

2013-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



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. Guidesshare Funds, funds for road improvements, are allocated by SCDOT through the Guidesshare 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 Guidesshare sets the annual budget for highway improvements within each MPO or COG, and total project costs in any given year normally cannot exceed the Guidesshare 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 Guidesshare 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, Intersections 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.)
<i>Note: the LRTP did not rank these projects; they are listed in no particular order except by category.</i>		

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

(All Cost in Thousands)													Total Cost				
Federal Transit Administration													2010-2015	Funding Source			
	Previous																
	STIP(s)		FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015									
Santee Wateree RTA (urbanized area)	944, op,ca		973,ca,op	760,ca,op	1032,ca,op								2,765				Section 5307
Santee Wateree RTA (intermodal transp. Center)	950			400 va									400				Section 5309
Sumter County DSN Board (purchase os service)	40 ca		37ca	48ps	40ps								125				Section 5310
Sumter Senior Services (purchase of service)	46ca		30ca	31ps	30ps								91				Section 5310
Sumter nation. Fed. Of the Blind (purchase of service)			3ca	3ps	3ps								9				Section 5310
Santee Wateree RTA (Rural Transit)	508 adm		360 adm										1091				Section 5311
	218 ca		185 ca														
	543 op		545 op														
The funding level for the SWRTA represents the total funding for the entire four county service area (Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter)																	
Santee Lynches COG (planning)	52 pl																Section 5311
Santee Wateree RTA (operations)				33 op									33				Section 5316
Sumter County DSN (operations & capital)				5 op	26 op												
				36 ca	22 ca								89				Section 5316
Santee-Lynches COG				33 op	33 op								75				Section 5316
					9 ca												
Sumter DSNB					20 op								70				Section 5317
					50ca												
Sumter Senior Services					50 ca								70				Section 5317
					20 op												
Santee-Lynch COG					46 ca								46				Section 5317
					33 ca								33				
c=construcion;R=right of way; adm=administration;op=operatons;ca=capital;pl=planning;ps=purchase of service																	

(Cost in Thousands)												
Pin #	County	Guideshare Projects	Previous STIP(s)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	STIP Cost (2010-2015)	Remaining Cost (2016+)	Funding
34778	Sumter	Alice Drive - Phase I & II (Wesmark Blvd to US 521)	2,265 R 4,152 C									STP
9713_RD0	Sumter	Alice Drive - Phase III (Wise Dr to Wesmark Blvd)	2,043 R 7,260 C									STP
Guideshare Project Subtotal												
Debt Service Subtotal				\$1,076	\$1,065	\$1,054	\$1,044	\$1,031	\$1,019	\$6,289	\$6,608	
Guideshare Subtotal				\$1,076	\$1,065	\$1,054	\$1,044	\$1,031	\$1,019	\$6,289		
Guideshare Allocation				2,594	2,594	2,594	2,594	2,594	2,594	\$15,566		
Carryover Available					(0)	849	2,389	3,939	5,503			
Bond Proceeds												
SCDOT Advancement			2,199									
Payback				(1,519)	(680)							
Adjustments			(800) P (400) C									
Alice Drive - Phase I & II												
Guideshare Subtotal				(1,076)	(1,065)	(1,054)	(1,044)	(1,031)	(1,019)	(\$6,289)		
Balance				(0)	849	2,389	3,939	5,503	7,078	\$9,277		

Enhancement Projects	Funding	FY2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total	STIP
Enhancement funds allocat	902,267							672,667	
S. Harvin Street Sidewalk construction project				229,600					Project Cost 287,000
									Local Match 57,400

(Cost in Thousands)									
PIN #	Locally Funded Projects	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	TIP Cost (2010-2015)	Funding source
	Broad St. (US 76/378) & Carter Rd. (Intersection safety)				300 PRC			300	Sumter Sales Tax
	Broad St. & Gion St. (Intersection safety)				300 PRC			300	Sumter Sales Tax
	Broad St. (US 76/378) @ Patriot Pkwy (SC441) (Intersection safety)				300 PRC			300	Sumter Sales Tax
	Lafayette Dr. (US 15) @ Guignard (Intersection safety)				300 PRC			300	Sumter Sales Tax
	Lafayette Dr. (US 15) @ Manning Ave. (Southern Gateway)				671 PRC			671	Sumter Sales Tax
	Lafayette Dr. (US 15) @ Graham Freeway (Lafayette Interchange)				6,000 PRC			6,000	Sumter Sales Tax
	Subtotal							7,871	(physical reconst)

