



**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

535 Telfair Street • Suite 300 Augusta, Georgia 30901

**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)  
SPECIAL CALLED JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
VIA ZOOM OR 535 TELFAIR STREET, FIRST FLOOR, LINDA BEAZLEY ROOM  
MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.  
MEETING MINUTES**

<b>ARTS POLICY COMMITTEE</b>	
<b><i>VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i></b>	<b><i>VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i></b>
<p><b>Dr. William Molnar</b>, CHAIRMAN of POLICY COMMITTEE  <b>Radney Simpson</b>, representing GDOT Commissioner  <b>Jannine Miller</b>  <b>Doug Duncan</b>, Columbia County Commission represented by <b>Matt Schlachter/Steve Exley</b>  <b>Hardie Davis, Jr.</b>, Mayor of Augusta  <b>Rick Osbon</b>, Mayor City of Aiken represented by <b>Mike Pryzbylowicz</b>  <b>Scott Cooper</b>, Edgefield County Chairman  <b>Sharon Dottery</b>, Transit Director represented by <b>Dr. Oliver Page</b></p>	<p><b>Col. Shaw Pick</b>, Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon  <b>Jonathan Dicks</b>, Mayor City of Burnettown  <b>Phillip Stewart</b>, Mayor City of Blythe  <b>Christy Hall/Leland Colvin</b>, Secretary of Transportation SC  <b>Vernon Dunbar</b>, Mayor City of New Ellenton  <b>Dean Campbell</b>, Chairman Edgefield County, SC  <b>Gary Jones</b>, Mayor City of Grovetown represented by <b>Bradley Smith</b>  <b>Robert Buchwitz</b>, Chairman City of Hephzibah  <b>Gary Bunker</b>, VICE CHAIR of POLICY COMMITTEE  <b>Briton Williams</b>, Mayor City of North Augusta</p>
<b><i>NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i></b>	<b><i>NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i></b>
<p><b>Robert H. Sherman III</b>, ARTS MPO Project Director</p>	<p><b>Vacant</b>, Chairman ARTS Citizens Advisory Committee  <b>Ben Davis, Jr.</b>, 3rd Congressional District Commissioner, SC  <b>John Burriss</b>, 2nd Congressional District Commissioner, SC  <b>Emily O. Lawton</b>, SC FHWA Division Administrator  <b>Jamie Buswell</b>, Congressional Representative District 10  <b>Don Grantham</b>, GA State Transportation Board</p>
<b>TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE</b>	
<b><i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i></b>	<b><i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i></b>
<p><b>Robert Sherman</b>, ARTS MPO Project Director  <b>Joel Duke</b>, Director of Aiken County represented by <b>LJ Peterson</b>  <b>Corbett Reynolds</b>, P.E. District Engineer represented by <b>Ellen Wright/Todd Price</b>  <b>Nedric Green/Tom Caiafa</b>, GDOT  <b>Tommy Paradise</b>, City of North Augusta Planning Director  <b>Dr. Hameed Malik</b>, Director, City of Augusta Engineering Dept.  <b>Matt Schlachter</b>, Columbia County represented by <b>Steve Exley</b>  <b>Thomas Zeaser</b>, Engineer, North Augusta  <b>Marya Moultrie</b>, City of Aiken Planning Director  <b>Sharon Dottery</b>, Director represented by <b>Dr. Oliver Page</b></p>	<p><b>Teresa Crain</b>, Aiken County Engineer  <b>Curtis Murphy</b>, City of New Ellenton  <b>Kyle Titus</b>, Director of Columbia County Engineering  <b>LaToya Grate</b>, SCDOT Planning Engineer  <b>John Ussery</b>, Augusta Traffic Engineer</p>



