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**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)
 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)
 SPECIAL CALLED POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 AT 11:00 A.M.
 AUGUSTA RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL BUILDING
 535 TELFAIR STREET, FIRST FLOOR,
 LINDA BEAZLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
 AUGUSTA GEORGIA 30901**

MEETING MINUTES

ARTS POLICY COMMITTEE	
<p><i>VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i></p> <p>Ron Cross, CHAIRMAN of POLICY COMMITTEE Chairman Columbia County Commission Doug Duncan, NEXT CHAIRMAN of POLICY COMMITTEE Chairman Columbia County Commission Mr. Dean Campbell, Chairman Edgefield County, SC Marcus Campbell, representing Hardie Davis, Mayor of Augusta Radney Simpson, representing Commissioner Georgia Department of Transportation Russell McMurry Sharon Dottery, Interim Transit Director Dr. William Molnar, PhD., VICE CHAIR of POLICY COMMITTEE Represented by Rhonda Mitchell,</p>	<p><i>VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i></p> <p>Mr. Gary Jones, Mayor City of Grovetown Mr. Robert Buchwitz, Chairman City of Hephzibah John B. Morrison, Garrison Commander USASC & Fort Gordon Mr. Gary Bunker, Chairman Aiken County Council Mr. Rick Osbon, Mayor City of Aiken Mr. Robert Pettit, Mayor City of North Augusta Mr. Jonathan Dicks, Mayor City of Burnetown Mr. Vernon Dunbar, Mayor City of New Ellenton Phillip Stewart, Mayor City of Blythe Janet Oakley, Secretary of Transportation - SC</p>
<p><i>NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i></p> <p>Tamara Christion, Transportation Planner Rob Sherman, ARTS Project Director</p>	<p><i>NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i></p> <p>Vacant, Chairman ARTS Citizens Advisory Committee Ben H. Davis, Jr., 3rd Congressional District Commissioner, SC John H. Burriss, 2nd Congressional District Commissioner, SC Emily O. Lawton, Division Administrator Jamie Buswell, Congressional District 10 Representative Don Grantham, , GA State Transportation Board</p>

<i>OTHERS ATTENDING:</i>	
Thomas Zeaser , City Engineer, North Augusta Steve Cassell , Columbia County Engineering Rick Toole , Toole Engineers	Augusta – Richmond Co. Hameed Malik , Augusta Engineering Dept. Marques Jacobs , Augusta Engineering Dept. Carole Burrowbridge , ADA Officer, Augusta GA
SCDOT - Planning Kenny Larimore , SCDOT – Planning Adam Humphries , Preconstruction Brent Willis	GDOT – Ellen Wright Todd Price Edward Hicks , GDOT Headquarters Tamara Christian , FHWA
Augusta Planning and Development Dept. Robert Sherman Martin Laws Udomehkong Udoko Mariah Harris Warren Richard Lynn Russell	Lower Savannah Council of Governments Rhonda Mitchell , Transit Manager Cheney Thomasson
Aiken County Planning & Development LJ Peterson , Transportation Planner Joel Duke , Planning & Development Director	Go-To-Meeting: Christina Jordan , ADA Officer of Augusta Recreation and Parks Tamara Christian , Transportation Planner

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Acknowledge Go-To-Meeting*)
Ron Cross conducted welcome and introductions.

2. **Ron Cross presented this item:**
Recommend approval of the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on June 7, 2018.
A motion to approve the minutes from June 7, 2018 was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

3. **Lynn Russell presented this item:**
Consider recommending adoption of the PM 2 and PM 3 performance targets that have been established by the Georgia and South Carolina Departments of Transportation:
 - a. **Targets for assessing Pavement and Bridge Condition for the National Highway Performance Program (PM2); and**
 - b. **Targets for assessing performance of the National Highway System, Freight Movement on the Interstate System, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (PM3).**

No questions or comments were made. A motion to approve was made by LJ Peterson, seconded by Kenny Latimore and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

4. **Lynn Russell presented these items:**
Consider approving amendments to the FY 2017 – 2022 Transportation Improvement

Program and the FY 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan as follows:

- a. **I-20 Bridge at Savannah River – (PI# 210327) – add \$17,128,302 to construction in FY 2019;**
A motion to approve was made by Marcus Campbell, seconded by LJ Peterson and unanimously approved by all committee members present.
- b. **Remove \$72,663 in Section 5339 (FY 2015) funds from the Lower Savannah Council of Governments;**
- c. **Add the following funds to the Augusta Transit Department:**
 - **FY 2015 Section 5339 funds in the amount of \$72,663**
 - **FY 2017 Section 5339 funds in the amount of \$259,098**
 - **FY 2018 Section 5339 funds in the amount of \$195,900**

No questions or comments were made. A motion to approve was made by Marcus Campbell, seconded by LJ Peterson and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

