



AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
535 TELFAIR STREET, FIRST FLOOR, LINDA BEAZLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AUGUSTA GEORGIA 30901
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019 at 10:30 A.M.
MEETING MINUTES

<i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i>	<i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i>
<p>Robert Sherman, ARTS MPO Project Director Joel Duke, Director Aiken Co. Matt Schlachter, Columbia County represented by Steve Exley Corbett Reynolds, P.E. District Engineer represented by Ellen Wright Rhonda Mitchell, LSCOG Trang Mai, GDOT</p>	<p>Teresa Crain, Aiken County Engineer Ron Price, Fort Gordon Curtis Murphy, City of New Ellenton Michelle Jones, City of Aiken Public Works Andrew Strickland, Director, Columbia Co. Planning Herbert Judon Jr., Director Augusta Regional Airport represented by Adrienne Ayers-Allen Kenny Larimore, SCDOT Planning Engineer Thomas Zeaser, Engineer, N. Augusta Libby Hodges, City of North Augusta Planning Director Steve Cassell, P.E. Engineering Director Columbia County Hart Clark, Edgefield County Building and Planning Director represented by Kevin Singletary Sharon Dottery, Interim Director Augusta Public Transit Ryan Bland, City of Aiken Planning Director</p>
<i>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i>	<i>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i>
<p>LJ Peterson, Aiken Co. Carole Burrowbridge, ADA Augusta Marques Jacobs, City of Augusta Engineering Dept</p>	<p>Yolanda Morris, FHWA (SC) Tamara Christian, FHWA (GA) Eric Duff Andy Crosson, CSRA RDC</p>
<i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i>	<i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i>
<p>Geneva Jackson, Aiken County Chris Noah, J. Ashley Williams, Edgefield County</p>	<p>Martin Cochran, Aiken Co. Joe Collins, Columbia Co. Shirley Abney Frank Plumley, Columbia Co. Bill Busser, Aiken Co. Hafeez Chaudhry,</p>

OTHERS ATTENDING:	
Augusta Planning and Development Dept. Carla Delaney Marcus Holland Erik Engle Dr. Oliver Page Mariah Harris Warren Richard Udomekong Udoko	Go-To-Meeting Tom Zeaser, City of North Augusta Adam Humphries, SCDOT
Others Attending, Frank Childs, GDOT Glen Coyne, WSP Christy Jeon, WSP William Molnar, LSCOG Allen Wertz Regina Pyles, Regional Commission	Tom Caiafia, GDOT Hameed Malik, Engineering Regina Pyles, CSRA Will Carter, Cranson June Hamal, Engineering Todd Price, GDOT

1. Welcome and Introductions (Acknowledge Go-To-Meeting)
2. Approve the minutes of the Joint Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting held on May 8, 2019. (CAC and TCC Vote)
 Carla Delaney presented this item.
 CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve and Chris Noah seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

