



**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)  
 JOINT SPECIAL CALLED CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND  
 TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
 535 TELFAIR STREET, 3RD FLOOR, SUITE 300, AUGUSTA GEORGIA 30901  
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 at 10:30 A.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

<p><b><i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i></b>  <b>Robert Sherman</b>, APDD Director  <b>Ted Hicks</b>, GDOT  <b>John Ussery</b>, Traffic Engineer  <b>Libby Hodges</b>, City of North Augusta          Planning Director  <b>Rhonda Mitchell</b>, LSCOG  <b>LJ Peterson</b>, Aiken Co  <b>Andrew Strickland</b>, Director, Columbia Co.          Planning  <b>Sharon Dottery</b>, Interim Director Augusta          Public Transit  <b>Hameed Malik</b>, Augusta Engineering  <b>June Hamal</b></p>	<p><b><i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i></b>  <b>Thomas Zeaser</b>, Engineer, N. Augusta  <b>Joe Berry</b>, Aiken County  <b>Herbert Judon</b>, Director Augusta Regional Airport  <b>Ronald Price</b>, Fort Gordon  <b>Curtis Murphy</b>, New Ellenton  <b>Michelle Jones</b>, City of Aiken Public Works  <b>Steve Cassell</b>, P.E. Engineering Director Columbia          County  <b>Adam Humphries</b>, SCDOT – RPG3  <b>Matt Schlachter</b>, Columbia County  <b>John Ussery</b>, City of Augusta Engineering  <b>Hart Clark</b>, Edgefield County Building and Planning          Director  <b>Radney Simpson</b>, GDOT</p>
<p><b><i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i></b>  <b>Shirley Abney</b>  <b>Frank Plumley</b>  <b>Hafeez Chaudhry</b>, Columbia County  <b>Rhonda Mitchell</b>, LSCOG  <b>Regina Pyles</b>  <b>Steve Cassel</b>, Columbia County</p>	<p><b><i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i></b>  <b>Bill Busser</b>, Aiken County  <b>Willie Bell</b>, Aiken County  <b>Martin Cochran</b>, Aiken County  <b>Joe Collins</b>, Columbia County  <b>Russell Foster</b>, Columbia County  <b>Hector Rodriquez</b>, Burnetown SC</p>
<p><b><i>OTHERS ATTENDING:</i></b></p>	
<p><b>Augusta Planning and Development Dept.</b>          Mary Elizabeth Burgess          Dr. Oliver Page          Udomekong Udoko          Mariah Harris          Lynn Russell          Warren Richard</p>	<p><b>SCDOT - Planning</b>          Rick Wyatt, SCDOT          Diane Lackey          Vernon Dunbar, Mayor City of New Ellenton          Kenny Latimore</p>

<b>GDOT</b> Ellen Wright, GDOT Todd Price, GDOT Yolanda Morris, GDOT	<b>Go-To-Meeting</b> Ellen Wright LJ Peterson, Aiken Co Frank Plumley Rick Wyatt
<b>FHWA</b> Valeria Arocho Tamara Christion Dayton Sherrouse	<b>Columbia County</b> Steve Exley

**1. Welcome and Introductions (Acknowledge Go-To-Meeting)**

Lynn Russell conducted welcome and introductions.

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

**Approve the minutes of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 9, 2018. There were no minutes for the August 8, 2018 meeting due to no attendance. (CAC vote only).**

A motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2018 was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all committee members present. A motion to approve the minutes from August 8, 2018 was not needed due to lack of attendance.

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

**Approve the minutes of the Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting held on August 8, 2018 (TCC vote only)**

A motion to approve the minutes from August 8, 2018 was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

**4. 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).**
- 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 Shirley Abney, seconded by Hafeez Chaudhry and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

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

**Consider recommending approval 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;**

**Shirley Abney:** When they started on the bridge, were they aware of all that it would entail? Was that the reason for the additional funds?

**Ted Hicks:** The cost estimated were updated with the latest information available by the engineering team. More precise numbers were developed and caused the cost number to change.

**Lynn Russell:** Is that federal or state money?

**Ted Hicks:** Federal.

A motion to approve the item was made by Shirley Abney and Ted Hicks, seconded by Hafeez Chaudhry and Sharon Dottery and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

**Lynn Russell presented this item:**

**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**

**Shirley Abney:** What is the reason LSCOG is giving the money back to Augusta Public Transit.

**Rhonda Mitchell:** The money is bus and bus facility money. It's money we won't be using because we are using money out of our 5307 program to purchase bus vehicles so this money we are going to give back to APT so they can use it for their facilities. We (LSCOG) have met our needs.

**Lynn Russell:** They don't use their money on a yearly basis like we (APDD) do. LSCOG is still using money from 2015-2017. They have a certain amount of time to use that money and it could take three years.

A motion to approve the item was made by Shirley Abney and Ted Hicks, seconded by Hafeez Chaudhry and Sharon Dottery and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

**6. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:**

**a. Ellen Wright reviewed the attached handout.**

**Georgia Highways**

**b. Kenny Latimore reviewed the attached handout.**

**South Carolina Highways**

**c. 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.

**d. 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 these items:**

**Status of Special Studies**

**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**

VHB Vanaesse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. is the consultant handing the CMP update and will make a presentation on the TCC and CAC on November 14, 2018.

**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**