

**MINUTES
SUATS POLICY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY JUNE 25, 2021 @ 3:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
(21 N. MAIN STREET, SUMTER, SC)**

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: The Honorable Mayor **David P. Merchant**; Chairman; County Council Chairman **James T. McCain, Jr.**; Sumter CTC Chairman **Hugh M. McLaurin, IV**; State Representative **J. David Weeks**; and State Senator **J. Thomas McElveen, III**.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: (See sign-in sheet)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Senior Planner **Kyle Kelly**, Planning Director **Helen Roodman** and Executive Assistant **Kellie Chapman**

A meeting of the Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) Policy Committee was held on Friday, June 25, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers (21 N. Main St., Sumter, SC). Chairman David P. Merchant called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended for the June 25, 2021, meeting was made by Mr. McCain and seconded by Mr. McLaurin. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021, meeting was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. McCain. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

Amendment #4 to FY2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Kelly advised the TIP is the SUATS area's transportation capital improvement program, which contains a matrix of transportation projects consistent with federal regulations and area policies and strategies. The TIP serves as a planning tool to ensure the most effective use of limited funding for transportation improvements. The FAST Act requires that any transportation improvement be identified in the TIP to be eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Kelly then added at the Policy Committee's December 9, 2019, meeting, the Committee voted to approve a planning phase of work for four (Robert Dinkins Rd. @ Broad St., Loring Mill Rd. @ Broad St., N. St. Paul's Church Rd. @ Broad St., and W. Liberty St. @ Guignard Dr.) intersection projects at \$100,000 per project. Since the initial SUATS approval, SCDOT has developed the required Feasibility Studies, and have completed the Traffic Study and initial conceptual layouts and budget estimates for each project. Using the

data and analysis presented, the Policy Committee may consider programming available SUATS Guideshare funds for implementation, and can determine budget, timeline, and specific scope for each project.

The following are the Guideshare program funding revisions contained in the proposed amendment:

1. **Reduce** Planning (PL) allocation for Broad St. @ N. Saint Paul's Church Rd Intersection Improvement Project by \$92,000 and **add** \$200,000 in Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds.
2. **Reduce** Planning (PL) allocation for Guignard Dr. @ W. Liberty St. Intersection Improvement Project by \$92,000.
3. **Reduce** Planning (PL) allocation for Broad St. @ Loring Mill Rd. Intersection Improvement Project by \$92,000 and **add** \$350,000 in Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds, \$50,000 in Right of Way (ROW), and \$1,655,000 in Construction (C) funds.
4. **Reduce** Planning (PL) allocation for Broad St. @ Robert Dinkins Rd. Intersection Improvement Project by \$91,000 and **add** \$200,000 in Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds.
5. **Add** \$382,000 in Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds and \$3,500,000 in Construction (C) funds for the North Main St. Corridor Revitalization Project.
6. **Add** \$288,000 in Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds and \$3,500,000 in Construction (C) funds for the North Main St. Corridor Revitalization Project.

Staff recommended that the Policy Committee adopt proposed Revision #4 to the SUATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2021-2027 and open a 21-day public comment period as required by the SUATS public Participation Plan.

A motion to adopt Amendment #4 to FY2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) subject to a 21-day public comment period was made by Mr. McElveen and seconded by Mr. McCain. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Amendment #1 to FY2022-F2023 SUATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Kelly briefed the Committee on the SUATS FY2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes all urban transportation and transportation-related planning activities anticipated for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. It contains a discussion of the major transportation issues, goals and objectives in the SUATS MPO Study Area.

Mr. Kelly added the UPWP is a work program comprised of tasks to achieve the overall goal of bringing effective transportation improvements to the SUATS planning area. Each task has its own objective and is identified with the source of staffing to carry out the task to

produce final products. The ten (10) proposed major tasks are as follows:

- Task 1 – Administration and Management
- Task 2 – Long Range Planning
- Task 3 – Short-Range Planning
- Task 4 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Task 5 – Project Implementation and Monitoring
- Task 6- Modal Planning
 - A – Bicycle and Pedestrian
 - B – Transit
 - C – Intermodal Freight
- Task 7 – Transportation Data Collection and Analysis
- Task 8 – Land Use Monitoring and Analysis
- Task 9 - Public Involvement
- Task 10 – MPO Consultant Services

Mr. Kelly stated that staff is proposing Amendment #1 to the adopted SUATS workplan for FY2022-FY2023 to add three (3) active or planned consultant projects to the scope under Task 10 – MPO Consultant Services.

- Turkey Creek Greenway Feasibility Study (active)
- SUATS Walk and Bike Master Plan (active)
- City of Sumter Sidewalk Condition Inventory (planned)

Staff recommends that the Policy Committee adopt proposed Amendment #1 to the FY 2022 – FY2023 SUATS Unified Planning Work Program and open a 21-day public comment period as required by the SUATS Public Participation Plan.

A motion to adopt Amendment #3 to FY2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) subject to a 21-day public comment period was made by Mr. McCain and seconded by Mr. McElveen. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

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. McCain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. McElveen and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

SUATS Policy Committee
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