



**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)
SPECIAL CALLED JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM –**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020 at 10:30 A.M.

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Meeting ID 994 669 4292

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H. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

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 WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 at 10:30 A.M.
 MEETING MINUTES**

JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING	
<i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i>	<i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i>
<p>Geneva Jackson, Aiken County Dr. Chris Noah, Columbia County</p>	<p>Martin Cochran, Aiken County Joe Collins, Columbia County Shirley Abney, Frank Plumley, Columbia County Bill Busser, Aiken County Hafeez Chaudhry, J. Ashley Williams, Edgefield County</p>
<i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i>	<i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i>
<p>Robert Sherman, ARTS MPO Project Director Joel Duke, Director Aiken County Matt Schlachter, Columbia County represented by Steve Exley Corbett Reynolds, P.E. District Engineer represented by Ellen Wright/Todd Price Tom Caiafa, GDOT Trang Mai, GDOT Hart Clark, Edgefield County Building and Planning Director represented by Kevin Singletary Libby Hodges, City of North Augusta Planning Director Ryan Bland, City of Aiken Planning Director Thomas Zeaser, Engineer, N. Augusta Rhonda Mitchell, LSCOG Dr. Hameed Malik, Engineering, City of Augusta Engineering Dept. Kyle Titus, Director of Columbia County Engineering</p>	<p>Teresa Crain, Aiken County Engineer Curtis Murphy, City of New Ellenton Michelle Jones, City of Aiken Public Works Andrew Strickland, Director, Columbia County Planning LaToya Grate, SCDOT Planning Engineer Sharon Dottery, Director Augusta Public Transit Herbert Judon Jr., Director Augusta Regional Airport represented by Greg Larsen John Ussery, Augusta Traffic Engineer</p>

TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:	TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:
LJ Peterson , Aiken County Carole Burrowbridge , ADA Augusta Tamara Christian , FHWA (GA) Yolanda Morris , FHWA (SC) Frank Childs , GDOT	Eric Duff Andy Crosson , CSRA-RC
OTHERS ATTENDING:	
Carla Delaney Erik Engle Dr. Oliver Page Mariah Harris Udomekong Udoko	Rhonda Davis Tammy Shepherd Taylor Edwards David Jameson Rick Toole Chris Caldwell Pete Frommer Tom Young Jr.
Glenn Coyne , WSP USA Inc. Christy Jeon , WSP USA Inc. Adam Humphries , SCDOT Program Manager Mayor Gary Jones , Grovetown represented by John Waller Regina Pyles , CSRA-RC Byron Sullivan , Columbia County Engineering	Unidentified Numbers 1-706-421-78XX 1-706-550-84XX 1-706-421-78XX 1-803-642-15XX 1-706-432-52XX 1-706-836-42XX 1-706-421-56XX

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

II. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Approve the minutes of the Joint Citizens Advisory Committee, Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting held on February 12, 2020. (CAC & TCC Vote)**

Carla Delaney presented this item:

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

TCC – Hameed Malik motioned to approve and Steve Exley seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. **Purpose**

A. **MPO 101 – The purpose of the MPO and Committees presented by Carla Delaney**

Carla Delaney presented this item:

Please see the attached presentation.

The presentation slide titled "MPO 101" is divided into nine sections:

- "MPO 101"**: Introduction to the Purpose and Function of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Date: May 11, 2020.
- What is an MPO?**:
 - A transportation policy-making and planning body with representatives of local, state and federal government and transportation authorities.
 - Required in urbanized areas of 50,000+.
 - Ensures that federal spending on transportation occurs through a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing (J-C) process.
 - Variety of organizational arrangements "hosted" by another agency; stand-alone; existing agency designated as MPO.
- Why an MPO?**:
 - Transportation investment means allocating scarce transportation funding resources appropriately.
 - Planning needs to reflect the region's shared vision for its future.
 - Requires a comprehensive examination of the region's future and investment alternatives.
 - MPO facilitates collaboration of governments, interested parties and residents.
- "Typical" MPO Structure**: A hierarchical diagram showing the following structure:
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - Policy Committee
 - Technical Coordinating Committee
 - Citizens Advisory Committee
 - Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS)
- Who sits on the MPO?**:
 - The MPO Policy Committee is identified in the documents that designate the MPO.
 - Membership is determined by agreement among the Governor(s) and units of general purpose local government that represents 75% of the metropolitan area population.
- Policy Committee**:
 - Role of the Policy Committee**:
 - Develop a regional vision.
 - Establish regional policy.
 - Adopt UPWP, MTR, and TIP.
 - Ensure that the decisions reflect the concerns of residents of the region.
- Technical Coordinating Committee**:
 - Role of the Technical Coordinating Committee**: Advisory body to the MPO Policy Committee for transportation issues, primarily technical in nature.
 - Overses MPO technical work and develops recommendations on projects and programs for Policy Committee consideration.
- Citizens Advisory Committee**:
 - Role of the Citizens Advisory Committee**: Advisory body to the MPO Policy Committee on public concerns and opinions regarding the ARTS study findings and recommendations.
 - Provide a forum to obtain public views on transportation issues and problems and directing issues of public concern to the attention of the Policy Committee or the Technical Coordinating Committee.
- Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS)**
- Thank you! Any Questions?**

