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Sumter Area Transportation Study

Metropolitan Planning Organization

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN



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INTRODUCTION

Federal law requires all metropolitan areas with populations greater than 50,000 people to designate a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to develop transportation plans for that region. Those same laws also require that a Public Participation Plan be created by the MPO to ensure adequate opportunities for the public to express its views on transportation issues and to become active participants in the decision-making process. This plan is intended to fulfill those requirements outlined in 23 Code of United States Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450.316.

To accomplish this process for the Sumter Metropolitan Area in South Carolina, an agreement was made in 1966 between the City of Sumter, Sumter County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (then called the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation) that established the Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS). With this agreement, Sumter became the 5th MPO in South Carolina. The purpose of SUATS is to establish and maintain a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process. This process promotes the development of a safe, effective, efficient and environmentally sensitive multimodal transportation system for moving people and goods.

The SUATS “study area” is a 200 square mile area in the center of Sumter County, South Carolina. This study area represents a 20-year growth projection of the urban area as defined by the 2010 U.S. Census.

The day-to-day functions and responsibilities of administering the SUATS MPO are carried out by the staff of the Sumter City-County Planning Department.

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PURPOSE

This document serves as the Public Participation Plan (PPP) for transportation planning activities by SUATS as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Sumter, SC area. The Plan describes the opportunities that will be made available to members of the general public and other interested parties to participate in planning activities and decision-making processes pertaining to the local expenditure of federal transportation funding. The Plan sets forth the guidelines that will be followed by SUATS for public notification, conduct of public meetings, and adoption of federally-required transportation plans and programs. The Sumter City-County Planning Department administers the transportation planning process on behalf of the SUATS Policy Committee comprised of local elected leadership and state and regional transportation officials. The successful adoption of this plan, following a 45-day public review and comment period, satisfies the requirements set forth by Title 23 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, part 450.316 (23 CFR 450.316).

FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (*FAST Act*) was signed into law in 2015. The FAST Act authorizes long-term federal funding towards transportation projects in the United States. The FAST Act defines ten (10) specific planning factors to be considered when developing regional transportation plans and programs to ensure consistency with national goals and objectives.

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. Promote efficient system management and operation;
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

The FAST Act is codified in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and published in the Federal Register by executive departments and agencies of the federal government. Title 23 of the United States Code contains rules and regulations for the regional transportation planning carried out by SUATS (23 CFR Part 450, subpart C) with additional provisions provided in Title 49.

SUATS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOALS

Goal 1: Inform the Public of its Role in the Transportation Planning Process

SUATS will educate and present information about the regional transportation planning process to the public as needed or requested. The transportation planning process includes plans, programs, and projects such as, but not limited to, the following:

1. **Plans** – Long Range Transportation Plan
2. **Programs** – Transportation Improvement Program or the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310)
3. **Projects** – Any specific transportation project of regional significance and/or that has federal funding associated.¹

Goal 2: Solicit Public Input and Facilitate the Information Flow between the Public and Decision-Makers

SUATS will strategically identify opportunities for public participation in the development of all transportation plans, programs, and projects. SUATS will schedule and organize meetings where the public can provide feedback on transportation plans, programs, or projects.

SUATS is responsible for compiling public comments into complete and concise documents for presentation to the decision-makers. Likewise, all policy meetings, where decision-making is conducted, will be public and provide the opportunity for public comment.

Goal 3: Develop, Maintain, Evaluate, and Improve Outreach Methods

SUATS will employ strategies and techniques that ensure meaningful public participation, while establishing a process for evaluating and improving these outreach methods over time.

Goal 4: Utilize Effective and Equitable Avenues for Distributing Information and Receiving Comments

In addition to standard notifications and solicitations for comments, SUATS will use minority media outlets wherever possible in an effort to reach traditionally underserved stakeholders. Comments are received through standard mail as well as e-mail and the SUATS website.

