



## *Spartanburg Area Transportation Study*

# **SPATS Policy Committee Minutes**

*November 14, 2022*

### **Present:**

Rosalyn Henderson-Myers  
Phillip Stone  
Glenn Greer, II  
Steve Bolin  
Max Metcalf

Jessica Coker  
Manning Lynch  
Julian Hankinson  
Woody Willard

John Throckmorton  
Bob Walker  
Roger Nutt  
Patrick Kay

### **1. Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes (August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022)**

Rep. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers (Chair) called the meeting to order. Chair Henderson-Myers recognized Jim Walden on his new position, SCDOT Regional Planning Manager, Planning; welcomed Stephen Mothena, new SCDOT Assistant Program Manager, Pre-Construction; and announced Warren Hart, former SCDOT Assistant Program Manager, has moved to a position in Bridge Maintenance.

Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> meetings as shared with members prior to the meeting through the shared file materials. Mr. Lynch moved and Mr. Throckmorton seconded the motion. The minutes will now be made available online on the SPATS website.

### **2. SCDOT Planning Updates**

Mr. Walden offered updates on SCDOT Planning office programs. The new **Regional Mobility** program is the rebranded guideshare program, bringing an increase in guideshare allocation for the MPOs and COGs. MPO/COG Pilot programs in the RFATS/Catawba Region, COATS Central Midlands Region, and SUATS in the Sumter area were selected to work out the details of the new processes and policies with SCDOT. <https://www.scdot.org/inside/planning.aspx>

A statewide **Complete Streets** council is reviewing the implementation of the newly adopted Complete Streets policy, scheduled to be finalized this year. District staff and stakeholder council members across the state are providing input with the Upstate region being represented by GPATS.

The **Feasibility Report** Process Update: The I-85 and Hearon Circle/SC 85 intersections: the Pre-Construction office (led by Ms. Scott) will be conducting an alternatives analysis to finalize the feasibility report and subsequently begin the preliminary engineering and development phase. The Reidville Road Corridor Improvement: On-call consultant negotiations should begin within the next week or two in order to begin the feasibility report. The feasibility report will provide more detailed information for SPATS on costs, needs and scope/phasing of this corridor. SCDOT representatives stated at the Study Team meeting that their

recommendation is that SPATS wait to amend the TIP to include the PE phase amount from the LRTP for this reason, although the Study Team voted to recommend to the Policy Committee to amend the TIP to include this phase.

Dr. Stone asked when SCDOT expected to complete the Feasibility Report for Reidville Road. Mr. Walden responded that it would most likely be a year because it is expected to be a 6-8 month process once a consultant is on board.

### 3. SCDOT PRE-CONSTRUCTION Updates - Guideshare Projects

Kit Scott, SCDOT Program Manager, presented the SPATS Guideshare 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 85 and I-585/Hearon Circle Intersection Improvement** Working on a small purchase contract to evaluate alternatives. Expected beginning schedule for each phase: Preliminary Engineering (PE) FY22, ROW Obligation FY28, and Construction Obligation FY30.

#### **SC 215 (Blackstock Rd.) and SC 296 (Reidville Rd.) Intersection**

**Improvement:** In PE Phase. Surveying in process. Expected completion January 2023.

**SC 296 (Reidville Rd) and Anderson Mill Intersection Improvement:** Small purchase for traffic analysis. Kickoff and presentation by AECOM scheduled for February 2023.

**SC 9 and Parris Bridge Road Intersection Improvement/SC 9 and Sloane Garden Road Intersection Improvement:** Scoping just completed. Meeting arranged with developer. On-call for Design. Planning to let and design combined.

#### PROJECTS IN DESIGN:

**Lyman Traffic Triangle:** Improve access management 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. Project is in design and awaiting January 2023 letting.

*[Lyman Traffic Triangle Project Link in SCDOT Project Viewer](#)*

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

Currently working on right of way quality control. ROW obligation to begin Spring 2023. Construction obligation anticipated Spring 2024.

<https://scdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=6e174e11f954473e85af3b22df0c7a0f&folderid=4e17c266ce0948f09afdf3b21f429b15>

#### PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

**Country Club Road Corridor Improvements:** Notice to Proceed was issued October 11. Permanent construction signs were set on October 24. Clearing and grubbing will begin soon.

