



## *Spartanburg Area Transportation Study*

# **SPATS Policy Committee**

## **Minutes**

*August 8, 2022*

**Present:**

Glenn Greer, II  
Scott Messenger

Rosalyn Henderson-Myers

Pat Watson

Joe Lanahan

Jessica Coker

Whit Kennedy

Roger Nutt

Steve Bolin

Patrick Kay

John Throckmorton

Bob Walker

Julian Hankinson

Woody Willard

### **1. Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes (June 13th, 2022)**

Rep. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers (Chair) called the meeting to order.

Chair Henderson-Myers recognized Patrick Kay, the new City Administrator of Pacolet and proxy for Ned Camby, the Mayor of Pacolet.

Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as shared with members prior to the meeting through the shared file materials. Ms. Coker moved and Mr. Throckmorton seconded the motion. The minutes will now be made available online on the SPATS website.

### **2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) SPATS Funded Corrections and Project Updates**

Lisa Bollinger, SPATS, and Kit Scott, SCDOT presented the SPATS Guideshare Project Updates along with the corresponding TIP corrections (SPATS funding) recommended by the Study Team July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Bollinger reminded the Committee that the TIP is a dynamic planning document and the level of funding necessary after the current year will fluctuate with material prices, inflation, funding coming in and other project movement. Study Team has been working on the TIP for many months to plan out an appropriate scenario as outlined in the shared file materials sent for review prior to the meeting. The following are the proposed recommendations for Policy Committee approval, along with project updates for current projects: (See also TIP correction sheet.)

#### **TIP correction 1: N. Blackstock Road and College Drive Intersection Improvement**

Study Team is recommending removing this project from the TIP as the previous line of sight issue has been resolved (tree removal) and is a lower priority at this time. *Remove all phases – Planning (\$30,000), Preliminary Engineering (\$470,000), ROW (\$600,000 and Construction (\$3,000,000) for a total of \$4,100,000.* Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Nutt.

**TIP correction 2: SC 101 and Rogers Bridge Road Intersection Improvement**

Study Team is also recommending moving out of the TIP window as is a low priority at this time. No change in land uses previously expected.

*Remove Planning phase (\$20,000) from FY 23.*

*Increase PE Phase from \$330,000 in FY 24 to \$350,000 and move to FY 28.*

*Shift \$300,000 ROW phase to FY 30.*

*Shift \$1,000,000 Construction phase to FY 31.* Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Messenger.

**TIP Correction 3: SC 296 (Reidville Rd) and Anderson Mill Intersection Improvement**

**Update:** Planning Phase obligated. Waiting on feasibility to start while conducting preliminary scoping.

*Planning Phase eliminated, small purchase for traffic analysis and preliminary scoping underway. Shift \$500,000 Right of Way/System Upgrade-Urban/SPATS/STPG funding from FY 24 to FY 28. Shift \$1,350,000 Construction/System Upgrade-Urban/SPATS/STBGP funding from FY 25 to FY 29.*

Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Ms. Coker made a motion to move the project ROW from 2024 to 2026 instead of the proposed 2028, and Construction from 2025 to 2027 instead of 2029, with a second from Mr. Kay.

Mr. Messenger expressed concern over traffic impacts from the additional apartment complexes. Discussion surrounded the need for more info from SCDOT on Reidville Road Corridor Improvement Project feasibility study timeline.

Ms. Coker stated original motion again. Motion failed 3 for to 11 opposed.

Mr. Kay made a motion to table until next meeting to receive more information. Mr. Walker seconded. Additional discussion included Mr. Willard encouraging the committee to not table because he believes SCDOT is working to place the project in the most appropriate alignment to use SPATS funds wisely.

Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Willard moved to approve the originally proposed TIP correction, seconded by Mr. Hankinson. Motion approved 11 for to 3 opposed.

**TIP Correction 4: SC 85 and I-585/Hearon Circle Intersection Improvement**

Update: Feasibility Report Phase (Planning or PL phase) final report with evaluated alternatives being reviewed by Project Development Team. Expected begin schedule for each phase: Preliminary Engineering (PE) FY23. ROW Obligation FY24, and Construction Obligation FY25.

*Shift \$1,000,000 Right of Way/System Upgrade-Urban/SPATS/STPG funding from FY 24 to FY 28.*

*Shift \$6,000,000 Construction/System Upgrade-Urban/SPATS/STBGP funding from FY 25 to FY 30.*

Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Kay moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Throckmorton.

**TIP Correction 5: SC 9 and Parris Bridge Road Intersection Improvement:**

*Remove \$30,000 Planning Phase funding from FY 2023.*

*Increase PE/System Upgrade-Urban/SPATS/STBGP to \$500,000 in FY 23.*

*Increase \$1,000,000 for ROW in FY 2025.*

*Increase \$3,300,000 for C in FY 2026.*

Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Kay.