¹ While SUATS does not manage these projects, SUATS can help facilitate meetings between the lead agencies when appropriate.

PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS

The SUATS Policy Committee is the decision-making body for federally funded transportation projects in the region. The Policy Committee must take into account information that is brought forth by the public regarding transportation plans, programs, or projects.²

This Plan formalizes the methods by which communication will occur and aims to enhance capturing public sentiment for transportation plans, programs, and projects. All transportation plans, programs, or projects can be found at <https://www.sumtersc.gov/planning/SUATS> or by visiting the Sumter City-County Planning Department at 12 West Liberty Street, Sumter, SC 29150.

The following items are the recommended minimum public participation strategies that should be followed during the planning process.

² Any plan, program, or project that receives substantial public comment that alters the information significantly, may need to go back through public comment period again. SUATS will make the determination if it needs to be resubmitted for public review.

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a 25-year multimodal strategy and capital improvement program developed to guide the effective investment of public funds for transportation projects. The LRTP ultimately determines a list of fiscally constrained transportation projects that are ranked against various metrics. The fiscally constrained list of projects is then considered to be ready for placed into the Transportation Improvement Program at appropriate intervals. The LRTP is updated at least every five (5) years; and can be amended as needed at any time.

The following tables present the activities and the techniques used to foster public involvement for the LRTP:

	Meeting	Focus	Advertisement Options	Notice
LRTP	Policy Committee	Project Introduction	Email, Website, Social Media	21 Days
	Kickoff Event	Public Project Ideas / Existing Conditions	Press Release, Website, and Social Media	21 Days
	Public Information Session	Review Draft	Press Release, Website, and Social Media	21 Days
	Policy Committee	Adoption	Legal Advertisement, Website, and Social Media	30 Days
	Policy Committee	Amendment	Legal Advertisement, Website, and Social Media	30 Days

	Activity	Purpose	Duration
LRTP	Establish Project Website	Project and Meeting Updates	Entire Project Cycle
	Establish Project-Specific Email List	Collect Public Input	Entire Project Cycle
	Comment Cards	Collect Public Input	Public Meetings
	Web Surveys	Collect Public Input	As Needed
	Report Public Feedback	Provide Policy Committee with information	Policy Committee Meeting
	Public Input Appendix	Document Public Input and show how it influenced plan	Draft and Final Document

	Activity	Evaluation Technique
LRTP	Project Website	Use website analytics to track monthly activity
	Project Email	Document number of emails per month
	Comment Cards	Document number of comments after meeting
	Web Surveys	Document number of responses after survey
	Stakeholder Meetings	Document attendance / number of ideas
	Public Meetings	Track attendance through sign-in sheets
	Policy Committee Meetings	Track number of comments at meeting

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a six-year plan that lists all regionally significant and federally funded projects in the SUATS planning area. The TIP is updated every four years to move the program fiscal years forward. Projects that are included in the TIP are highway and roadway projects, public transit projects, major corridor studies, complete streets projects, transportation alternative; i.e. bicycle/pedestrian, projects, and other transportation related studies. Projects that are included in the TIP must be selected from the Long-Range Transportation Plan. The projects in the TIP must be fiscally constrained and have funding mechanisms in place. The SUATS Policy Committee must approve any major amendments to the TIP. Administrative corrections can be made to the TIP by staff and do not require a specific public participation process.

SCDOT maintains a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which records the financial outlays for transportation projects across the state. Before a project can receive federal funds, it must be approved in the STIP. SCDOT will carry out public involvement in accordance with the its Public Participation Plan.

