

**MINUTES**  
**SUATS POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 @ 8:30 A.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**(21 N. MAIN STREET, SUMTER, SC)**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** The Honorable Mayor **David P. Merchant**; Chairman; County Council Chairman **James T. McCain, Jr.**; State Representative **J. David Weeks**; Planning Commission Chairman **Jim Crawley**; County Councilman **James Byrd, Jr.**; and Sumter Economic Development Board President & CEO **Jay Schwedler**.

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** State Senator **J. Thomas McElveen, III**; Sumter CTC Chairman **Hugh M. McLaurin, IV**; City Councilman **Thomas J. Lowery**, State Representative **G. Murrell Smith** Shaw Air Force Base Commander Col. **Derek O'Malley**, SCDOT 5<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner **David E. "Gene" Branham**, Sumter County Administrator **Gary Mixon**; Sumter City Manager **Deron McCormick**, and SCDOT 6<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner **John Barnwell Fishburne**.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** (See sign-in sheet)

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senior Planner **Kyle Kelly**, Planning Director **Helen Roodman**, Permit Technician **Marsha Grinnell**, and Executive Assistant **Kellie Chapman**

A meeting of the Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) Policy Committee was held on Friday, September 23, 2022, @ 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 September 23, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Merchant and seconded by Mr. Schwedler. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Schwedler. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

**Proposed Amendment #3 to SUATS FY-2022-2023 Unified Planning Work**

Mr. Kelly stated the SUATS FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes all urban 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.

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 then added the proposed Amendment #3 to the current UPWP is required in order to replace a planning project which would involve consultant services with an alternate

project, and to adjust the project budgets for consultant services projects to accommodate the new project added.

Mr. Kelly mentioned the amendment would remove the Street Furnishings, Overhead Utility, and Signage Collection project as follows:

1. Reduce from \$ 50,000 to \$0 in UPWP funds + required match

Mr. Kelly added the amendment would revise the budget for the Corridor and Intersection Pavement Marking Upgrade Conceptual Design project for which 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultants may be engaged, as follows:

1. Reduce from \$100,000 to \$80,000 in UPWP funds + required match

Mr. Kelly stated the amendment would add a City of Sumter Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance Review and Rewrite project for which 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant may be engaged, as follows:

1. Allocate \$70,000 in UPWP funds + required match

Staff recommended that the Policy Committee provisionally adopt the proposed Amendment #3 to the FY-2022-FY2023 SUATS Unified Planning Work Program subject to opening a 21-day public comment period as required by the SUATS Public Participation Plan.

A motion to adopt the proposed Amendment #3 to the FY2022-FY2023 SUATS Unified Planning Work Program subject to a 21-day public comment period was made by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Mr. Merchant. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

### **Revision #9 to SUATS FY2021-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Kelly stated the Transportation Improvement Program (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. Federal transportation legislation requires that any transportation improvement be identified in the TIP to be eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Kelly added the drafted modification to Revision #9 to the current TIP for FY-2021-2027 are:

1. **Increase** Preliminary Engineering (PE) funding for Broad Street @ Robert Dinkins Rd. intersection improvement project from \$108,000 to \$325,000.
2. **Increase** Construction © funding for Broad Street @ Robert Dinkins intersection improvement project from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000.
3. **Increase** Preliminary Engineering (PE) funding for Broad Street @ Loring Mill Rd. intersection improvement project from \$350,000 to \$375,000.
4. **Increase** Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds for the Broad Street @ St. Paul's Church Rd. intersection improvement project from \$200,000 to \$350,000.
5. **Shift** \$382,000 in Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds for the North Main St.

- Revitalization project to the project’s Construction (C) phase.
6. **Shift** \$288,000 in Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds for the Manning Ave. Revitalization project to the project’s Construction (C) phase.
  7. **Add** N. Washington St. Intersection Project (locally funded) with a budget of \$3,000,000.

Staff recommends that the Policy Committee adopt proposed Amendment #9 to the current the SUATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2021-2027, subject to opening a 21-day public comment period as required by the SUATS Public Participation Plan.

A motion to adopt Amendment #9 to the current SUATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) subject to a 21-day public comment period was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Merchant. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

**Amendment #10 to SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

Mr. Kelly mentioned the Long-Range Transportation Plan is used as the guide for how SUATS plans to invest in the area’s transportation system over a 25-year period. Federal regulations and SCDOT Planning Procedure Agreement PL-2017-01 require that MPO Long Range Transportation Plans include Safety Performance Measure Targets for urbanized areas.

Mr. Kelly added to accomplish this requirement, staff is proposing Amendment #10 to the current 2045 LRTP to adopt the Statewide Annual Safety Performance Measure Targets for the 5 year average covering 2019-2023 as follows:

| Measure   | Statewide 2019-2023 Targets | SUATS Portion of Statewide Targets |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Number of Fatalities                                    | 1,119                       | 14.2                               |
| Fatality Rate*  | 1.940                       | 2.018                              |
| Number of Serious Injuries                              | 2,868                       | 45                                 |
| Serious Injury Rate*                                    | 4.960                       | 6.394                              |
| Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries | 485                         | 8.4                                |

*\* Per 1 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)*

Staff recommends that the Policy Committee provisionally adopt proposed Amendment #9 to the 2045 SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), subject to opening a 30-day public comment period as required by the SUATS Public Participation Plan.

A motion to adopt proposed Amendment #10 to the 2045 SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan (SRTP), subject to a 30-day public comment period was made by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Mr. Merchant. 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. Byrd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:40 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weeks and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kellie K. Chapman*

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Board Secretary