**TIP Correction 6: SC 9 and Sloane Garden Road Intersection Improvement:**

*Remove \$30,000 Planning Phase funding from FY 2023. Add PE to \$300,000 in FY 23.*

*Add ROW to \$1,000,000 in FY 2025. Add C to \$2,750,000 in FY 26.*

Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Kay moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Throckmorton.

**TIP Correction 7: US 29 and Gap Creek Rd Intersection Improvement:**

*Planning Phase Obligation Date October 2022. Remove \$30,000 Planning Phase funding from FY 2023.*

*Increase PE phase from \$470,000 to \$500,000 in FY 24.*

*Increase ROW of \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 in FY 26 and move to FY 27.*

*Increase C of \$2,600,000 to \$3,300,000 in FY 27 and move to FY 28.*

Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Walker moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Hankinson.

**3. Projects' Status Report-OTHER NONGUIDESHARE Projects**

Ms. Kit Scott, SCDOT Program Manager, presented the SPATS OTHER NONGUIDESHARE Projects' Status Report as shared with members prior to the meeting through the virtual link materials, including upcoming projects, projects in design, projects in construction, and projects completed.

**UPCOMING PROJECTS:****SC 215 (Blackstock Rd.) and SC 296 (Reidville Rd.) Intersection Improvement:**

In Preliminary Engineering phase. Working on eminent domain.

**PROJECTS IN DESIGN:**

**Lyman Traffic Triangle:** improve traffic operations at three main intersections: US 29/Pine Ridge Road, SC 358 (Holly Springs Road)/Pine Ridge Road, and US 29/SC 129/SC 358 (Holly Springs Rd.)/SC 292. Awaiting utility certification signatures. On schedule to be let for Construction January 2023.

*Lyman Traffic Triangle Project Link in SCDOT Project Viewer*

**SC 9 and Shoally Creek Rd./4<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Improvement:**

includes adding/lengthening turn lanes along with reducing the 4<sup>th</sup> St. curvature, a "loon" design at SC 9 and 4<sup>th</sup> St. and an "R cut" intersection at SC 9 and Candlenut Lane. SCDOT is reviewing public meeting comments on the contract modification from June 16<sup>th</sup>. ROW obligation to begin Spring 2023. Construction obligation anticipated Spring 2024.

**Clifton-Glendale Bridge REPAIR: bridge currently closed and under repair**

through an emergency procurement process through the bridge maintenance office. Estimated 90 day period to complete work required to reopen the bridge to traffic with no load restriction. Then an estimated 30 to 45 days for contractor to complete additional work with minimum impact to traffic.

**PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:**

**Country Club Road Corridor Improvements:** Let in May 2022 through Accelerated Construction and Guideshare advancement.

**4. Long-Range Transportation Plan Minor Update 2045**

SPATS LRTP Survey Results Overview: Mr. Landon Bridges, SPATS Intern, briefed the committee on the LRTP Minor Update 2045 survey results. The survey ran from the end of February until the end of May 2022 and resulted in 604 submissions. 32 questions were asked of participants, including demographic information. Participants were asked to rate transportation related topics such as road condition, traffic congestion, attractiveness of roads, sidewalks, bike lanes/paths, greenways, signal systems, and public transit, and rank transportation topics such as pavement repairs/preservation, bridge repairs/preservation, new highway lanes, safety and security, passenger rail, bicycle and pedestrian, transit/bus services, and autonomous vehicles. These survey results were incorporated into the considerations for the Long-Range Transportation Plan projects list. A full report was shared with the committee in the virtual link materials.

Mr. Ernie Boughman, Toole Design, presented the Conceptual Projects List (map and memo narrative) prior to the meeting through the shared file materials. Through Study Team recommendation, 43 corridor concepts were identified through 1) capacity compared to demand in 2045 according to the Appalachian Council of Governments' travel demand model and 2) crash rate (number of fatal and severe injury crashes over the length of the corridor in miles criteria. Mr. Boughman presented the Access Management and Tier 1 Capacity Improvements List. Two (2) corridors were identified as potential "new connections" conceptually providing future connectivity opportunities in Spartanburg County.

Chair Henderson-Myers asked for a motion to approve the Conceptual Projects List to be included in the Roadway Element of the LRTP Minor Update 2045. Ms. Coker moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Nutt.

Ms. Bollinger gave an overview of the overall LRTP Minor Update 2045, incorporating all element updates previously sent to the committee prior to the meeting through the shared file materials. Chair Henderson-Myers asked for a motion to approve the Final LRTP Minor Update 2045. Ms. Coker moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Messenger.

**5. Projects' Status Report-NONGUIDESHARE Projects**

Ms. Kit Scott, SCDOT Program Manager, presented the SPATS NONGUIDESHARE Projects' Status Report as shared with members prior to the meeting through the virtual link materials, including upcoming projects, projects in design, projects in construction, and projects completed.