The following tables present the activities and the techniques used to foster public involvement for the TIP:

TIP	Meeting	Focus	Advertisement Options	Notice
	Policy Committee	Adoption	Legal Advertisement, Website	21 Days
	Policy Committee	Amendment	Legal Advertisement, Website	21 Days
	Administrative	Administrative Modification (Correction)	Staff Discretion	Staff Discretion

TIP	Activity	Purpose	Duration
	Post Draft Document	Use email, website, and/or social media to notify public that draft document is available for Public Comment	21 Days
	Report Public Comment	Memo to Policy Committee, Summarize Public Comments Received	Day of Policy Committee Meeting
	Submit to SCDOT	SCDOT Commission Meeting	See SCDOT PPP

TIP	Activity	Evaluation Technique
	Draft Document on Website	Use website analytics to track monthly activity
	Memo Report	Track Number of Comments
	Policy Committee Meeting	Track and count public comments received

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) outlines the strategies used to provide and receive information from the public on transportation planning and programming processes including funding for projects, studies, plans, and committee actions. The PPP will guide all urban and rural transportation programs. The PPP should be evaluated annually to see if the methods for receiving public input are working. At minimum, the PPP should be updated every five (5) years.

The following tables present the activities and the techniques used to foster public involvement for the PPP:

PPP	Meeting	Focus	Advertisement Options	Notice
	Policy Committee	Adoption	Legal Advertisement, Website	45 Days
	Policy Committee	Amendment	Legal Advertisement, Website	45 Days

PPP	Activity	Purpose	Duration
	Post Draft Document	Use email, website, and/or social media to notify public that draft document is available for Public Comment	45 Days
	Report Public Comment	Memo to Policy Committee, Summarize Public Comments Received	Day of Policy Committee Meeting

PPP	Activity	Evaluation Technique
	Draft Document on Website	Use website analytics to track 45-day activity
	Memo Report	Track Number of Comments
	Policy Committee Meeting	Track and count public comments received

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a plan developed to outline the focus of work efforts and use of planning funds anticipated over a two fiscal year period. The UPWP is updated annually to ensure financial feasibility of planning work on an annual basis. All federally funded planning activities must be placed in the UPWP. The UPWP is approved by the SUATS Policy Committee.

The following tables present the activities and the techniques used to foster public involvement for the UPWP:

UPWP	Meeting	Focus	Advertisement Options	Notice
	Policy Committee	Adopt UPWP	Legal Advertisement, Website	21 Days
	Policy Committee	Amend UPWP	Legal Advertisement, Website	21 Days

UPWP	Activity	Purpose	Duration
	Post Draft Document	Use email, website, and/or social media to notify public that draft document is available for Public Comment	21 Days
	Report Public Comment	Memo to Policy Committee, Summarize Public Comments Received	Day of Policy Committee Meeting

UPWP	Activity	Evaluation Technique
	Draft Document on Website	Use website analytics to track activity
	Memo Report	Track Number of Comments
	Policy Committee Meeting	Track and count public comments received

Annual List of Obligated Projects

The Annual List of Obligated Projects (ALoOP) is mandated by Title 23 Section 450.334 of the US Code of Regulations. The Federal Highway Administration defines an obligation as the federal government’s legal commitment to pay or reimburse states or other entities for the federal share of a project’s eligible costs. Projects are not necessarily initiated or completed during the year their funding is obligated. The ALoOP will be presented to the SUATS Policy Committee for informational purposes only. The document will be made publicly available no later than December 30th of each year (90 days after the end of the fiscal year). Public comment is welcomed and will be recorded.

ALoOP	Meeting	Focus	Advertisement Options	Notice
	Administrative	Notify Policy Committee and Public of Availability of Annual List	Website	Staff Discretion

ALoOP	Activity	Purpose	Duration
	Post Draft Document	Use email, website, and/or social media to notify public that document is available for Public Comment	21 Days
	Report Public Comment	Memo to Policy Committee, Summarize Public Comments Received	Day of Policy Committee Meeting

ALoOP	Activity	Evaluation Technique
	Draft Document on Website	Use website analytics to track activity
	Memo Report	Track Number of Comments
	Policy Committee Meeting	Track and count public comments received

Title VI Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan

SUATS is committed to integrating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as part of the planning process in all its programs so that it may serve as a guide for public participation efforts. SUATS maintains a Title VI Program that ensures that it will not discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, gender, age or disability. The Title VI Program includes a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan as well to aid those who do not have English as a first language.