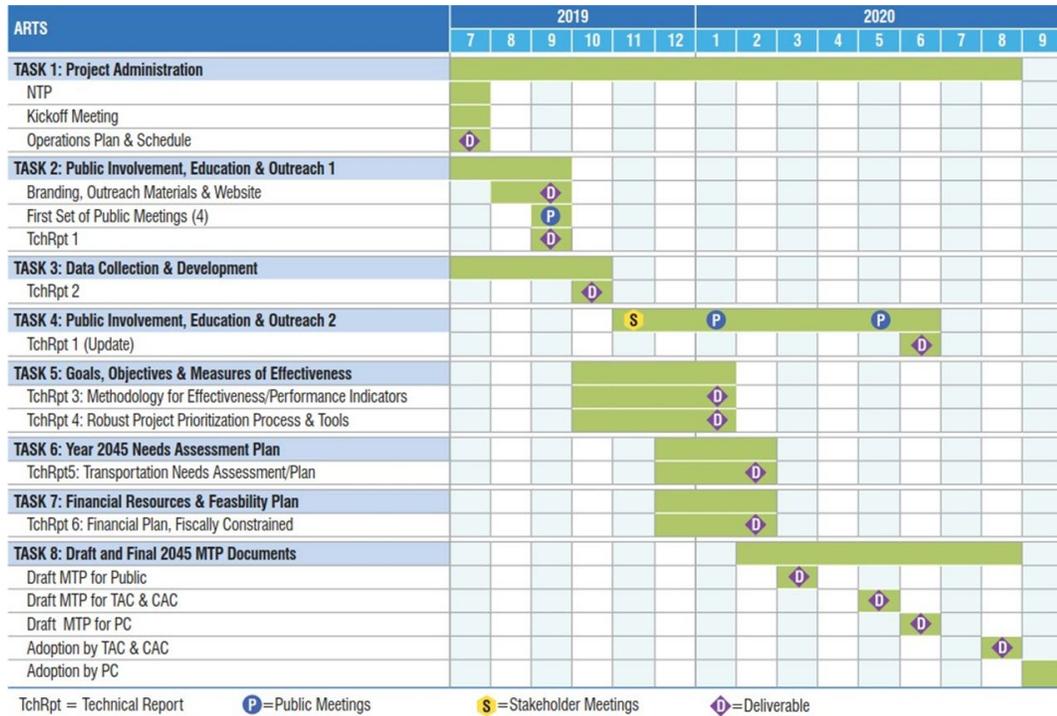
TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Joel Duke seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update
 - a. Introduction/Overview by Consulting Firm
 Glen Coyne and Christy M. Jeon presented this item:

WSP is highly experienced in regional planning and travel demand modeling. The firm has on-call contracts with MPOs throughout the Southeast as shown by the figure below. WSP has one of,



if not the largest, metropolitan planning groups within the Southeast region to assist ARTS MPO on the update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
The project schedule can be seen below.



The target number of surveys to be collected during the first round of public outreach has not been finalized at this stage. As a part of the MTP, a public outreach plan will be prepared. At the upcoming public meetings, there will be a station set up where people can take the survey. All ARTS committees will be updated at future meetings until the MTP is complete.

This item is for information purposes only. Please see the attached presentation at the end of the meeting minutes.

4. **FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments (CAC and TCC Vote)**
 - a. **Remove the Central Martinez Corridor Special Study**

Carla Delaney presented this item:

The Central Martinez Corridor Special Study is being removed due to the outdated scope of services and lack of activity that has taken place since 2018.

CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve removing the study from the FY 2020 UPWP and revisit the study for FY 2021. Geneva Jackson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve removing the study from the FY 2020 UPWP and revisit the study for FY 2021. Joel Duke seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. **TAP FY 2020 Call for Projects (CAC and TCC Vote)**
 - a. **Wrightsboro Rd/McCauley St at-grade Highway/Railroad Crossing Feasibility Study**

Oliver Page presented this item:

Augusta Planning and Development Department proposed the Wrightsboro Rd/McCauley St at-grade Highway/Railroad Crossing Feasibility Study. The project will be to write a scope of services to look at the implications of pedestrian and vehicle traffic at the intersection. The funding request is \$50,000 and APDD will provide the match. It will take the department approximately 12-16 months to complete the study.

This is just a Feasibility Study and the Augusta Planning and Development Department will provide the match. Cranston engineering has been separately working on a design to include sidewalks at this intersection.

CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve and Chris Noah seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Joel Duke seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- b. **James Brown Boulevard Streetscape - Phase IV**

The project cost approximated \$1.3 million. The MPO is only awarded \$730,000. It was asked if the project had the ability to be phased so the part of the project could be completed with the available funding of \$650,000. Cranston Engineering was unsure if it could be phased any further than it currently is.

The application will be resubmitted and will reflect the project cost totaled \$650,000. The match will be provided by the City of Augusta.

CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve that the plan should be revised by August 30, 2019 and the PC would evaluate and decide if it should be awarded. Chris Noah

seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Joel Duke motioned to approve that the plan should be revised by August 30, 2019 and the PC would evaluate and decide if it should be awarded. Robert Sherman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. TIP Administrative Modification Form Update (CAC and TCC Vote)

Carla Delaney presented this item:

The TIP modification form was updated for efficiency.

CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve and Chris Noah seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Joel Duke motioned to approve and Robert Sherman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. TIP Administrative Modification SC 118 and S-1303 (Croft Mill / Hudson Road) – Information Only

LJ Peterson presented this item:

Highway Safety Program identified these highway improvements that are already existing in the TIP, this is just an administrative modification. The funds are strictly SCDOT related. Major changes include ROW from 2019 to 2020 and an increase in construction from \$990,000 to \$1.8 million moved from 2020 to 2021.

8. Transit Asset Management Performance Measures Resolution Agreement (CAC and TCC Vote)

Udomekong Udoko presented this item:

Transit Asset Management (TAM) is a regulation established the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Implementation of TAM assists transit providers in assessing the current condition of capital assets and make decisions on how to best to prioritize funding for those assets in order to achieve and maintain a state of good repair. The TAM regulation applies to public transit providers who receive FTA funds as a recipient or sub-recipient and either own, operate, or manage capital assets used in the provision of public transportation. As mandated by the FTA, transit providers are required to work with their regions' MPO when developing their TAM plan.

CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve and Geneva Jackson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Joel Duke seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

a. Georgia Highways - Ellen Wright presented this item

Columbia County

- **M005753 – SR 383 From North of I-20 to SR 104**
 - Let April 19, 2019

- Beams Construction awarded contract on May 3, 2019
- Completion date is March 31, 2020
- Plan to mobilize August 26, 2019
- **0008350 – SR 388 From I-20 to SR 232 - TIA**
 - Widening (1.59 miles)
 - Still on schedule for November 2019 let
 - ROW acquisition is underway and on schedule with 59 of the 86 parcels acquired and 14 options pending.
 - Current Budget – TIA - \$1,936,726 Preliminary Engineering (PE), \$7,091,790 (ROW), \$39,796 UTIL, \$16,437,596 CONST
 - \$3,000,000.00 GDOT funds
 - \$8,163,702 CONST (HB 170) Program year - 2020

Richmond County

- **210327 – I-20 at Savannah River and Augusta Canal**
 - Bridge replacements over the Augusta Canal and Savannah River to include widening (0.65 miles) in Georgia and South Carolina
 - Survey, geotechnical and pavement evaluations are complete.
 - Construction anticipated this fall.
 - Current Budget – (2017) \$3,599,601.25 PE, \$82,512,606.02 CONST
- **220680 – SR 4 From Milledgeville Road to Government Street - TIA**
 - Widening (1.59 miles)
 - All ROW purchased
 - Project let to construction. Low bidder was Beams Construction (\$10,507,277.39). Contract is being routed for signature. Construction to begin in next few months.
 - Current Budget - \$126,754.68 PE (TIA)(2017), \$8,516,722 ROW, \$804,435.99 UTIL, TIA: \$6,967,096(CST): HB170(\$5,000,000)
- **0013927 - SR 4/US 25 BU at Savannah River at South Carolina Line**
 - Bridge Replacement (0.20 miles)
 - Scheduled for let April 2022
 - Review package submitted to GDOT Chief Engineer regarding the proposed preferred alternative
 - Additional coordination meeting for GDOT and Cities of Augusta and N Augusta to be scheduled in late August
 - Cost Estimate - \$34M CONST (2025), \$250,000 ROW (2021), \$1.5 PE (2019)

b. South Carolina Highways – Adam Humphries presented this item

1. 0034292 - SC 302 (Silver Bluff Road) Corridor Improvement – Aiken County - ARTS

- Current Budget - \$920,000 PE, \$1,700,000 R/W, \$73,781 UTIL, \$6,198,935.63 CONST
- Improvements include widening corridor to 3 lanes, addition of turn lanes, curb and gutter and signalization of three intersections
- Construction Phase is currently underway (work began on March 29, 2016)
- SCDOT and Eagle Construction have negotiated a new construction completion date of October 9, 2019.

