



AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)
 JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM –
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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>Dr. Chris Noah, Columbia County</p>	<p>Martin Cochran, Aiken County Joe Collins, Columbia County Shirley Abney, Aiken County Frank Plumley, Columbia County Bill Busser, Aiken County Hafeez Chaudhry, Columbia County J. Ashley Williams, Edgefield County Geneva Jackson, Aiken County</p>
<i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i>	<i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i>
<p>Robert Sherman, ARTS MPO Project Director Joel Duke, Director of Aiken County Corbett Reynolds, P.E. District Engineer represented by Ellen Wright/Todd Price Trang Mai/ Tom Caifa, GDOT Libby Hodges, City of North Augusta Planning Director Thomas Zeaser, Engineer, North Augusta Dr. Hameed Malik, Director, City of Augusta Engineering Dept. Matt Schlachter, Columbia County represented by Steve Exley Herbert Judon Jr., Director, Augusta Regional Airport represented by Greg Larsen Kyle Titus, Director of Columbia County Engineering Ryan Bland, City of Aiken Planning Director LaToya Grate, SCDOT Planning Engineer Sharon Dottery, Director represented by Dr. Oliver Page</p>	<p>Teresa Crain, Aiken County Engineer Curtis Murphy, City of New Ellenton Michelle Jones, City of Aiken Public Works Rhonda Mitchell, LSCOG Hart Clark, Edgefield County Building and Planning Director represented by Kevin Singletary John Ussery, Augusta Traffic Engineer</p>

<p>Scott Sterling, Director, Columbia County Planning Adam Humphries, SCDOT Program Manager represented by Alex Bennett, SCDOT</p>	
<p>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</p>	<p>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</p>
<p>LJ Peterson, Aiken County Tamara Christian, FHWA (GA) Andy Crosson, CSRA-RC Carole Burrowbridge, ADA Augusta</p>	<p>Eric Duff Yolanda Morris, FHWA (SC) Frank Childs, GDOT</p>
<p>OTHERS ATTENDING:</p>	
<p>Carla Delaney, Planning & Development Mariah Harris, Planning & Development Erik Engle, Planning & Development Warren Richard, Planning & Development Udomekong Udoko, Planning & Development Marcus Holland, Planning & Development Naeem Jenkins-Nixon, Mayor's Office June Hamal, Augusta Engineering Department</p>	<p>Rhonda Davis Rick Toole Dave Mills, Cranston Engineering Glenn Coyne, WSP USA Inc. Regina Pyles, CSRA-RC</p>
<p>Unidentified Usernames / Attendees teresa.smith Petula Burks ankita.patel Sherry Utley Betsy McCall Erin Porter Ecarrier Brenda Ervin</p>	<p>Unidentified Numbers 170686834XX 170644776XX 180342265XX 170665173XX 170665056XX 184384577XX 170665056XX 151353244XX 180344257XX</p>

I. **Welcome and Introductions (Acknowledge Zoom)**

II. **Approval of Minutes**

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

Mariah Harris presented this item:

There were no comments or questions in regards to this agenda item.

CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC –Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Trang Mai seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. **Old Business**

A. **Future Mobility 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Aiken County Update (Informational Purposes Only)**

Joel Duke presented this item:

Aiken County is currently ranking projects for the upcoming amendment to the Future Mobility 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. There were no comments or questions in regards to this agenda item.

IV. **New Business**

A. **Georgia Safety Performance Measures and Target Setting as required by the Federal Highway Administration. (CAC & TCC Vote)**

Mariah Harris presented this item:

The 2021 Georgia Performance Measures below are the targets set at the state level. MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOT’s statewide safety targets or set their own safety targets specific to their areas. Safety targets must be adopted by the Policy Committee by February 27, 2021. There were no comments or questions in regards to this agenda item.