Title VI and LEP	Meeting	Focus	Advertisement Options	Notice
	Policy Committee	Adopt Title VI and/or LEP Plans	Website and Social Media	30 Days
	Policy Committee	Amend Title VI and/or LEP Plans	Website and Social Media	30 Days

Title VI and LEP	Activity	Purpose	Duration
	Post Draft Document	Use email, website, and/or social media to notify public that document is available for Public Comment	30 Days
	Report Public Comment	Memo to Policy Committee, Summarize Public Comments Received	Day of Policy Committee Meeting

Title VI and LEP	Activity	Evaluation Technique
	Draft Document on Website	Use website analytics to track activity
	Memo Report	Track Number of Comments
	Policy Committee Meeting	Track and count public comments received

General Transportation Related Studies & Plans

If the need arises to conduct additional studies, such as a corridor study or an access management plan, then the public procedures used for the LRTP should be followed. If other federal regulations such as NEPA are required that guide the public participation process in more depth, then those rules must be adhered to and would supersede the minimum requirements of this Plan.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Transportation planning outreach activities will include an evaluation technique that will be used to determine the effectiveness of existing public involvement strategies. On an annual basis, the information collected through monitoring public outreach will be compiled and evaluated to assess the effectiveness of each type of outreach activity. This will include both a quantitative assessment of the number of participants, as well as a qualitative assessment of the level of interaction and information exchanged. The assessment will note the public involvement techniques used, the public's response, the public involvement objectives that were met (or not) by the activity, and any changes to consider when conducting similar transportation activities in the future. The evaluation will include recommendations for improvements, which will be implemented over the course of the following year.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEDURES

Policy meetings consist of the SUATS Policy Committee. All meetings are open to the public and will conform to the following procedures:

- A minimum of seven (7) days' notice will be given to all members, and interested parties (any citizen, affected public agency, representative of a transportation employer, private provider of transportation, and others who wish to be included upon request) for each meeting. An agenda will be sent out with the notice. Notices will be posted pursuant to the *South Carolina Open Public Meetings Act*.
- When official public hearings and public comment periods for plans and programs are required, meeting notices shall be published via legal advertisement a minimum of ten (10) days prior to adoption in *The Sumter Item*.
- Public Comment will be sought prior to each meeting for agenda items involving a plan, programs, or project, generally 21 days in advance of the meeting (See the Plans, Programs, and Projects Section), subject to the item(s) on the agenda for review.
- All meetings will provide an opportunity during the meeting for public comment. The Chairperson may limit these comments to three minutes per individual. If more than one person is present representing an organization or group, the Chairperson may ask that the group select a spokesperson. In addition, whenever possible, individuals or spokespersons wishing to be recognized should alert the Chairperson or staff prior to the meeting.
- All meetings shall conform to the City of Sumter's policy concerning the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended).
- Notices for these meetings will include:

- “Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services should contact (insert staff name) at least 24 hours prior to the public meeting.”
 - “Si usted necesita la ayuda de un traductor del idioma español, por favor comuníquese con la (insert staff name) al teléfono (843) 5292589, cuando menos 24 horas antes de la junta.” This message asks persons who need Spanish language assistance to make arrangements with the Sumter City-County Planning Department at least 24 hours prior to the public meeting.
- All efforts will be made to hold meetings in transit accessible locations.

PUBLIC MEETING PRINCIPLES

Public meetings are held for a variety of reasons, and different levels of public input are expected for transportation plans, programs, and projects. Public meetings are generally considered ad hoc and will be scheduled as needed.

The purpose of these public meetings is threefold:

1. To confirm the purpose and intent of the plan, program, or project;
2. To present the trends and forecasts for the region; and
3. To gather public input.