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<b>Scott Sterling</b> , Director, Columbia County Planning <b>Rhonda Mitchell</b> , LSCOG <b>Adam Humphries</b> , SCDOT Program Manager <b>Herbert Judon Jr.</b> , Director, Augusta Regional Airport represented by <b>Greg Larsen</b> <b>Mike Przybylowicz</b> , City of Aiken Engineering	
<b>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</b>	<b>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>
<b>Tamara Christian</b> , FHWA (GA) <b>Carole Burrowbridge</b> , ADA Augusta	<b>Eric Duff</b> <b>Yolanda Morris</b> , FHWA (SC) <b>Frank Childs</b> , GDOT <b>Andy Crosson</b> , CSRA-RC <b>Ashley Finch</b> , FTA
<b>CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>Dr. Chris Noah</b> , Columbia County <b>Geneva Jackson</b> , Aiken County	<b>Martin Cochran</b> , Aiken County <b>Joe Collins</b> , Columbia County <b>Shirley Abney</b> , Aiken County <b>Frank Plumley</b> , Columbia County <b>Bill Busser</b> , Aiken County <b>Hafeez Chaudhry</b> , Columbia County <b>J. Ashley Williams</b> , Edgefield County
<b>OTHERS ATTENDING</b>	
<b>Betsy McCall</b> , SCDOT <b>Regina Pyles</b> , CSRA RDC <b>James Clifford</b> <b>Bill Jordan</b> <b>Commissioner William Clyburn</b> (William Clyburn) <b>Stuart Bedenbaugh</b> <b>Charles Jackson</b> <b>Rick Toole</b> <b>Oliver Weston</b> <b>Cedric Johnson</b> <b>HB Brantley</b>	<b>CITY OF AUGUSTA</b> <b>Carla Delaney</b> <b>Mariah Harris</b> <b>Udomekong Udoko</b> <b>Marcus Holland</b> <b>Roy Publico</b> <b>Tevia Brown</b> , AED <b>June Hamal</b> , AED
<b>Dave Mills</b> <b>Alice Bennett</b>	<b>180360309XX</b> <b>170679650XX</b> <b>170656461XX</b> <b>180373730XX</b> <b>170642156XX</b> <b>170679650XX</b> <b>120283605XX</b> <b>170644776XX</b> <b>170686834XX</b>

- I. Welcome and Introductions (Acknowledge Zoom)
- II. Approval of Minutes



**Approve the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on July 7, 2021. (PC Vote)**  
unanimously approved.

**III. Old Business**

**Future Mobility 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Aiken County Update Presented by Joel Duke (*Informational Purposes Only*)**

**Presented by Joel Duke:**

The Aiken County list of prioritized projects should be ready for presentation during the Fall round of committee meetings (*November 2021*).

**IV. New Business**

**A. Georgia Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Presentation & Committee Vote – Presented by HB Brantley/Cedric Johnson**

**Project Name: James Brown Arena (*CAC, TCC & PC Vote*)**

**Agency: Augusta-Richmond County Coliseum Authority**

**Description: Coliseum Authority improve ADA accessibility and transportation infrastructure around James Brown Arena**

**Project Year: 2024 ROW / Sidewalk Improvements**

**Funding Source: Proposed Congressionally Directed Spending**

**Federal: \$5,000,000**

**State: \$0**

**Local: \$0**

**Total: \$5,000,000**

Due to funding source of this amendment not being guaranteed, it was suggested that the MTP amended instead of the TIP. This agenda item was revised to the following:

**Motion to amend the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to allow for improvements in ROW related to the James Brown Arena.**

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

TCC - Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Hameed Malik seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

PC – Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. motioned to approve and Mayor Rick Osbon seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**B. South Carolina Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments Presentation &**



**Committee Vote – Presented by Joel Duke and Oliver Weston**

**I. Project Name: Powderhouse Road Connector – PE (CAC, TCC & PC Vote)**

**Agency: City of Aiken**

**Description: Add Phases of the Powderhouse Rd Connector Located in the City of Aiken**

**Project Year: 2027 PE**

**Funding Source: Guideshare /City of Aiken**

**Federal: \$400,000**

**State: \$0**

**Local: \$3,600,000**

**Total: \$4,000,000**

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

TCC - Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Hameed Malik seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

PC – Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. motioned to approve and Mayor Rick Osbon seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**II. Project Name: Powderhouse Road Connector – ROW (CAC, TCC & PC Vote)**

**Agency: City of Aiken**

**Description: Add Phases of the Powderhouse Rd Connector Located in the City of Aiken**

**Project Year: 2027 ROW**

**Funding Source: Guideshare /City of Aiken**

**Federal: \$192,500**

**State: \$0**

**Local: \$1,732,500**

**Total: \$1,925,000**

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

TCC - Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Hameed Malik seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

PC – Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. motioned to approve and Mayor Rick Osbon seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**III. Project Name: Powderhouse Road Connector – UTL (CAC, TCC & PC Vote)**

**Agency: City of Aiken**

**Description: Add Phases of the Powderhouse Rd Connector Located in the City of Aiken**

**Project Year: 2027 Utility Relocation**

**Funding Source: Guideshare /City of Aiken**

**Federal: \$75,000**

**State: \$0**

**Local: \$675,000**



**Total: \$750,000**

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

TCC - Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Hameed Malik seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

PC – Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. motioned to approve and Mayor Rick Osbon seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**C. South Carolina Department of Transportation System Performance Report- presented by Betsy McCall (PC Vote)**

**Presented by Erin Porter:**

The following is a summary of the System Performance Report 2021:

**TAMP Overview**

- Transportation Asset Management Plans were required to be developed by Federal Legislation Map-21. FHWA requires SCDOT's to detail asset inventory, current conditions, and predicted future conditions over a 10-year period using performance measures <https://www.scdot.org/inside/tamp.aspx>

**Mid-Point Performance Review**

- SCDOT is at the half-way point of the first 4-year performance period
- We submitted our 2-year performance measures to FHWA in October 2022
- Part of the federal requirements includes a summary of the MPP in the format of a System Performance Report to be included in LRTPs

**Performance Measures**

- PM-1 / Highway Safety
- PM-2 / Pavement and Bridges
- PM-3 / System Performance, Freight, CMAQ

**How Are We Doing?**

- Safety – did not meet target, in response, the SCDOT is developing the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan and is expected to have a final plan by end of 2021
- Pavements – exceeding targets, SCDOT invested above the planned levels in 2018 and 2019 to the pavement program
- Bridges – slightly below targets, we expect the actual and forecasted targets to flatten as the bridge list is finalized and additional projects are let and construction is completed
- Reliability – exceeding targets
- CMAQ – exceeding, and made adjustments for emissions due to project schedule delivery changes

**System Performance Report**

- Summary of the Mid-Point Performance Report



- MPO/COGs should include the report as an appendix in your LRTP
- Please follow your adoptive process per your requirements to formally amend your LRTP for inclusion of the report

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

TCC - Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Hameed Malik seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**D. Congestion Management Process Update – Presented by Marcus Holland (*Informational Purposes Only*)**

**Presented by Marcus Holland:**

The following is a summary of the 2021 Congestion Management Update:

**Issue No. 1: Impact of COVID-19**

- **Pandemic had “unprecedented” effect on congestion across the United States in general and the ARTS region in particular**
- **2020 was like four unique congestion years in one**
  - Regular congestion in January and February
  - Congestion curve was flattened during the shutdown period
  - Traffic and congestion began to return in the summer
  - Patterns were closer to normal in the fall
- **Augusta GA-SC Urban Area saw a 38 percent decrease in congestion from 2019 to 2020**

**Issue No. 2: Data availability**

- **In-house CMP’s relied on data generated by MPO staff**
- **VHB used RITIS Probe Analytics as the primary source for congestion measures in the last CMP update**
  - Data collected from various sources and processed by the CATT Lab at the University of Maryland
  - Endorsed by FHWA and GDOT
  - Used by many MPO’s for congestion analysis and CMP updates
- **Coverage is not available for all of the existing corridors in the ARTS region**
- **RITIS data is available for all of the roads in the Interstate and Primary classes**
  - CMP Update will focus on these two classes, which cover 252.1 miles
- **RITIS data is not available for roads in the Secondary class**
  - Covering 34.7 miles, these roads will be analyzed as thoroughly as possible with available data (traffic counts, LOS, crashes)
- **RITIS data is available for all of the roads in the Future class**
  - The inclusion of these roads on the map is for informational purposes only

