

MINUTES
SUATS POLICY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020 @ 3:00 P.M.
CONDUCTED VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: The Honorable Mayor **Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.**; Chairman; County Council Chairman **James T. McCain, Jr.**; Sumter CTC Chairman **Hugh M. McLaurin, IV**; State Senator **J. Thomas McElveen, III.**; State Representative **J. David Weeks**; City Councilman **Thomas J. Lowery**; Planning Commission Chairwoman **Sandra McBride**; and Sumter City Manager **Deron McCormick**.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: County Councilman **James Byrd, Jr.**, State Representative **G. Murrell Smith**, Sumter Economic Development Board President & CEO **Jay Schwedler**, Shaw Air Force Base Commander Col. **Derek O'Malley**, SCDOT 5th District Commissioner **David E. "Gene" Branham**, Sumter County Administrator **Gary Mixon**, and SCDOT 6th District Commissioner **John Barnwell Fishburne**.

OTHERS PRESENT: (See sign-in sheet)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Senior Planner **Kyle Kelly** and Executive Assistant **Kellie Chapman**

A meeting of the Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) Policy Committee was held on Friday, May 29, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. via Videoconference. Chairman James T. McCain, Jr. called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the agenda for the May 29, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Lowery. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 29, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Lowery and seconded by Mr. Weeks. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

FY2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Kelly briefed the committee on the adoption of the new TIP covering federal fiscal years 2021-2027. The TIP is our transportation capital projects plan maintained consistent with federal regulations and local policies. The *FAST Act* requires inclusion of all federally assisted and regionally significant transportation projects.

Mr. Kelly advised the Committee that this is the final draft. The TIP coverage will include seven years which matches the ten-year plan from SCDOT, list all federally funded projects, and it is adopted and amended by Policy Committee.

Mr. Kelly stated staff recommends that the Policy Committee approve the proposed SUATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FFY 2021-2027 and open a 21-day public comment period.

A motion to adopt FFY 2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Mr. McLaurin and seconded by Mr. Lowery. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Amendment #2 to FY2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Kelly briefed the Committee on the objectives of the UPWP biennial statement of work identities the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within the SUATS MPO. The UPWP includes a description of planning tasks to be completed and the resulting products, who will perform the work, timeframes for completing the work, the budget for tasks, and source of funds. MPOs are required to develop and maintain UPWPs to govern work programs for the expenditure of FHWA and FTA planning funds.

Mr. Kelly added the proposed amendment is proposed to adjust the FY2021 resource allocations to reflect actual FY2021 federal funding levels and the projected results of SUATS spending in the FY2020 budget, which were previously established as estimates in the document.

Mr. Kelly mentioned with the proposed revisions there are no projected carryover from FY2021 to FY2022, though future carryover of funds may be necessary if spending is below projections.

Mr. Kelly stated that staff recommends that the Policy Committee approved the proposed Amendment #2 to the FY2020-FY2021 SUATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and open a 21-day public comment period.

A motion to adopt Amendment #2 to the FY2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was made by Mr. McLaurin and seconded by Mr. Lowery. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Proposed Changes to Selected SUATS Area Functional Classification

Mr. Kelly informed the committee that several SUATS roadway segments are currently classified differently from their existing and/or desired uses. Changes to functional classifications move roadway segments into and out of the various funding allocations for resurfacing. However, moving a road to a higher intensity use does not automatically mean that it will be paved more frequently, as there are strata of funding allocations for different road classes.

Mr. Kelly stated that staff recommends that the Policy Committee approve the proposed list of Functional Classification adjustments, as follows:

Route Name	Route Number	<i>Begin</i>	<i>End</i>	Current Functional Classification	Proposed Functional Classification
Clipper Rd.	S-486	<i>US-15 South</i>	<i>Cain's Mill Road</i>	Local Access Road	Major Collector
W. Liberty St.	SC-763 / SC-120	<i>N. Guignard Drive</i>	<i>McCray's Mill Road</i>	Minor Arterial	Major Arterial
Beckwood Rd.	S-497	<i>US-521 North</i>	<i>W. Brewington Road</i>	Local Access Road	Major Collector
US-15 South	US-15	<i>S. Guignard Parkway</i>	<i>Nettles Road</i>	Minor Arterial	Major Arterial
US-15 North	US-15	<i>Robert Graham Freeway</i>	<i>W. Brewington Road</i>	Minor Arterial	Major Arterial
Beulah Cuttino Rd.	S-517	<i>US-15 South</i>	<i>Nazarene Church Road</i>	Local Access Road	Minor Collector
W. Calhoun St.	S-102 E	<i>N. Washington Street</i>	<i>N. Guignard Drive</i>	Minor Arterial	Major Collector
Calhoun Dr.	S-102 / S-90	<i>N. Guignard Drive</i>	<i>W. Liberty Street</i>	Minor Arterial	Local Access Road
Swan Lake Dr.	S-102	<i>Calhoun Drive</i>	<i>W. Liberty Street</i>	Major Collector	Local Access Road

A motion to adopt proposed changes to the nine (9) SUATS Area Functional Classifications

listed above was made by Mr. McLaurin and seconded by Mr. Lowery. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Utility Relocation Associated with N. Main St. and Manning Ave. Corridor Revitalization Projects

Mr. Kelly provided an update on the N. Main St. and Manning Ave. Corridor Revitalization Projects. The update focused on the costs associated with the project, timeline, and additional considerations related to the feasibility of adding utility undergrounding to the project scope. Mr. Kelly noted that such a change would require purchase of additional right-of-way, increase the project budget by approximately \$18.5 million and add 4-6 years to the project timeline.

Mr. Kelly stated the material provided was for the Committee's information only. Should the Policy Committee desire to make a decision regarding funding additional utility relocation work as part of the projects, the item would need to be added to a future meeting agenda for Policy Committee review and approval.

Active Projects Update

Mr. Kelly provided a brief status update on current area transportation improvement projects funded via the Sumter Penny for Progress sales tax initiative and SUATS Guideshare Program. The briefing focused on the implementation schedules for each major phase of work.

With no further business, Mr. Weeks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLaurin and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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