Early Involvement

Early involvement with local community leaders will help to determine suitable meeting forums and information formats to foster valuable input, especially when soliciting input from target populations.

Accessible Language

Meeting notices and materials will use appropriate, understandable language — acronyms and other technical jargon will be avoided to the extent that is possible to the subject matter. Efforts will be made to tailor advertising, project campaigns, and slogans to generate the most interest possible.

Inclusivity

Public meetings will be held at an accessible locations and convenient times in an effort to garner as much input by the affected populations as possible.

Document & Implement Public Feedback

Public input that is gathered will be documented and placed in an appendix in the final plan (ex. LRTP, PPP, etc.). All efforts should be made to show how the input that was received helped to affect the plan, program, or project.

OUTREACH METHODS

The type of public outreach efforts employed will be determined based on the plan, program or project's overall local and regional impact. Highly localized projects may require more specialized outreach within the project's area of influence, rather than the broad outreach efforts required by others. Extensive outreach efforts throughout all areas of the region are conducted in order to assemble a broad cross-section of input into the decision-making process, including traditionally underserved areas. SUATS outreach efforts in these areas will continue to provide residents with an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns. SUATS will continue to conduct, sponsor, and participate in special and community events that reinforce the mission and strategic plan of the organization, educate the public, and provide opportunities for public input. Visualization techniques will be used when necessary to enhance the public's understanding of transportation activities. The primary tools to disseminate information and garner public input will be used the most frequently, while the secondary tools will be used less frequently. SUATS approach in publicizing its public meetings and sharing information may include the following outreach methods

Primary Tools

Website

The SUATS website will be used to disseminate information and collect public input regarding all transportation activities. The website may contain, but is not limited to:

- Meeting calendar and agendas
- Procurement opportunities
- Current project descriptions, with available maps, photos, or renderings
- Work products such as the TIP, UPWP, LRTP, PPP, etc.
- Regional statistics
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data
- Links to social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- List of standing committees and a directory of participating organizations
- Listing of SUATS staff and contact information

Project specific websites may be built and used for activities such as an LRTP update as well. These sites are used to attract a larger audience for specific topics and will be linked from the SUATS website.

Social Media

Social media is an excellent tool to cultivate two-way digital communication which can lead to awareness of transportation plans, programs, and projects. The primary forms of social media that may be used are Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. If other forms of social media transcend the current formats, those will be explored as well. Social media can be used to augment other efforts, such as building email lists as well.

Email Lists

Email is an effective tool to communicate quickly for transportation related activities. During public meetings, members of the public will be asked if they would like to be included on a mailing list to receive more information about the specific topic they are attending. Lists will be created and maintained for specific plans, programs or projects that are seeking public feedback. A specific email

address for an individual transportation activity may be established on a project by project basis if needed.

Press Releases

Press releases will be released to local media to ensure the press is up-to-date on news and information concerning transportation activities and to prompt assistance with promoting events to a larger audience.

Legal Advertisements

For Policy Committee meetings at which public comment periods for adoption or major amendment to the LRTP, TIP, UPWP, or PPP are required, a legal advertisement will be published in *The Sumter Item* as specified in the Policy Committee Meeting Procedures section of this document.

Comment Cards

Comment cards will be used to gather feedback at public meetings.

Secondary Tools

Advisory Committees

From time to time, an advisory committee may be established to help work through a transportation planning activity.

Pop Up Meetings

Pop Up Meetings will be used gather public input at events or locations that attract people for a different reason. For instance, a high-school football game or a farmer's market could be a great way to solicit public feedback on a nearby transportation activity.

Paid Advertising

Various projects may require additional paid advertising in the form of newspaper, radio, or television ads.

Flyers/Posters

When appropriate, participation from target populations will be sought by posting flyers/posters and meeting notices in locations such as government centers, neighborhood shops, religious institutions, social service agencies, employment centers, bus stops/transit hubs, senior centers, public health clinics, public libraries, community centers and popular meeting places. Postcards and flyers may also be used to garner public feedback.

