

MINUTES
SUATS POLICY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M.
CITY CENTRE
(25 N. MAIN STREET, SUMTER, SC)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Joseph T. McElveen; City Councilman Thomas J. Lowery; County Councilman Larry Blanding; Mr. Curtis Spencer, CTC; and Mr. David Durham, Planning Commission Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: (See attachment)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. George McGregor, Planning Director; Mr. Allan Yu, Senior Transportation Planner; Wanda Scott, Planning Secretary

A meeting of the Sumter Urban Area Transportation Study (SUATS) Policy Committee was held on Friday, April 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Centre located at 25 N. Main St., Sumter, SC. Mayor Joseph McElveen called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Curtis Spencer to give the invocation.

Motion was made by Councilman Larry Blanding, seconded by Councilman Thomas Lowery and carried a unanimous vote by the SUATS Policy Committee to approve the April 26, 2013 meeting agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. David Durham, seconded by Mr. Curtis Spencer and carried a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2012 meeting as read.

ADOPTION OF REVISED LRTP 2010-2014

Mr. George McGregor stated the SUATS Policy Committee was being asked to approve the revised LRTP 2010-2014. He stated the committee had been furnished a copy of a list of changes made to the Plan since the March meeting. These changes were derived from comments from Federal Highway Administration and SCDOT review. He stated the changes were by and large technical and did not change the Plan at all – revisions they asked for relative to their processes and assumptions. Mr. McGregor stated no public comments had been received over the last 30 day during the public comment period. He stated the current draft is dated April 20, 2013 and is a very good update to the 2007 Plan.

MOTION was made by Mr. Curtis Spencer, seconded by Mr. David Durham and carried a unanimous vote of the SUATS Policy Committee to adopt the revised Long Range Transportation Plan 2010-2014.

PROXY VOTING CLARIFICATION

Mr. McGregor stated the committee had asked for some clarification on proxy voting. He spoke with Mr. Eric Shytle, the General Counsel for the City of Sumter, who suggested the committee examine all the by-laws for SUATS to examine the following: 1) how is a quorum established; 2) when meeting dates are set; and 3) how the committee deals with the issue of membership proximity. Mr. McGregor stated he would have real recommendations for the committee within the next 30 days.

PENNY SALES TAX PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. McGregor stated the final design for the next four intersection improvement projects – Patriot Pkwy. at Broad; Carter at Broad; Gion at Broad; Guignard South at 15 South – are complete. The encroachment permits have been submitted to SCDOT for final review and we expect the bid process to start in June with construction beginning in August.

Mr. McGregor stated the Manning Gateway Project is well into the design phase. It will be 2014 before this project goes to construction.

Mr. McGregor stated there had been public meetings on the Lafayette Interchange project in the January/February timeframe and received feedback from many of the residents from the neighborhoods north of the bypass. He stated some conceptual revisions had been done and they continue to meet with the Ford dealership to work through the process.

MOTION was made by Councilman Blanding, seconded by Mr. David Durham and carried a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda F. Scott

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Board Secretary