Detailed updates and the corresponding SCDOT Project Viewer link include:

**I-85 and SC 290 Diverging Diamond Interchange:** Project awarded to Palmetto Corp. of Conway March 2022. Construction is underway with some night lane closures and a traffic shift in August with reduced lanes west. Anticipated completion June 2024. See link below for project updates.

**<https://scdot-environmental-project-site-scdot.hub.arcgis.com/pages/i-85-at-sc-290-east-main-street-interchange-in-spartanburg-county>**

**SC 85 Bridges over Howard Street and Southern RR and SC 85 Northbound over Lawson's Fork Creek:** Replace bridges over S-42-995 (Buffington Rd.)/Norfolk Southern RR and S-2 (Howard St.) between Hearon Circle and New Cut Road including SC 85 Northbound over Lawson's Fork Creek. Awarded to E.S. Wagner Company, LLC March 2021. Work began June 2021. Anticipated completion is June 2023.

*SC 85 Northbound Bridge Replacement over Lawson's Fork Creek*

**SC 85 over Howard St. (S 2):** 60% complete-Foundation work began for south end wall. 50% of the demolition is complete. Anticipated completion June 2023.

**SC 85 NB over Lawson Fork Creek:** 57% complete-All bridge substructure items have been completed. Issues with supply of concrete for deck. Anticipated completion June 2023.

**SC 85 Bridges over Norfolk Southern RR and Buffington Rd. (S 995):** All substructure components complete except for one end bent cap. Concrete deck anticipated completion by September 2022. Anticipated completion January 2023.

**I-85 Reconstruction and Widening Mile Marker 77-98:** Reconstruct I-85 from MM 77 (SC 85) – MM 80 (Gossett Rd) and widen I-85 from four to six lanes (one additional travel lane in each direction) from MM 80 (Gossett Rd) to MM 98 (Broad River) for an approximately 21 miles. 75.76% complete. Completion Date October 2024.

**I-85 Reconstruction and Widening Mile Marker 98-106:** Final striping by September 29, 2022. Completion Date March 28, 2023.

**Appalachian COG projects:**

**US 176 (Main St.) and SC 357 (Depot St./Holly Springs Road):** Project was let in June-working through Campobello Post Office issues.

**N. Randolph Ave. Sidewalk:** Project was let September 2021. Work began January 2022.

Please see SCDOT Project Viewer for project status updates between SPATS meetings: <https://www.scdot.org/business/projectviewer.aspx>

## 6. TIP Corrections - NONGUIDESHARE (non-SPATS funding)

Lisa Bollinger, SPATS, presented the SCDOT Nonguideshare (non-SPATS funding) corrections recommended by Study Team May 26<sup>th</sup> and shared through the virtual link materials.

- **Spartanburg Regional Transportation Services Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 grant application:** Grant request for 5307 small urban transit funding is \$5,502,872 with \$2,657,686 operating and \$150,000 capital. The balance of \$2,695,186 is local match. Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Messenger.

## 6. TIP and LRTP Amendments (Performance Appendices)

Ms. Bollinger presented the proposed amendments to the TIP and LRTP Performance Appendices, reflecting the updated Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and SPARTA Transit Safety Performance Targets, as recommended by Study Team. Transit recipients are required to establish performance targets for safety and state of good repair; to develop transit asset management and transit safety plans; and to report on their progress toward achieving targets. This information is shared with MPOs and states so that all plans and performance reports are coordinated. The SPATS MPO most recently coordinated with public transit providers for their federally required Safety Plan, and transit safety targets.

Spartanburg Medical Center chose 2022 targets of 0 for fatalities (crash resulting in death within 30 days), 7 injuries requiring off scene medical assistance, 13 safety events which include incidents with their vehicles, and 21,181 vehicle revenue miles for safety reliability failures, which is the distance between major mechanical failures with their transit vehicles. Total vehicle revenue miles divided by the total number of failures is the general calculation because the transit agency wants to understand the revenue they have lost.

SPARTA's 2022 targets had no change from the 2021 targets, which were 0 fatalities, 7 injuries, 5.8 safety events and 7,768 vehicle revenue miles lost to mechanical issues. These amendments were included in the shared file materials prior to the meeting. Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion to update the transit safety targets, coordinated with our transit providers, as an amendment to the Performance Appendix for the Transportation Improvement Program and Long-Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Coker moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Nutt.

## 7. **Other Business and Adjourn**

Mr. Messenger requested additional information on the **I-85 and SC 290 Diverging Diamond Interchange Project**. Ms. Scott and Ms. Bollinger will follow up with the full committee on this request.

There being no other business, Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nutt moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Throckmorton.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2022, 10 am in Council Chambers.