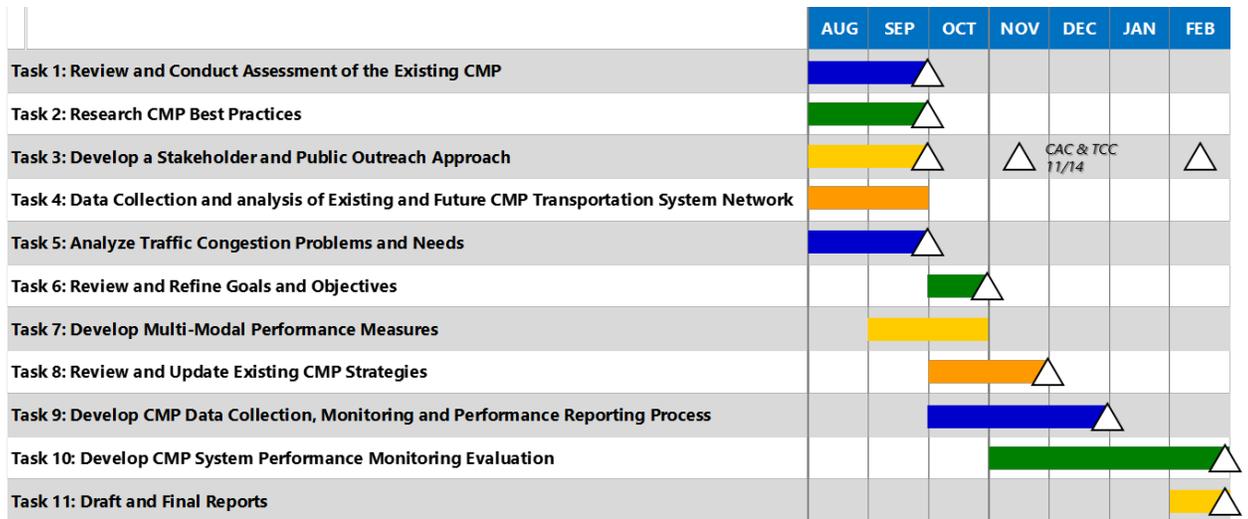
5. **Olen Daelhousen of VHB presented this item:**
Presentation by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) on the Congestion Management Process.

The Congestion Management Process was started in August 2018. Overall the CMP is a systemic process that is data driven and looks at congestion on the roads. This study is federally required in urbanized areas with a population of 200 thousand, which Augusta has. It is also known as a Transportation Management Area. The key part of the CMP is that it provides information on how the transportation system is functioning and the system performance. This study can feed into the regional planning process to provide information for selecting projects, prioritizing projects and providing a good quantitative basis justification for projects. The study area of the CMP is the same as the ARTS MPO boundaries (All of Augusta-Richmond County, Urbanized portions of Columbia County and Edgefield and Aiken County).

The work task for the CMP are as follows:

- Task 1: Review and Conduct Assessment of the Existing CMP
- Task 2: Research CMP Best Practices
- Task 3: Develop a Stakeholder and Public Outreach Approach
- Task 4: Data Collection and analysis of Existing and Future CMP Transportation System Network
- Task 5: Analyze Traffic Congestion Problems and Needs
- Task 6: Review and Refine Goals and Objectives
- Task 7: Develop Multi-Modal Performance Measures
- Task 8: Review and Update Existing CMP Strategies
- Task 9: Develop CMP Data Collection, Monitoring and Performance Reporting Process
- Task 10: Develop CMP System Performance Monitoring Evaluation
- Task 11: Draft and Final Reports

The work task schedule for the CMP are as follows:



The CMP is a multi-modal plan so it will be honoring freight, transit, vehicles and bike/pedestrian as a part of the CMP. The CMP is valuable and allows ARTS to address congestion issues, both recurring and nonrecurring by:

- Developing performance measures to assess multimodal transportation system performance.
- Identifying and analyzing causes of congestion.
- Collecting data and developing strategies.
- Monitoring performance and effectiveness of implemented actions.

The next steps are to conduct a peer review of other MPOs and identify best practices, data collection and review existing CMP process and findings.

Lynn Russell will place the VHB PowerPoint presentation on the ARTS MPO website.

6. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

- Ellen Wright reviewed the attached handout.
Georgia Highways**
- Kenny Latimore reviewed the attached handout.
South Carolina Highways**
- Sharon Dottery Presented this item:
Augusta Public Transit**

At this time there is no definite date on the completion of the new facility at Gordon Highway. At this point construction is supposed to be 45 percent completed. The original move is date was December 2018, now it's looking more like January/ February 2019. This month APT will purchase five new busses. APT is also working with engineering to update some shelters and bus stop signs resulting in a rebranding and better appearance. APT has hired a transit director who will start on October 8, 2018. His name is Donald Williams.

- Rhonda Mitchell presented this item:
Best Friend Express**

Two additional runs to the Red Route. The Red Route originates on northern street in Aiken, and travels down Whiskey Road and back to Morgan Street. These additional run will add five opportunities to residents to get to these areas.

7. **Lynn Russell presented this item:**

Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

a. **2045 Long Range Plan update**

The 2045 will be completed by a consultant and APDD will be applying for GAMPO funds in March 2019 to cover the cost of the consultant.

b. **Congestion Management Process**

c. **Central Martinez Corridor Study**

The funding for the Central Martinez Corridor study are off the table as of now. The funds will be applied for again in March 2019.

8. **Other Business**

9. **Adjourn**