IV. **Old Business**

A. **TAP FY 2020 Call For Projects - James Brown Boulevard Streetscape - Phase III (CAC & TCC Vote)**

Carla Delaney presented this item:

Total project cost \$401,560/Amount Requested \$321,248. It is available via TAP funds from fiscal year 2020

CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve the acceptance of the revised project and Geneva Jackson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve the acceptance of the revised project and Steve

Exley seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. TAP FY 2020 Call For Projects – Wrightsboro Rd/McCauley St At-Grade Highway/Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements Appraisal (CAC & TCC Vote)

Carla Delaney presented this item:

Wrightsboro Rd/McCauley St At-Grade Highway/Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements Appraisal made it thru 80% of the Procurement process and it was realized that it was an RFQ and but was completed as an RFP. The procurement process had to be restarted as federal funds are involved. Due to the restart of the process the estimated rates and fees increased, therefore the applicant is asking for more funding and time due to the activities beyond their control. (Both projects will not affect FY 2021 TAPS call for projects)

CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve the acceptance of the revised project and Chris Noah seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve the acceptance of the revised project and Joel Duke seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**C. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update
Presentation of Performance Measures, Project Lists, 5th & 6th Networks and Financially Constrained Plan (Informational Purposes Only)**

Glenn Coyne presented this item:
Please see the attached presentation.

ARTS 2050
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE | Future Mobility
futuremobility2050.com

Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS)
TCC & CAC Meetings
May 13, 2020

**Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS)
2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update**

What is a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)?

- The MTP serves as a regional blueprint and policy guide for current and future transportation infrastructure.
- Updated every 5 years, the MTP envisions and evaluates what the ARTS planning area will look like in the next 10, 20, or 30 years.
- A key part in securing federal funds, the MTP recommends projects to improve, maintain, and operate roadways, public transit, multiuse trails and sidewalks.

Plan Development Process

2050 MTP Deliverables

- Project Operations Plan
- Technical Report #1: Public Participation Plan
- Technical Report #2: Document Review of Data – Existing Conditions
- Technical Report #3: Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators
- Technical Report #4: Project Prioritization Process
- Technical Report #5: Transportation Needs Assessment
- Technical Report #6: Financial Plan + Financially Constrained Project List
- Technical Report #1 (Update): Public Participation Outcomes
- Draft MTP
- Final MTP

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Development of Projects



Project Prioritization

ARTS 2050 Goal/Context	Weight
Reduce Traffic Congestion and Delay	15%
Accessibility, Connectivity and Connectivity	20%
Safety and Security	15%
Maintenance and System Preservation	15%
Economic Viability	15%
Environmental Resiliability	10%
Land Use and Transportation Integration	15%
Financial Feasibility	5%
Effective Engagement and Communication	5%
Total	100%

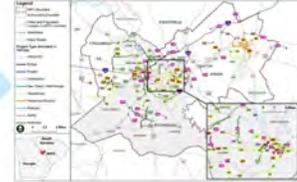
Project Prioritization Process



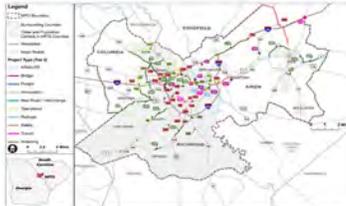
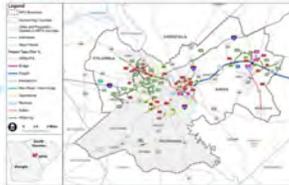
2050 MTP Recommended Project Tiers

Tier "D"	TIA and TIP Projects
Tier 1	2021 through 2024 Short-range
Tier 2	2025 through 2034 Mid-range
Tier 3	2035 through 2050 Long-range
Unfunded Priority Projects	Not advanced in 2050 MTP