2021 GEORGIA PERFORMANCE MEASURES	
Performance Measure	2021 Targets
Number of Fatalities	1,715
Fatality Rate	1.23
Number of Serious Injuries	6,407
Serious Injury Rate	4.422
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	686.5

CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC –Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Trang Mai seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. South Carolina Safety Performance Measures and Target Setting as required by the Federal Highway Administration. (CAC & TCC Vote)

Joel Duke presented this item:

The 2021 South Carolina Performance Measures below are the targets set at the state level. MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOT's statewide safety targets or set their own safety targets specific to their areas. Safety targets must be adopted by the Policy Committee by February 27, 2021. There were no comments or questions in regards to this agenda item.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Performance Measure	2017-2021 Targets
Number of Fatalities	1005.0
Fatality Rate	1.760
Number of Serious Injuries	2,950.0
Serious Injury Rate	5.350
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	440.0

CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

C. Recommend approval to allocate \$450,000 of dedicated Transportation Alternative Set-Aside funds towards the Georgia Avenue Bridge project in North Augusta. (CAC & TCC Vote)

Joel Duke presented this item:

Aiken County is requesting to reallocate \$450,000 of dedicated Transportation Alternative Set-Aside funds towards the Georgia Avenue Bridge project in North Augusta. There were no comments or questions in regards to this agenda item.


CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

D. FY 2021 UPWP Amendments

I. FTA Funding Amendment (CAC & TCC Vote)

Mariah Harris presented this item:



FTA 5303 Funding for FY 2021

FIGURE 3 ARTS FY 2021 UPWP WORK ELEMENTS BY FUNDING SOURCE Revised 8/26/2020		AUGUSTA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			TOTAL
		FTA SEC 5303 FUNDS	GA STATE SEC 5303 MATCH	APDD SEC 5303 MATCH	
5.1	Program Support and Administration	\$28,105.80	\$3,513.23	\$3,513.23	\$35,132.25
5.2	Long-Range Transportation Planning	\$46,454.40	\$5,806.80	\$5,806.80	\$58,068.00
5.3	Short-Range Transportation Planning	\$33,701.60	\$4,212.70	\$4,212.70	\$42,127.00
5.4	Transportation Improvement Program	\$32,159.20	\$4,019.90	\$4,019.90	\$40,199.00
GRAND TOTAL FY 2021 MPO Pl. & Local Match		\$140,421.00	\$17,552.63	\$17,552.63	\$175,526.25

FIGURE 3 ARTS FY 2021 UPWP WORK ELEMENTS BY FUNDING SOURCE Revised 11/05/2020		AUGUSTA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			TOTAL
		FTA SEC 5303 FUNDS	GA STATE SEC 5303 MATCH	APDD SEC 5303 MATCH	
5.1	Program Support and Administration	\$28,104.00	\$3,513.00	\$3,513.00	\$35,130.00
5.2	Long-Range Transportation Planning	\$46,456.00	\$5,807.00	\$5,807.00	\$58,070.00
5.3	Short-Range Transportation Planning	\$33,704.00	\$4,213.00	\$4,213.00	\$42,130.00
5.4	Transportation Improvement Program	\$33,166.00	\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00	\$40,200.00
GRAND TOTAL FY 2021 MPO Pl. & Local Match		\$140,424.00	\$17,553.00	\$17,553.00	\$175,530.00

FY 2021 FTA 5303 Funds increased from \$175,526.25 to \$175,530.00.

There were no comments or questions in regards to this agenda item.

CAC – Chris Noah motioned to approve. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Oliver Page seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Committee Meeting Schedule Options (CAC & TCC Vote)

-If approved, begins January 2021

- Monthly
- Bi-Monthly

Mariah Harris presented this item:

The committee meeting schedule options were originally included on the agenda for a vote from both committees. After several suggestions, the committees will remain in discussion and will be presented to the Policy Committee for informational and discussion purposes only. The following suggestions were requested:

- Dr. Chris Noah – Bi-Monthly
- Trang Mai – Bi-Monthly
- Dr. Hameed Malik – Quarterly
- Joel Duke – Quarterly

F. Upcoming Email Votes (Informational Purposes Only)

I. Endorsement of Draft FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Mariah Harris presented this item:

The endorsement of Draft FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement will require an email vote due to the current committee schedule. There were no comments or questions in regards to this agenda item.

II. FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan Amendments

Mariah Harris presented this item:

The will be future amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program that will an email vote require due to the current committee schedule. There were no comments or questions in regards to this agenda item.

G. Transportation Improvement Plan FY 2021-2024 Presentation by Warren Richard (Informational Purposes Only)
Warren Richard presented this item:

TIP FUNDS

Category	Georgia FY 2021-2024	South Carolina FY 2021-2027
Total	\$174,137,611	

FUNDING SUMMARY BY COUNTY

County	FY 2021-2024				FY 2025-2027 Total
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	
Columbia County	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richmond County	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aiken County	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

CRITERIA FOR TIP CHANGES

Type of Action	Administrative Modification	Amendment
Georgia Project Cost Increase	Project has a cost increase of \$2 million or 20% of original amount to be authorized.	Project has a cost increase of \$2 million or greater and 20% of amount to be authorized.
South Carolina Project Cost Increase	Total original cost for either of which is 70% less is \$10,000,000 or less and will increase of at least \$500,000, unless other cost criteria.	Total original cost for either of which is 70% less is \$10 million or less and will increase of at least \$1 million, unless other cost criteria.

Dr. Chris Noah: There is no local funding? (SC Projects)
Joel Duke: The state provides the 20% percent match.

H. Georgia FY 2021 TAP Call for Projects (Informational Purposes Only)

- \$1,430,058.00 in available funding

Mariah Harris presented this item:

The FY 2021 Georgia TAP Call for Projects application period opened November 9, 2020, and will close on December 14, 2020. There were no comments or questions in regards to this agenda item.

I. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

I. Georgia Highways

II. South Carolina Highways

III. Augusta Transit

Dr. Oliver Page presented this item:

- Dr. Oliver Page appointed Deputy Director, Transit commenced duties on October 5, 2020.
- Augusta Transit providing FREE rides for any purpose made possible by CARES Act funding
- Augusta Transit promoted FREE rides for every citizen to exercise their right to vote during the General Election. Received media exposure for this initiative.
- All Augusta Transit riders are encouraged to follow public health guidelines while riding buses
- Deputy Director rode all nine (9) routes to experience current riding and operational environment
- Augusta Transit met with Augusta Regional Airport management to explore a potential airport route
- Augusta Transit will brief current and new Commissioners at their orientation on November 18, 2020
- In September 2019 55,199 passengers rode Augusta Transit compared to September 2020 ---58,266 passengers an increase of approximately 3,000 (5%). Free rides have attracted new riders but also joy riders who pass the day riding the bus.
- Augusta Transit is reaching out to supermarkets/grocery stores to increase awareness of abandoned shopping buggies at bus stops. Buggies can become a safety and environmental hazard. Owners need to have staff canvass up to ½ mile from the store to collect their property.
- Augusta Transit's new Headquarters and maintenance facility was officially opened by Mayor Hardie Davis on Thursday, October 22, 2020. \$18 million facility. 80% from FTA 5307 and 20% SPLOST. FTA 5339 funded the Regency Blvd road project.

IV. Best Friend Express

V. Augusta Regional Airport

Greg Larsen presented this item:

Traffic at the Augusta Regional Airport is relatively slow for Master's Week.

V. Other Business

A. Public Participation Plan

Carla Delaney presented this item:

The MPO staff has begun updating the Public Participation Plan. Local will receive a draft for review in mid-December.

B. Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Carla Delaney presented this item:

The MPO staff will begin drafting the Scope of Services for the Bike and Pedestrian Plan. Before applying for GAMPO funds in March 2021, the MPO will present the Scope of Services before all of the committees.

VI. Adjourn