- Final asphalt has been placed. Final pavement marking installation immanent. Contract extension due to lag time to receive fiber optic cable to interconnect signals.

2. 0041446 - SC 126 (Belvedere-Clearwater Road) Widening - ARTS

- Current Budget - \$1,300,000 PE, \$2,139,600 ROW, \$12,000,000 CONST
- Preliminary Engineering Phase has been completed, including Environmental Studies and Final Right-of-Way Plans
- Environmental Permitting Coordination is currently underway
- Right-of-Way Phase is underway (86 tracts) -- Right-of-Way Consultant (PRIMACQ) is in the process of securing right of way for the project (85 tracts secured).
- Current Schedule
 - Construction Obligation – 12/2019
 - Letting – 02/2020

3. 0040695 - SC 118 (Hitchcock Parkway) Corridor Improvement - ARTS

- Current Budget – \$3,300,000 PE (per obligation from widening carried over), \$1,496,800 ROW, \$12,200,000 CONST (Federal Resurfacing fund to pay for resurfacing of Hitchcock Parkway)
- Right-of-Way acquisition underway (18 of 56 tracts secured)
- Current Schedule
 - Construction Obligation – 4/2020
 - Letting – 6/2020

4. P037361 – SC 19 (Whiskey Road) Intersection with Eagle Road and S-447 (Old Whiskey Road) - ARTS

- Current Budget - \$450,000 PE, \$400,000 ROW, \$1,250,000
- SCDOT has negotiated a contract with Parrish and Partners to provide design services.
- Public Information Meeting held Tuesday, July 23, 2019.
 - Comment period ended Wednesday, August 7th
 - SCDOT currently evaluating comments received
- Current Schedule
 - Right of Way Obligation – Q3 2019
 - Construction Obligation – Q1 2021

c. Augusta Public Transit – Udomekong Udoko presented this item

d. Best Friend Express – Rhonda Mitchell presented this item

The Best Friend Express fixed route operated 253 days and had 29,351 passenger boarding for the FY18/FY19 year. The Dial A Ride service performed 5,631 trips for the fiscal year. The fixed route system had 2,494 passenger alighting at the Augusta Transit on Broad Street and 2,593 passenger boarding to the Aiken/North Augusta area. The transit system experienced a 9% increase in passenger boarding during this fiscal year.

The urban 5310 transit program resumed on March 1st and is utilized greatly by our seniors or persons with a disability within the urbanized portion of Aiken County. We are approaching the end of the current grant for this service. Another funding application was submitted and we are anticipating funding to be able to offer this service in the next federal fiscal year.

LSCOG submitted a new Section 5307 grant with FTA Region IV. Section 5307 is the federal program that helps fund the public transportation system in the urbanized portion of Aiken County. This grant has been accepted and approved for funding.

e. Augusta Regional Airport- No presentation

10. Other Business

a. MPO Rebranding Carla Delaney presented this item

The MPO will be updating the current logo. Committee members will be asked to vote via email soon. The email will contain a Survey Monkey survey link that will ask them to rank their top three logos.

b. Action Item- Recommend approval of the submitted FY 2019 SC Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TAP) Applications;

1. Aiken/North Augusta Bike Route

LJ Peterson presented this item:

Establish a designated bicycle route connecting the City of Aiken with the North Augusta Greenway. The route will be designated with Share-the-Road, route marking and community guide signs. The estimated cost is \$55,885 (\$44,708 Federal and \$11,177 local match- Aiken County).

CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve and Geneva Jackson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Joel Duke motioned to approve and Robert Sherman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Knobcone Sidewalk Project

LJ Peterson presented this item:

Installation of a sidewalk between Paul Knox Middle School and North Augusta High School. The estimated cost is \$229,500 (\$180,000 Federal and \$49,500 local match- City of North Augusta).

CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve and Geneva Jackson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Joel Duke motioned to approve and Robert Sherman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Adjourn