Direct Mailings

Used to announce upcoming meetings or activities or to provide information to a targeted area or group of people. Direct mailings can be letters, postcards, or flyers. An area may be targeted for a direct mailing because of potential impacts from a project. Groups targeted may have an interest in a specific issue, for example frequent cyclists and pedestrians may be targeted for greenway and trail projects.

Surveys

Transportation activities may require surveys to understand public sentiment. Different applications may be used such as statistically valid telephone surveys and online surveys.

Online Interactive Maps

Interactive maps that are hosted online may be used to gather public feedback from time to time. An example of an online interactive map would be one where end users could draw preferred bicycle routes across a specific geography in an effort to either show the most used facilities or to add new facilities.

TITLE VI AND LEP OUTREACH

In an effort to consider the needs of the traditionally underserved, low-income, minority, and limited-English speaking populations with regards to transportation plans, programs, and projects within the region, SUATS maintains a separate Title VI and LEP Plan. The plan demonstrates SUATS commitment to preventing discrimination, provides grievance procedures, discusses potential outreach methods, and provides options for those with limited-English speaking abilities.

It is important to conduct additional outreach to these affected communities to garner feedback. Opportunities to gather more feedback from disadvantaged and LEP communities that have been used in the past and will continue moving forward are, but are not limited to:

- Meetings held in transit accessible locations
- Meetings held in ADA accessible locations
- Meetings held with the opportunity for multi-lingual assistance
- Pop-up events such as the Festival on the Avenue, Iris Festival, Art in the Park, at Churches, and at High School Football Games
- Seeking out community leaders or representatives to garner more participation (Church Leaders, Council Members, etc.)
- Attending local community meetings within low income communities
- Providing presentations to affected communities by request
- Promoting engagement at public transit stops
- Minimizing transportation jargon to improve communication
- Continuously seeking creative methods to engage affected populations

INTERESTED PARTIES AND CONSULTATION

The PPP will target these parties in the SUATS area: citizens, affected public agencies (federal, state and local), transit and freight entities, users of public transportation, users of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, military installations, land management agencies, and the disabled, elderly, low-income, and limited English speaking populations with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. Inclusiveness only stands to improve transportation facilities for all users and promotes the well-being of society over the long term.

Consultation with agency partners and interested parties will utilize many of the outreach methods contained within this PPP. Consultation with agencies to review and comment on plans, programs, and projects administered by SUATS will be, at a minimum, subject to the comment period presented within each category. The goal will be to maintain a symbiotic relationship that ultimately crafts better transportation outcomes for all involved. When proper consultation is continuous and evolving, better outcomes occur. When better outcomes are achieved, project delivery is expeditious and judicious.

Ongoing coordination with interested parties and agencies will help identify effective mitigation strategies for potential impacts of transportation projects in the region. Interagency agreements may be maintained between SUATS and other local and regional agencies. The interagency agreements will describe SUATS' role and responsibilities in relation to the other agencies' work.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS), pursuant to the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), gives notice of the following action. Effective October 21, 2019, SUATS will accept public review and comment on proposed Update of the SUATS Public Participation Plan. The Public Participation Plan serves as the guide and policy for SUATS to ensure adequate opportunities for the public to express its views on transportation issues and to become active participants in the decision-making process. This plan is intended to fulfill those requirements outlined in 23 Code of United States Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450.316.

Public review and comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5, 2019. Copies of all applicable documents, as well as additional information concerning these proposed actions are available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments may be sent to Mr. Kyle Kelly, Senior Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Commission, Mailing Address - PO Box 1449, Sumter, SC 29151 Physical Address 12 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the address above, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.
Chairman,
SUATS Policy Committee

COMMENTS RECEIVED:

There were no comments received from the public during advertisement of this Plan.

**Questions regarding SUATS and the Public Participation Plan
and any associated projects may be directed to:**

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