<https://scdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=b0797125b41b4c6e931d576595c1205b&folderid=0875c7bba78e45c0b1c7c5fab49fd747>

#### 4. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Corrections and Amendments - GUIDESHARE (SPATS Funding)**

Ms. Scott presented the SPATS Guideshare Project TIP corrections (SPATS funding) recommended by the Study Team November 3rd.

##### **ACTION 1: Approve SC 9 and 4<sup>th</sup> Street / Shoally Creek Road Intersection**

**Project:** Increase Construction phase from \$2,700,000 to \$3,500,000 in FY24. Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Willard.

**ACTION 2: Approve Lyman Traffic Triangle:** SC 358 and Pine Ridge Road intersection-Increase Construction phase from \$1,600,000 to \$1,850,000 in FY23. US 29 and Pine Ridge Road: Increase Construction phase from \$3,100,000 to \$3,250,000. Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Greer moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Walker.

##### **ACTION 3: Approve SC 296 (Reidville Road) from SC 290 to SC 146**

**(Woodruff Road):** Add PE Phase \$4,840,000 in FY27 (Approved in the LRTP in September). After some discussion, Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Ms. Coker moved to approve, seconded by Dr. Stone.

#### 5. **SCDOT PRE-CONSTRUCTION Updates-NONGUIDESHARE Projects**

Ms. Scott 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 as well as the bridge on 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 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. 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.

**PROJECTS COMPLETED:**

**Clifton-Glendale Bridge REPAIR: bridge currently closed and under repair** through an emergency procurement process through the bridge maintenance office. The process included an estimated 90 day period to complete work required to reopen the bridge to traffic with no load restriction, and then an estimated 30 to 45 days for contractor to complete additional work with minimum impact to traffic. The bridge was reopened to the public as of October 13, 2022.

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

**6. TIP Corrections and Amendments – NONGUIDESHARE (non-SPATS funding)**

**Actions renamed as Action 1 in original agenda was the Bridge Amendment Title.**

**ACTION 1 and 2:** Approve SCDOT Bridge Program – Closed and Load Restricted Design Build Package Construction Phase (Preliminary Engineering Phase previously approved)-Approve S-31 (Cannons Campground Road bridge over Peters Creek) at \$4,112,743 and Approve S-197 (Old Spartanburg Highway bridge over South Tyger River at \$4,691,344. Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Dr. Stone.

**ACTION 3:** City of Spartanburg Request to use FY20 and FY21 Federal Transit Administration 5307 previously approved funds to replace four buses which will be due for replacement in FY24. Total amount from each fund is \$977,500 for a grand total of \$1,955,000. Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion. Dr. Stone moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Throckmorton.

**7. 2019-2023 Safety Performance Targets (TIP and LRTP Amendments):**

**ACTION: Amend the TIP and LRTP with updated safety targets by resolution.**

Ms. Erin Porter, SCDOT, presented the SCDOT annual collision statistics- over 160,000 crashes, over 1,000 deaths, 193 pedestrians and 23 cyclists died on SC roadways in 2021. Motor vehicle crashes are the single greatest cause of death for healthy people aged 5-24 in the US. In 2021, there were 1,198 fatalities on state roads, up 12.6% from the previous year. Most fatal crashes are due to roadway departures, speeding and unrestrained drivers and occupants. The state is projecting 1,119 fatalities, 2868 serious injuries, and 485 non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. Future safety projects are being identified to counteract

these negative statistics through Complete Streets and the SC Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan. The SCDOT has reported MPO data using trendline analysis and forecasted vehicle miles traveled with a regression model and forecasted project effects in future safety projects to develop a formula. They report that SPATS baseline 2017-2021 is 47.4 fatalities, 130.8 severe injuries, and 20 non-motorized fatalities and severe injuries. Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion to adopt the 2019-2023 state safety targets through the TIP and LRTP amendment. Mr. Throckmorton moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Greer.

#### **8. Other Business and Adjourn**

Members requested additional information on the Downtown Transportation Master Plan, SC 417 bridge status, and also Landrum and Cowpens projects. Ms. Scott and Ms. Bollinger will follow up on these requests.

There being no other business, Chair Henderson-Myers requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Throckmorton moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Willard. Mr. Willard also announced Max Metcalf, the new SCDOT Commissioner to SPATS.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023, 10 am in Council Chambers.