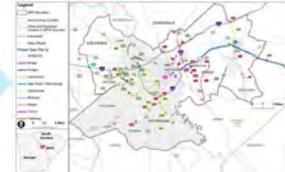
Tier 0 – TIA & TIP Projects



Tier 1 Projects (2021-2024)



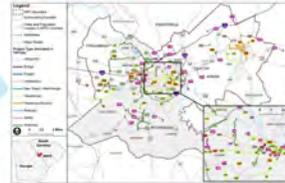
Tier 3 Projects (2035-2050)



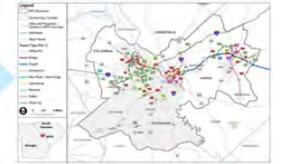
1. Expenditures for the Projects Identified in 2050 MTP

Location	Tier 0 (2021-2024)	Tier 1 (2021-2024)	Tier 2 (2025-2034)	Tier 3 (2035-2050)	Total Expenditure
NA - Columbia County	\$54,056,776	\$40,190,530	\$14,400,786	\$35,617,080	\$144,265,172
NA - Richmond County	\$76,138,882	\$30,158,795	\$38,222,670	\$62,878,346	\$207,398,693
LA Fund	\$127,151,639	\$107,316,312	\$683,462,459	\$1,104,303,429	\$2,022,233,839
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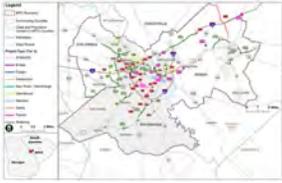
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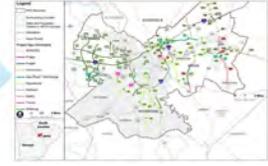
Tier 2 Projects (2025-2034)



Tier 3 Projects (2035-2050)



Unfunded Priority Projects



Types of MTP Funds Available

- Expenditures for Project List
- Funds for Lump Sum Projects, by category
- Funds set aside for priority projects that arise in the planning horizon years

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Projects	\$149,757,091	\$414,677,421	\$805,195,020	\$1,369,629,492	\$2,739,058,024
Local Road Categories	\$162,130,899	\$493,219,691	\$675,151,191	\$1,265,363,971	\$2,596,265,752
Project Priority Projects	\$12,718,609	\$46,868,124	\$14,218,024	\$113,804,976	\$187,609,733
Total Available Funds	\$174,869,508	\$540,095,836	\$753,569,215	\$1,489,972,923	\$2,958,457,482

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2. Funds for Lump Sum Project Categories

Project Type	Tier 0 (2021-2024)	Tier 1 (2021-2024)	Tier 2 (2025-2034)	Tier 3 (2035-2050)	Total Planning Horizon
Safety (only Tier 0)	\$12,097,896	\$38,689,278	\$73,979,639	\$14,349,837	\$139,016,650
Peak Hour Lane Gain	\$16,794,092	\$45,752,369	\$77,265,907	\$19,816,192	\$159,628,560
Arterial Conversion	\$16,794,832	\$67,881,449	\$116,812,553	\$21,408,847	\$322,897,681
Major Street Conversion	\$108,654,079	\$282,995,632	\$491,961,291	\$792,131,006	\$1,675,742,008
Total	\$162,130,899	\$496,218,668	\$670,059,391	\$1,287,905,882	\$2,616,314,840

3. Funds for Future Priority Projects that Arise in the Planning Horizon

Project Type	Tier 0 (2021-2024)	Tier 1 (2021-2024)	Tier 2 (2025-2034)	Tier 3 (2035-2050)	Total Planning Horizon
Withholding Capacity Projects	\$1,512,757	\$1,366,328	\$18,215,543	\$18,200,448	\$38,395,076
Unfunded Priority Projects	\$1,615,792	\$26,909,824	\$16,148,844	\$68,488,818	\$113,163,282
Other	\$1,796,290	\$2,162,380	\$7,187,117	\$11,114,612	\$22,260,409
Total	\$4,924,839	\$20,438,532	\$31,551,504	\$97,803,878	\$154,718,753

Ongoing Activities and Next Steps

- Draft MTP under review by ARTS and GOOT
- May 13, 2020 – Presentation of MTP to ARTS TCOCAC Meeting (Today)
- June 4, 2020 – Presentation of MTP to ARTS Policy Committee
- June 8 thru July 17, 2020 – Public Comment Period
- August 12, 2020 – ARTS TCOCAC to approve 2050 MTP
- September 3, 2020 – ARTS PC adopts MTP 2050
- September 10, 2020 – Submit 2050 MTP to FHWA & GOOT

How can you reach us?

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ARTS 2050
 ARTS 2050 is a public-private partnership.



Questions:

Trang Mai: (Referring to Project prioritization slide) How do you separate land use transportation and integration; reduce traffic congestion and delay; and mobility, accessibility and connectivity goals because all of these elements are interwoven with land use and transportation integration?

Glen Coyne: When it comes to transportation; land use and transportation integration is probably one of the most important aspects to be considered. Putting these goals all together when seeking public input often results in a lower overall rating. They all are interrelated, however, with all the documents, detailed notes gathered, as well as definitive goals, input from the public and ARTS recommendations the separate goals were determined.

Trang Mai: From 6 technical reports received from MPO and consultants. There wasn't a compiled report that was integrated (but co-drafted).

Oliver Page: You have received it. There are 7 documents all together. (He will resend it to her again.)

Trang Mai: She will take a closer look because these should be integrated.

V. New Business

A. 2020 TMA Certification Review

I. Overview of Certification Review

Carla Delaney presented this item: Carla Delaney confirmed ARTS is certified.

II. Administrative Modification for the Congestion Management Plan (Informational Purposes Only)

Oliver Page presented this item:

Documents are completed and the Title VI insertion was added and placed online.

III. FY 2021 UPWP Amendment identifying the prioritization tool and the connection between freight and transportation planning. (CAC & TCC Vote)

Oliver Page and Glenn Coyne presented this item:

FY 2021 UPWP Amendment is identifying the prioritization tool and the connection between freight and transportation planning.

Carla Delaney: The UPWP was approved for FY 2021 before the prioritization tool was included so we need a vote to amend the improved FY2021 UPWP to include the prioritization tool.

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.

B. TIP Amendment for FY 2021 (CAC & TCC Vote)

I. FY 2021 ROW for PI 0012867 – Wheeler Road Multimodal Corridor Improvements

- **FY 2021**
- **Z230 funded**
- **Federal share (\$402,400)**
- **Local Match (\$100,600)**
- **Total (\$503,000)**

Tom Caiafa presented this item:

Questions:

Steve Exley: The latest draft TIP they just submitted included this in 2022. Would that conflict with that and throw that proposed TIP balance off?

Tom Caiafa: At some point it will shift and could be adopted or an administrative modification completed at the end of the year.

Carla Delaney: (trying to get clarification) So corrections need to be changed from right of way for 2021 but may need to be changed for 2022? We should table this and will call for an online vote when all counties are sure that all information is captured.

CAC – This agenda item will be tabled until more information can be identified.

TCC – This agenda item will be tabled until more information can be identified.

C. GDOT FY 2021 STIP Amendment for FY 2018-21 STIP (Augusta) (CAC & TCC Vote)

GDOT 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 Malik Hameed seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

I. Georgia Highways

Ellen Wright presented this item:

Columbia County

- **0008350 – SR 388 From I-20 to SR 232 - TIA**
 - Widening (1.59 miles)
 - Contract awarded to Low Bidder – E.R. Snell
 - Anticipated Begin Work date pending response from locals

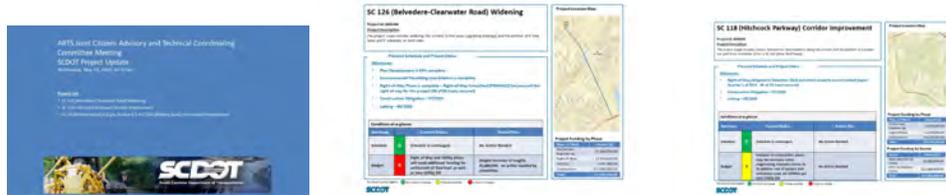
Richmond County (in GDOT review)

- **0013927 - SR 4/US 25 BU at Savannah River at South Carolina Line**
 - Bridge Replacement (0.20 miles)
 - Scheduled for let April 2022.
 - Construction funds proposed for 2025
 - Concept Report routed for signatures
 - Ongoing coordination for funding of non-bridge replacement items including aesthetic elements, special lighting and trail connections.
 - TIA will support this project on TIA 2 if passed in the amount of \$5,000,000 for aesthetics only. Vote is in June with presidential primary
 - Ongoing Virtual Meeting coordination
- **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
 - Waiting on update from Project Manager
- **220680 – SR 4 From Milledgeville Road to Government Street – TIA**
 - Widening (1.59 miles)
 - Project is 7% complete- Utility relocation is underway
- **0013703- Willis Foreman Rd from SR 4 US 1 to SR 121 US 25**
 - Widening project
 - (GDOT Bruce Anderson has submitted the POH displays and materials for OPD review)

II. South Carolina Highways

Adam Humphries presented this item:

Please see the attached presentation.



