

MINUTES
SUATS POLICY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY MAY 6, 2022 @ 8:30 A.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
(21 N. MAIN STREET, SUMTER, SC)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman; County Council Chairman **James T. McCain, Jr.**; County Councilman **James Byrd, Jr.**; State Representative **J. David Weeks**; Sumter Economic Development Board President & CEO **Jay Schwedler**; The Honorable Mayor **David P. Merchant**, Sumter CTC Chairman **Hugh M. McLaurin, IV**; Planning Commission Chairman **Jim Crawley**; Sumter City Manager **Deron McCormick**; and State Senator **J. Thomas McElveen, III**.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: City Councilman **Thomas J. Lowery**; 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**; 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, May 6, @ 8:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers (21 N. Main St., Sumter, SC). Chairman James T. McCain, Jr. called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the agenda for the May 6, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Merchant. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Schwedler. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

Revision #8 to SUATS 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 the drafted Revision #8 to the current TIP for FFY2021-2027, which incorporates the following modifications:

1. Add \$200,000 in planning funds for the US-378 (Robert Graham Freeway) Operational and Design Improvements Project from FY2021 to FY2022, bringing the new project budget to \$400,000.

Staff recommended that the Policy Committee adopt proposed Revision #8 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 Revision #7 to FY2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) subject to a 21-day public comment period was made by Mr. Merchant and seconded by Mr. McLaurin. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Proposed Amendment #2 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.

Mr. Kelly stated that staff is proposing Amendment #2 to the current UPWP is required for three (3) reasons. First, the UPWP budget must be right-sized to reflect actual expenditures from year 1 of the UPWP and to incorporate actual funding allocations for year 2 of the UPWP, as received from SCDOT.

Second, the amendment would add new planning projects for which 3rd party consultants may be engaged:

1. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Development
2. Street Furnishings, Overhead Utility, and Signage Collection
3. Corridor and Intersection Pavement Marking Upgrade Conceptual Design

Third, the amendment reflects updated Planning Emphasis Areas based on recent updated to federal transportation legislation:

1. Complete Streets
2. Planning and Environment Linkages
3. Data in Transportation Planning
4. Equity and Justice in Transportation Planning
5. Public Involvement
6. Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/US Department of Defense Coordination
7. Federal Land Management Agency Coordination

Specific details and activities for each major task are included in the draft UPWP, along with Federal funding resources and budget summaries for both FY2022 and FY2023.

Total FY2022 Expenditures	
Federal Share	\$309,867
Local Share	\$77,466
Total, FY2022	\$387,333
<i>Projected Carryover to FY2023</i>	<i>\$180,833</i>

Projected FY2023 Funding	
Federal Share	\$400,497
Local Share	\$100,124
Total, FY2023	\$500,621

Staff recommends that the Policy Committee adopt proposed Amendment #2 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 #2 to FY2021-2023 SUATS Unified Planning Work Program subject to a 21-day public comment period was made by Mr. Schwedler and seconded by Mr. Weeks. 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. Merchant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:27 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLaurin and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary