anticipated completion November 2022.

I-85 Reconstruction and Widening Mile Marker 98-106: 83% complete. Completion Date September 2022. MM98-102: Complete outside construction May 2022. MM102-106: Complete median construction April 2022 and Outside construction August 2022.

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

US 29 Southbound Bridge Replacement over N. Tyger River: Replace US 29 Bridge Southbound over N. Tyger River at Upward Sports. Project let November 2021 to E.S. Wagner Company, LLC. Construction began January 2021. Completion date November 2021.

[US 29 Bridge Replacement over N. Tyger River in Spartanburg County Link in SCDOT Project Viewer](#)

Please see SCDOT Project Viewer for project status updates between SPATS meetings: <https://www.scdot.org/business/projectviewer.aspx>

6. Other Business and Adjourn

Ten at the Top (TATT) Upstate Mobility Alliance (UMA) Update: Keith Scott, Interim Director of the TATT UMA, presented an update on the work of the Mobility, Active Transportation, Revenue Options, and Technology committees representing the 10 counties of the Upstate. Mr. Scott recognized the committee work of Ms. Bollinger and Ms. Sherry Dull, SPATS Senior Transportation Planner.

The American Community Survey reports that 82.4% of South Carolina residents drive alone to work. The UMA goal is to reduce the number of drivers who commute alone to 75% of commute mode by 2030 by focusing on increased access to public transit, active and livable communities, technology, and mobility investments. The UMA created working committees for each of these focus areas.

In the area of Transit, locally the UMA has helped coordinate a Van pool in Spartanburg underway in Spartanburg to help people get to work and help with job retention. Mayor Rice commented that the van pool will help the transit-dependent citizens in neighborhoods and sustain the workforce. Mr. Scott mentioned that the Comet in Richland County started with one van pool and in only a few years, the program is now up to 17. TATT also working with the GSP Airport to get a non-driver transit service for long-term parking to terminals.

Ms. Bollinger commented that SPATS is proud to be a part of the TATT leadership and committees, and to help find solutions to help people travel from their home/neighborhood to a transportation hub in the more urban area to the adjacent regions and on to other states once we have high-speed rail one day. But we have to plan simultaneously or the Upstate will never be in a position to connect to one another or to other regions or states.

Member Updates: Mr. Lynch recognized Jessica Coker as the newly appointed Spartanburg County Public Works Subcommittee voting representative to the Policy Committee.

Other comments: Mr. Walker requested more information on project details in between SPATS meetings.

Mr. Nutt commented on his frustration that neighborhoods can be built quickly, but transportation projects take too much time to complete. Mr. Lynch mentioned his support of these comments.

There being no other business, motion was made by Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Throckmorton. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022, 10 am in Council Chambers.