III. Augusta Transit

Udomekong Udoko presented this item:

- Augusta Transit has begun installing new bus shelters throughout the city of Augusta.
- The Augusta Transit is still currently working on its initiative to get bus service to South Augusta
- Augusta Regional Airport is on board to allow transit to connect its service to their facility

IV. Best Friend Express

Rhonda Mitchell presented this item:

The Best Friend Express transit system has not experienced a disruption in service during the present COVID-19 pandemic. All routes are continuing to run their regular scheduled schedules. Dial-A-Ride trips and 5310 Urban trips continue to be performed as well.

We have seen a decrease in ridership across our programs with the Governor of South Carolina mandated Stay-at-Home order in place. However, essential shopping and medical trips continue to be requested by citizens and we are able to operate these trips without any disruption.

V. Augusta Regional Airport

No Update

VI. Other Business

No questions or concerns

VII. Adjourn



IV. New Business

B. FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Amendments

- I. Add Aiken County *Bettis Academy Road Feasibility Study (CAC & TCC Vote)*
– **Pages 13-15**

TASK 4.6.7 – Bettis Academy Road Feasibility Study

Purpose: The purpose of this Feasibility Study is to develop a Corridor Management Plan for the entire segment of SC-144 (Bettis Academy Road) that extends from SC Highway 25 to S-33 (Ascauga Lake Road), a distance of approximately 7.2 miles. The Study will be guided through a partnership between Aiken County and Edgefield County, with Aiken County as the primary manager, and coordinated with the Augusta Regional Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (ARTS).

More specifically, the Corridor Management Plan will:

- Analyze existing and future capacity, flow and safety issues (particularly south of I-20) with specific attention to through and local traffic, freight traffic, and multimodal facilities;
- Outline an overview of the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities within the corridor;
- Identify and respond to social justice transportation needs from nearby residential and commercial enclaves;
- Provide analysis and recommendations sensitive to the fluctuating nature of the corridor evident through the more rural nature found north of I-20 and the suburban and urban nature south of I-20;
- Recommend elements for an aesthetically pleasing corridor which promotes natural features such as terrain, and stream crossings, and man-made features;
- Recommend both transportation and land use improvements to the I-20 interchange area at Exit 11;
- Assemble a series of corridor plan alternatives, and select and refine a final corridor vision that can be adopted and implemented;
- Establish criteria to guide that selection process including but not limited to adherence to the vision statement, objectives, a cost-benefit analysis, and infrastructure (including utilities) and operational impacts.

This work task proposes to hire consultants to conduct a feasibility study of the 7.2 mile section of the SC-144 Bettis Academy Road corridor from SC Highway 25 to S-33 (Ascauga Lake Road), including the I-20 interchange. This study will produce recommendations of transportation improvements projects to present to the ARTS MPO committees and South Carolina Department of Transportation to amend the LRTP.

FY 19 and 20 Work Activities and Schedule: The Aiken County Planning Department is working to develop a request for proposals to complete this study.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE
1. Prepare Draft Scope of Work for Review by SC TCC	In progress
2. Prepare Draft Scope of Work for Review by FHWA, SCDOT, GDOT, and other MPO Partners	In progress
3. Submit Draft Scope of Work for Review by FHWA, SCDOT, GDOT, and other MPO Partners	

Product(s): Bettis Academy Road Feasibility Study

COST ESTIMATES AND PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES

Responsible Agency: Aiken County Planning and Development Department (ACPDD)

FUNDING SOURCE	ACPDD	TOTALS
FHWA (SC PL)	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
ACPDD (SC PL Match)	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
TOTAL	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00



IV. New Business

B. FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Amendments

- II. Add Aiken County *Whiskey Rd Feasibility Study (CAC & TCC Vote)*
– **Pages 16-18**

TASK 4.6.8 – Whiskey Road Feasibility Study

Purpose: The purpose of this Feasibility Study is to deliver a more detailed study expanding on the Whiskey Road Corridor Study completed in July 2017. This screening process, will provide opportunity for implementation to develop a Corridor Management Plan for the segment between East Pine Log Road and Powderhouse Road.

More specifically, the Corridor Management Plan will:

- Analyze existing and future capacity, flow and safety issues with specific attention to through and local traffic, freight traffic, and multimodal facilities;
- Outline an overview of the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities within the corridor;
- Identify and respond to social justice transportation needs from nearby residential and commercial enclaves;
- Provide analysis and recommendations sensitive to the fluctuating nature of the corridor;
- Recommend elements for an aesthetically pleasing corridor which promotes natural features such as terrain, and stream crossings, and man-made features;
- Recommend both transportation and land use
- Assemble a series of corridor plan alternatives, and select and refine a final corridor vision that can be adopted and implemented;
- Establish criteria to guide that selection process including but not limited to adherence to the vision statement, objectives, a cost-benefit analysis, and infrastructure (including utilities) and operational impacts;
- Obtain stakeholder and community input to reach a consensus on roadway design;
- Recommend land use regulations and access management policies.

This work task proposes to hire consultants to conduct a feasibility study of the section between East Pine Log Road and Powderhouse Road. This study will produce recommendations of transportation improvements projects to present to the ARTS MPO committees and South Carolina Department of Transportation to amend the LRTP.

FY 19 and 20 Work Activities and Schedule: The Aiken County Planning Department is working to develop a request for proposals to complete this study.

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE
1. Prepare Draft Scope of Work for Review by SC TCC	In progress
2. Prepare Draft Scope of Work for Review by FHWA, SCDOT, GDOT, and other MPO Partners	In progress
3. Submit Draft Scope of Work for Review by FHWA, SCDOT, GDOT, and other MPO Partners	

Product(s): Whiskey Road Feasibility Study

COST ESTIMATES AND PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES

Responsible Agency: Aiken County Planning and Development Department (ACPDD)

FUNDING SOURCE	ACPDD	TOTALS
FHWA (SC PL)	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
ACPDD (SC PL Match)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00



IV. New Business

- D. TAP/TIP Amendment – SCDOT TAP FY 2019 Knobcone Sidewalk Project **(CAC & TCC Vote)**
– **Pages 19-20**

TAP Knobcone Sidewalk Project- Policy Committee Vote

During the 2019 Tap Call for Projects, the City of North Augusta submitted an application for the TAP Knobcone Sidewalk Project. The project was approved by the ARTS Policy Committee on September 5, 2019. After SCDOT completed an independent cost estimate, it was brought to our attention that the City of North Augusta had under estimated the project cost significantly. On April 30, 2020 we received a request from the City of North Augusta to amend the total cost from \$180,000 to \$350,000. The ARTS Policy Subcommittee recommended approval of the revised cost at its meeting on May 28, 2020.

We've been advised by SCDOT's TAP Program Manager that there is currently \$576,938 in available TAP funds but \$293,000 will lapse on September 30, 2020 if a project isn't obligated by that date. We would like for those funds to go towards the Knobcone Sidewalk Project. In an effort to try to meet that deadline, we are requesting that the option for an email vote be granted for the Policy Committee. We need an earlier email vote to give time for the application to be processed by SCDOT before the September 30th lapse date.



- IV. New Business
 - F. I-14 Corridor Letter of Support (CAC & TCC Vote)
– **Pages 21-31**



6/29/2020

The Honorable John Cornyn
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C 20510

Senator Cornyn:

The Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is supportive of congressional action to expand the congressionally designated Interstate Highway 14 Corridor and respectfully requests you co-sponsor legislation that is being developed by Senator Cassidy to do so.

This proposed East-West interstate reaching from West Texas through Georgia will bring increased transportation safety, economic opportunity to impoverished communities, plus important links between military facilities, key seaports and metropolitan areas while connecting to multiple existing components of the interstate system.

For Texas specifically I-14 will be the Forts to Ports highway that improves military readiness by facilitating rapid deployment of military forces and is also an economic driver for those communities along the interstate. Texas is home to 6 of the 11 armored brigade combat teams in the Active Army. These brigades are the strategic punch for landpower and especially critical against near-peer competitor nations. The ability to rapidly move and generate combat power with these brigades is itself a deterrent to bad actors. I-14 will improve their ability to rapidly move to a port enroute to a crisis.

For Texas and the rest of the Gulf Coast, I-14 is a critical east-west transportation corridor that will enable rapid responses during catastrophic weather events that often impede movement along I-10. It will also serve as an economic engine for communities along I-14 in those Gulf Coast states.

The Killeen-Temple MPO supports the I-14 corridor alignment language as described in H.R. 2220.

