



Spartanburg Area Transportation Study

SPATS Policy Committee Minutes

August 14, 2023

Present:

John Throckmorton

Phillip Stone

Rosalyn Henderson-Myers

Rob Rain

Manning Lynch

Patricia Watson

Woody Willard

Max Metcalf

Roger Nutt

Patrick Kay

1. Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes (June 12th, 2023)

Manning Lynch (Chair) called the meeting to order. Mr. Lynch requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12th, 2023 meeting as shared with members prior to the meeting through the shared file materials. Mr. Nutt moved, Mr. Throckmorton seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The minutes will now be made available online on the SPATS website.

2. MPO Boundary Updates

Ms. Sherry Dull, SPATS, and Mr. Jim Walden, SCDOT, presented the final boundary draft after SCDOT submission sent previously to the members through the virtual link.

MPOs have submitted their draft boundaries to the SCDOT Planning Office through the SCDOT GIS shared site and the Secretary of Transportation, on behalf of the SCDOT Commission, will take them to the Governor for approval.

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 and projects in construction.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

SC 85 and I-585/Hearon Circle Intersection Improvement: The traffic analysis and conceptual plans are being finalized. Preliminary Engineering (PE) began 10/21, expected ROW Obligation is 10/24, and expected Construction Obligation is 10/25.

SC 9 and Shoally Creek Rd./4th Street Intersection Improvement:

Currently in ROW acquisition. Construction obligation anticipated 3/24. Project funding: PE \$1.2 million (FY 17), ROW \$2.56 million (FY 23) and Construction \$3.5 million (FY 24)

SC 9 and Shoally Creek Rd./4th St Project Link in SCDOT Project Viewer

SC 9 and Parris Bridge Road Intersection Improvement/SC 9 and Sloane Garden Road Intersection Improvement: Finalizing consultant PE contract

negotiations. Surveys in progress. PE obligation was 10/22, ROW obligation expected 10/24 and Construction Obligation expected 10/25.

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

Improvement: Field surveys have been received and preliminary engineering will begin soon. ROW obligation expected 6/24 and Construction obligation expected 6/25.

SC 296 (Reidville Rd) and Anderson Mill Intersection Improvement:

Consultant contract has been submitted for approval. Surveys are underway. The total funding at this time would be PE \$670,000 (FY 21); ROW \$750,000 is scheduled for FY 25, and Construction at \$4.2 million is scheduled in FY 26.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

Lyman Livability Trail: Awarded to S&S Construction on June 30, 2023. Contract completion date is expected to be April 30, 2024. The Resident Construction Engineer (RCE) contact information is Will Yarborough, 864-587-4730, YarborouWD@scdot.org.

Lyman Traffic Triangle: Construction signs have been placed, utility relocation, clearing and grubbing are taking place. Will Yarborough is the RCE (see contact information above). [Lyman Traffic Triangle Project Link in SCDOT Project Viewer](#)

Country Club Road Corridor Improvements: Utility conflicts are being resolved. Clearing and grubbing are expected to be completed in the next couple of weeks. New bridge alignment is underway. Currently working on storm drainage not in conflict with utilities. Construction between Union Street and Pine Street is scheduled to begin late July. The RCE contact information is Joseph Fowler, 864-406-8254, FowlerJM@scdot.org [Country Club Road Corridor Improvement Project Link in SCDOT Project Viewer](#)

I-85 and SC 290 Diverging Diamond Interchange: Construction on Spartan Blvd. Expected to start early to mid August with new traffic markings. Traffic shift will occur with no lane reduction. Work has begun on sidewalk and pedestrian ramps for McAulay to I-85 SB onramp and NB off ramp to Rogers Bridge Rd. Bridge demo and reconstruction will continue on the EB right side of SC 290. Will Yarborough is the RCE (contact information above). [I-85 at SC 290 Diverging Diamond Interchange Project Link in SCDOT Project Viewer](#)

SC 85 Bridges over Howard Street and Norfolk Southern RR and SC 85 Northbound over Lawson's Fork Creek: Howard St. Is 70% complete, piles driven. NSRR and Buffington Rd. Is 80% complete with SB bridge deck poured and MSE walls being built. Lawson Fork Creek is complete. Overall completion date expected September 2023. Joseph Fowler is the RCE (contact information above).

I-85 Reconstruction and Widening Mile Marker 77-98: Work on SC 18 culvert replacement should be completed by early summer. Concrete pavement NB MM 80-91 should be completed by early summer.

Please see Project Status Report spreadsheet and the SCDOT Project Viewer for project status updates between SPATS meetings:

<https://www.scdot.org/business/projectviewer.aspx>

4. 2023 Transit Provider Safety Plan Updates

Ms. Bollinger reviewed the transit provider safety plan updates for 2023. Recipients of federal public transit funds are required to establish performance targets outlined in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) National Public Safety Transportation Plan and based on the past fiscal year (in this case July 2022-end of June 2023) that reflect where they anticipate being for safety and keeping their vehicles in a state of good repair. The providers update their transit safety plan annually and share this information with SCDOT and the MPOs/COGs for coordination. Each provider's plan tables, narrative and full LRTP/TIP draft amendments were shared with members prior to the meeting through the shared file materials.

Spartanburg Medical Center Transportation Services has chosen a target of 0 for fatalities, (defined as a crash resulting in death within 30 days); 2 injuries requiring off scene medical assistance; .25 injuries per 100 thousand vehicle revenue miles; 18 safety events which include incidents with their vehicles; 2.18 safety events per 100 thousand vehicle revenue miles; and 19,231 vehicle revenue miles for safety reliability failures, which is the distance between major mechanical failure with the transit vehicles. Vehicle revenue miles are used by the providers because it is generally a calculation of total vehicle revenue miles divided by the total number of failures because they want to understand the revenue lost.

SPARTA had no change from last year's targets. target of 0 for fatalities; 7 injuries requiring off scene medical assistance; 2.4 injuries per 100 thousand vehicle revenue miles; 5.8 safety events which include incidents with their vehicles; 1.94 safety events per 100 thousand vehicle revenue miles; and 7,768 vehicle revenue miles for safety reliability failures.

Study Team recommended the amendments July 13th. Rep. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers moved to amend the LRTP/TIP Performance Appendices to include the new 2023 Transit Safety Plans, seconded by Dr. Stone, and the motion passed.

5. Discussion of Meeting Schedule and Upcoming Bylaws Amendments

Ms. Bollinger facilitated a discussion regarding the Committee's position on moving the annual June meetings to May and the Study Team May meetings to April. A more truly quarterly time for this meeting would be helpful and avoid summer vacation conflicts, and the meetings would then truly be quarterly. There was no objection to this proposal, Ms. Bollinger will present draft amendments to the Bylaws for approval at the November meeting.

6. Other Business and Adjourn

There was no other business and members adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023, 10 am in Conference Room 6 (downstairs).