2010-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

SUATS

Long-Range Transportation Plan

INTRODUCTION

SUATS ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Sumter area is to establish and maintain a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process. While meeting the appropriate federal and state requirements, this process promotes the development of a safe, effective, efficient and environmentally sensitive multi-modal transportation system for moving people and goods in the SUATS area.

The study area is approximately in the center of Sumter County, South Carolina. The City of Sumter and outlying area beyond the corporate limits as shown comprise the SUATS area.

SUATS is monitored by two committees, the Policy Committee, which has final local approval and authority on all major transportation decision, policies, and programs of SUATS, and the Study Team, which provides advice to the Policy Committee and staff on technical methods, procedures and standards that are used in the development of transportation plans and programs.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program details all projects and programs that have obligated funding from FHWA. These projects and programs derive from the SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan. The TIP has been developed by SUATS with the cooperation of SCDOT and SWRTA. The TIP has been advertised and made available for public comment. It covers a period of 5 years but is updated yearly. SUATS, in cooperation with SCDOT and SWRTA, assures that all projects and programs are fully fundable.

The TIP also includes all federally supported capital and non-capital surface transportation projects within the boundaries of the MPO as well as all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

SUATS follows a Public Involvement Plan that details the approach, values, and activities that are followed to ensure full and effective public participation in the planning process. A variety of methods are used to solicit public input, including small group presentations, news releases, distribution of printed and electronic newsletters, surveys, public workshops, development of corridor studies and area plans, and public hearings.

FUNDING

SUATS projects are funded through federal and state transportation funds. Guideshare Funds, funds for road improvements, are allocated by SCDOT through the Guideshare Program.

The S.C. Transportation Commission sets aside approximately $114 million dollars of FHWA and SCDOT funds each year and distributes the money among the state's ten MPOs and Councils of Governments based on population and vehicle miles of travel in each region. The Guideshare sets the annual budget for highway improvements within each MPO or COG, and total project costs in any given year normally cannot exceed the Guideshare apportionment.

Road improvements may include constructing new roads, adding traffic lanes to existing roads, constructing paved shoulders, installing traffic signals, constructing sidewalks or bike lanes, or making safety improvements. Major maintenance improvements may also be included, such as resurfacing a road. However, minor maintenance activities such as patching potholes are not funded through SUATS, but are handled directly by SCDOT maintenance units.

SUATS apportionment from the Guideshare Program is $15.566 million from FY 2010 to FY 2015. Of this amount, approximately $6.766 million is devoted to debt service from FY 2010 to FY 2015.

Transportation Enhancement Projects

In 1991, Congress passed a landmark transportation bill, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). The Transportation Enhancement Program was created by ISTEA and has been widely popular, in part because it funds projects that had frequently been left out of highway improvement plans in past years. Subsequently, ISTEA was replaced by Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) by Congress in August 2005. A list of enhancement projects for bicycle and pedestrian facility is identified below. The list is extracted from SUATS Long Range Plan and is not listed in priority of importance. Currently there is $902,267 of enhancement funding available for SUATS MPO which requires a 20% match of $180,453. More information is available on the internet at www.enhancements.org.

SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan
Enhancement Projects Bike and Pedestrian Facility List

Project Type	Location	Description
Trails/Multi-Use	Dillon Park to Green Swamp	Bike and Pedestrian Trail along Shot Pouch Creek/Extension of Cypress Trail
	Lafayette Dr.	Multi-use trail from Calhoun St. to By-pass, west side of Lafayette
	Turkey Creek	Bike and Pedestrian Trail along Turkey Creek
Bike Lanes	Lynam Rd.	Striped Bike Lane on Lynam Rd. connecting Loring Mill and McCray's Mill facilities

Project Type	Location	Description
Bike - Wide Lanes	Wise Drive to Cypress Trail	Widen existing travel lanes to accommodate bicycles
	Alice Drive	Camden Hwy. to Wise, widen lanes
	Red Bay Rd.	Widen lanes between S. Main and Boulevard
Bike - Paved Shoulders	Brewington Rd.	Long Segment between Camden Hwy. and US 378 to east
	Jefferson Rd.	521 to Queen Chapel
	McCrays Mill	St. Paul's Church to Stadium Road
Sidewalks	Sumter H.S.	Connect neighborhoods and schools within network
	Wilder Elementary	
	Crosswell Dr. Elementary	
	Alice Drive Schools	
	Wilson Hall School	
Previous Study Team		
Recommendations	Carter Rd.	Wilson Hall Rd. to U.S. 378
	Oswego Rd.	Bypass to Brewington Rd.
	Adams St.	Alice Dr. to Guignard
	Highland Ave.	Broad St. to Jackson St.
	S. Harvin St.	Shannon St. to Manning Ave.
	Lewis Rd.	McCrays Mill to Lucian Lake Dr.
Other Identified Projects	Manning Avenue	Bridge, Streetscape, Pedestrian, Interesections from bridge to Lafayette
	Loring Mill	Sidewalks from residences to intersection at Patriot Pkwy./Wise Drive
	City-wide	Median plantings in lieu of suicide lanes (alone or combined w/other access mgmt.)
Note: the LRTP did not rank these projects; they are listed in no particular order except by category.		