Thank you for your active support and assistance with this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Timothy Davis

Tim Davis, Mayor, City of Temple
Chair, Killeen-Temple MPO

Cc: Uryan Nelson, Director, KTMPO
Keith Sledd, Executive Director, HOTDA
Don Rodman, I-14 Coalition
Larry Meyers, I-14 Coalition



June 29, 2020

The Honorable Ted Cruz

U.S. Senate

Washington, D.C 20510

Senator Cruz:

The San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is supportive of congressional action to expand the congressionally designated Interstate Highway 14 Corridor.

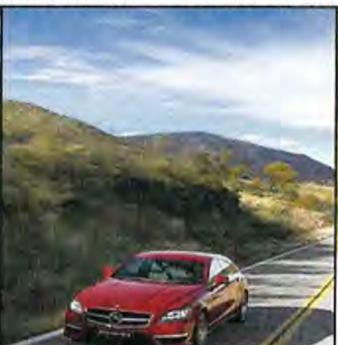
This proposed East-West interstate reaching from West Texas through Georgia will bring increased transportation safety, economic opportunity to impoverished communities, plus important links between military facilities, key seaports and metropolitan areas while connecting to multiple existing components of the interstate system.

The San Angelo MPO supports the I-14 corridor alignment language as described in H.R. 2220.

Thank you for your active support and assistance with this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Major Hofheins
Director
San Angelo MPO





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Engineer

Doug Provance
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Manager

June 30, 2020

The Honorable Ted Cruz
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C 20510

Senator Cruz:

The Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is supportive of congressional action to expand the congressionally designated Interstate Highway 14 Corridor.

This proposed East-West interstate reaching from West Texas through Georgia will bring increased transportation safety, economic opportunity to impoverished communities, plus important links between military facilities, key seaports and metropolitan areas while connecting to multiple existing components of the interstate system.

The Permian Basin MPO supports the I-14 corridor alignment language as described in H.R. 2220 and the corresponding amendment in the U.S. Senate being developed by Senator Cassidy.

Thank you for your active support and assistance with this opportunity.

Sincerely

Debi Hays, Chair
Permian Basin MPO

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING
INTERSTATE 14 TO AND THROUGH AUGUSTA, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, Interstate 14 is under construction in Texas, and a portion of it officially opened on January 26, 2017 near Killeen, Texas;

WHEREAS, the community of Natchez, Mississippi and communities in Louisiana are taking action to make an extension of I-14 a reality in their jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, if extended to Augusta, Georgia, I-14 could run along Highway 1;

WHEREAS, I-14 will connect a significant number of military installations, seaports, major cities, and large highways to each other, and Augusta, Georgia, should share in this significant extension;

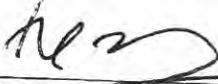
WHEREAS, the Augusta, Georgia Commission desires that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support an extension of I-14 to and through Augusta, Georgia, and take any appropriate legislative action concerning this highway extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION OF AUGUSTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support an extension of I-14 to and through Augusta, Georgia, and take any appropriate legislative action concerning this highway extension. Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Commission to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

SO RESOLVED, this the 2nd day of January, 2019.

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

By: 
AGM Hardie Davis, Jr.
As its Mayor

ATTEST

Lena Bonner, Clerk of Commission
1975
GEORGIA

House Resolution 368

By: Representatives Smith of the 134th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th, and Smith of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the construction of Interstate 14; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, many communities in southern and middle Georgia currently lack access to the
3 commercial, agricultural, and medical benefits provided by proximity to an interstate
4 highway; and

5 WHEREAS, the proposed Interstate 14, or I-14, will provide these benefits by linking rural
6 communities to cities along a sweeping new route stretching from Kileen, Texas, to Augusta,
7 Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, I-14 will connect a significant number of military installations, seaports, major
9 cities, and highways to each other; and

10 WHEREAS, I-14 will alleviate many of the transportation issues faced by Georgia, including
11 traffic jams, bottlenecks, and a lack of highway; and in doing so, it would provide a massive
12 boon to Georgia's thriving shipping industry by facilitating more rapid transportation of
13 goods; and

14 WHEREAS, with the completion of I-14 in Georgia, the fastest growing port in the nation,
15 Port Savannah, will have greater access to the interstate system, as will the Port of
16 Brunswick; and

17 WHEREAS, multiple forms of business development will benefit with interstate access,
18 including travel-related businesses, and areas of manufacturing, agriculture, and construction;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Texas is currently the only state that has an existing portion of I-14 completed
21 and has received a congressional designation for I-14; however, much of the infrastructure