SECTION II

MEMBERSHIP

Membership will consist of the following:

Policy Committee (Voting)

1. ***Mayor, City of Sumter**
2. ***County Council Chairman**
3. City Council Member
4. County Council Member
5. Legislative Delegation – Resident Senator, Resident Representative (2)
6. Planning Commission Chairman
7. Sumter County Development Board Chairman
8. County Transportation Committee Chairman

Policy Committee (Ex-officio)

1. City Manager
2. County Administrator
3. Fifth Congressional District Highway Commissioner
4. Sixth Congressional District Highway Commissioner
5. Shaw AFB Commander (or designee)

Enhancement Committee

1. **Senior Transportation Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Commission**
2. Planning Director, Sumter City-County Planning Commission
3. Public Services Director, City of Sumter
4. Public Works, County of Sumter
5. Shaw AFB Community Planner
6. Director of Santee-Wateree RTA
7. Chamber of Commerce Representative
8. Director of Community Development, City of Sumter
9. Finance Director, City of Sumter

Technical Coordinating Committee (Study Team)

1. **Planning Director, Sumter City-County Planning Commission**
2. Public Services Director, City of Sumter (or designee)
3. Public Works Director, County of Sumter
4. SCDOT District Traffic Engineer
5. SCDOT Planning Department Representative
6. FHWA Planning & Environmental Engineer
7. SCDOT District Project Engineer
8. Shaw AFB Community Planner
9. Director Santee-Wateree RTA
10. Chamber of Commerce Representative
11. Director of Community Development, City of Sumter
12. Finance Director, City of Sumter
13. Sumter County Active Lifestyles Chairman, USC
14. Senior Transportation Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Commission

Steering Committee

1. **Senior Transportation Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Commission**
2. Finance Director, City of Sumter
3. Statewide Planning, SCDOT
4. Planning Director, Sumter City-County Planning Commission
5. Finance Director, SCDOT
6. Pre-construction Project Engineers SCDOT
7. Planning & Environmental Engineering FHWA

Chairman of each committee is shown in bold print.
***Chairman for the Policy rotates annually between these two members.**

SUATS Financial Statement

(Cost in Thousands) 6-Sep 2011 Draft

Pin #	County	Guideshare Projects	Previous STIP(s)	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Cost (2010-2015)	Cost (2016+)	Funding
34778	Sumter	Alice Drive - Phase I & II	4,152 C									STP
		(Wesmark Blvd to US 521)	2,039 R	226 R								
29713_RD0	Sumter	Alice Drive - Phase III		1,143 R	900 R	3,765 C	2,400 C			$8,208		STP
		(Wise Dr to Wesmark Blvd)										
		Guideshare Project Subtotal		$1,369	$900	$3,765	$2,400			$8,434		
		Debt Service Subtotal		$1,086	$1,258	$1,219	$1,078	$1,068	$1,057	$6,766	$6,608	
		Guideshare Subtotal		$2,455	$2,158	$4,984	$3,478	$1,068	$1,057	$15,200		
		Guideshare Allocation		2,594	2,594	2,594	2,594	2,594	2,594	$15,566		
		Carryover Available		4,307	4,446	4,882	2,493	1,609	3,135	$4,307		
		Bond Proceeds										
		Guideshare Subtotal		(2,455)	(2,158)	(4,984)	(3,478)	(1,068)	(1,057)	($15,200)		
		Balance		4,446	4,882	2,493	1,609	3,135	4,672	$4,673		

All costs in thousands

Enhancement Projects		Carryover to 2009	FY 2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY 2014	FY2015	Total	STP
										Total=902,267
	SUATS Enhancement Program Allocation	674,089	114,089	114,089					902,267	Local Match=180,453

Federal Transit Administration		Previous STIP(s)	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total Cost 2010-2015	Funding Source
	Santee Wateree RTA (urbanized area)	944 op	973 ca	760 ca	1032 ca				2,765	Section 5307
	Santee Wateree RTA (intermodal transp. center)	950		400 va					400	Section 5309
	Sumter County DSN Board (purchase of service)	40 ca	37 ca	48 ps					85	Section 5310
	Sumter Senior Services (purchase of service)	46 ca	30 ca	31 ps					61	Section 5310
	Sumter nation. Fed. Of the Blind (purchase of service)		3 ca	3 ps					6	Section 5310
	Santee Wateree RTA (Rural Transit)	508 adm	360 adm						1,091	Section 5311
		218 ca	545 op							
		543 op	186 ca							
	The funding level for the SWRTA represents the total funding for the entire four county service area (Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter) and is not per-county funding.									
	Santee Lynches COG (planning)	52 pl								Section 5311
	Santee Wateree RTA (operation)			33 op					33	Section 5316
	Sumter County DSN Board (operation & capital)			5 op					41	Section 5316
				36 ca						
	Santee-Lynches COG (operations)			33 op					33	Section 5317

Amercian Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Rural & Urban)		Previous STIP(s)
	Santee Wateree RTA (rural)	200 ca
		146 op
		1114 va
	The funding level for the SWRTA represents the total funding for the entire four county service area (Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter) and is not per-county funding.	
	Santee Wateree RTA (urban)	231 ca
		780 va
	ca=capital; op=operation;va=vehicle acquistion;pl=planning;ps=purchase service	

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(Cost in Thousands)									
PIN #	Locally Funded Projects	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	TIP Cost	Funding source
								(2010-2015)	
	Broad St (US 76/378) & Carter Rd		300					300	Sumter Sales Tax
	(Intersection safety)								
	Broad St & Gion Street		300					300	Sumter Sales Tax
	(Intersection Safety)								
	Broad St(US 76/378) @ Patriot Pkwy(SC441)		300					300	Sumter Sales Tax
	(Intersection Safety)								
	Lafayette Dr. (US 15) @Guignard		300					300	Sumter Sales Tax
	(Intersection Safety)								
	Lafayette Dr (US15)@ Manning Ave		671					671	Sumter Sales Tax
	(Southern Gateway)								
	Lafayette Dr (US15)@Graham Freeway		6,000					6000	Sumter Sales Tax
	Lafayette Interchange								
		Subtotal						7871	(physical Reconst)