22 along the proposed I-14 route already exists in Georgia as the Fall Line Freeway, which
23 would need modification to meet interstate standards; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the construction of an interstate of such
25 ample beneficence be appropriately supported.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body urge the construction of Interstate 14.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Georgia Delegation of the United States Congress and the Board and Commissioner of the
31 Georgia Department of Transportation.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SR 44:

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the proposed Interstate 14 through Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Interstate 14 (I-14) is a proposed federal highway that will stretch from West
3 Texas to the eastern edge of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, Texas is currently the only state that has an existing portion of and has received
5 a congressional designation for I-14; and

6 WHEREAS, the I-14 designation through Middle Georgia would possibly result in Georgia's
7 Fall Line Freeway (United States Route 80, Georgia Route 96, Interstate Route 75, Interstate
8 Route 16, Georgia Route 49, Georgia Route 243, Georgia Route 24, Georgia Route 88, and
9 United States Route 801) becoming an interstate; and

10 WHEREAS, the potential for more commercial, industrial, and distribution center growth in
11 middle Georgia would be greatly increased with the proposed I-14; and

12 WHEREAS, I-14 will connect a significant number of military installations, seaports, major
13 cities, and large highways to each other, and Georgia should share in this significant
14 extension; and

15 WHEREAS, the I-14 route will alleviate truck traffic congestion on currently existing
16 interstate routes and provide a further extended hurricane evacuation route; and

17 WHEREAS, the members of this body respectfully request that the congressional delegation
18 to the State of Georgia support an extension of I-14 to and through this state and take any
19 appropriate legislative action concerning highway extension.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 do hereby support the proposed Interstate 14 through Georgia.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to each member of the
24 United States Congress.



**Russell R. McMurry, P.E.,
Commissioner**
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June 27, 2020

Congressmen Allen, Ferguson, Bishop & Hice
C/O Lauren Hodge
2400 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 2-Interstate 14 amendment

Dear Congressmen:

Thank you for your letter regarding the House T&I's H.R. 2, transportation reauthorization, and Congressman Badin's bi partisan amendment to include the proposed I-14.

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) recognizes and appreciates the long history of both Congressional and local support of this proposed Interstate from Texas to Augusta. We at GDOT believe the expansion of the nation's Interstate system, both existing and new, is critical for a strong economy. GDOT supports the recognition of the proposed I-14 in this reauthorization noting that its origins were part of SAFETEA-LU. We ask that Congress give serious deliberation of including additional programmatic funding for Interstate system expansion while this bill is deliberated.

Please feel free to share this letter with Chairman DeFazio and Congressman Badin as GDOT's recognition of the importance of the Interstate system and the inclusion of the I-14. Thank you all for your service to Georgia and your strong support of transportation infrastructure funding. Please feel free to contact me at any time at (404)-631-1005.

Sincerely,

Russell R. McMurry, P.E.
Commissioner

CC: The Honorable Brian Kemp, Governor
State Transportation Board

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

Russell R McMurry
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Georgia Department of Transportation
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Commissioner McMurry,

Every five years, Congress updates and extends the basic authorities for highways. The House's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee consideration of this year's effort was last week. During that committee consideration, a bipartisan amendment was offered to extend Interstate 14 from Odessa, TX to Augusta, GA. Every member of Congress along the proposed route supports the effort.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) commented favorably on the amendment and pledged his willingness to support the proposal when the bill is considered by the full House of Representatives on June 30 if the state Departments of Transportation involved issued letters of support. Attached are examples of such letters from Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, and a resolution from Mississippi.

In addition to federal support, I-14 has support from all local and state governments within Georgia. Each county along the route has passed a resolution of support, as well as the Georgia General Assembly.

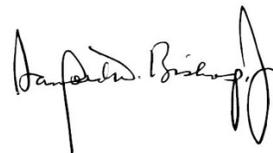
We request that GDOT issue a similar letter as the draft attached in order for us to respond to the Chairman's request and move forward with this important amendment. We would point out that the proposal is only an authorization, not a mandate; GDOT will still control when and if the upgrades occur. Any signage will go through the normal procedure including the AASHTO Process. It also, by no means, prioritizes I-14 above other GDOT Priority Projects. Lastly, we would also point out that the opportunities for major highway authorizations only occur every five years. We are eager to ensure that I-14 Georgia is authorized during this 2020 reauthorization cycle.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rick W. Allen
Rep. Rick Allen
Member of Congress (GA-12)



Rep. Sanford Bishop
Member of Congress (GA-2)



A. Drew Ferguson IV
A. Drew Ferguson IV, DMD
Member of Congress (GA-3)

Rep. Jody Hice
Member of Congress (GA-10)