**Performance measures**

- **Travel Time Index**



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-A ratio comparing how long a trip should take (based on free-flow traffic conditions) and how long it actually takes

- **Buffer Index**  
-Represents the extra time (or cushion) a driver must add to their travel time to ensure on-time arrival
- **Planning Time Index**  
-The total amount of time a driver should allow to ensure on-time arrival

## Tentative schedule

- **October 15**  
-Complete first draft  
-Send to FHWA and GDOT for comment
- **November 15**  
-Incorporate suggested revisions into the document
- **December 10**  
-Final draft complete

## E. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

### I. Georgia Highways Presented by Ellen Wright

**Georgia Roads Update**  
Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Committee  
Monday, August 30, 2021

**Richmond County**  
**P.I. 0013927**  
SR 41US 26 BU at Savannah River at South Carolina Line - TIA  
**BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

**Update:**

- Let date moved to 02/24/2024
- Virtual Public Information Open House live and open for review and comments July 28 through August 15
  - 2,407 attendees/viewers
  - 122 formal comments with 90 in support, 3 opposed, 2 uncommitted and 27 conditional

**Milestone:**

- PICH Response letter

Project Phase	Amount	Fund Not Proposed
Design/Permits	\$2,800,000.00	2017-2019
Right of Way	\$249,000.00	2021
Construction	\$24,400,000.00	2021
Other	\$750,000.00	2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,199,000.00</b>	

**Richmond County**  
**P.I. 0014907**  
SR 41US 1 at North Fork Creek - 4.7 Miles NW of Hephzibah  
**Bridge Replacement with Onsite Detour**

**UPDATE:**

- Let to Construction
- 08/18/2021
- Clearwater Construction
- \$2,434,231.58

**Richmond County**  
**P.I. 210327**  
I-20 at Savannah River and Augusta Canal  
**Bridge Replacements at Augusta Canal and Savannah River**

**Under Construction**  
Superior Construction Company Southeast, LLC.

- Contract Amount: \$73,854,430.27
- Projected completion in September 2022

**Project Updates:**

- Area 1 I-20 Median-Phase 2
  - Removing existing asphalt at stations 343+65 to 381+12
- Bridge #1: Augusta Canal Phase 2
  - Span 1-3 bridge decks are complete
- Bridge #2: Savannah River Phase 2
  - Relocation of membrane wrapped culverts to the East side of the river is almost complete
  - Span 1 bridge deck complete
  - Span 2 & 3 scheduled for pouring this week
  - Gridding and pouring footings at bent 6
  - Cutting openwork bent 6 scheduled for pouring this week
- **SC Roadway-Phase 2**
  - Grading G&E at 380+00 to 385+00
- **Ramp CI Exit 1**
  - Grading the non-mow strip between stations 31+92 and 38+75 left
  - Dressing shoulders and slopes along ramp

**Richmond PI 0009916**  
SR 80 @ CR 58 Bath Edie Road  
Single Lane Roundabout

- On schedule for June 2022 Let
- ROW staking complete 05/20/2021
- UTL 2<sup>nd</sup> submission markups from 1 UTL owner still pending

- Updated Cost Estimates to Environmental Services on 06/24/2021
- CST: \$2,115,695 UTL: \$177,000

- PM Request FFR 11/12/2021

### II. South Carolina Highways



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Presented by Adam Humphries

**ARTS Joint CAC, TCC & Policy Committee Meeting**  
SCDOT Project Update  
Monday, August 30, 2021, 11:00 am

**Project List**

- SC 118 (Hitchcock Parkway) Corridor Improvement
- SC 126 (Belvedere/Clearwater Road) Widening
- SC 19 (Whiskey Road/Eagle Road and 447 Old Whiskey Road) Intersection Improvement
- Aiken/North Augusta Bike Route Signage



**SC 118 (Hitchcock Parkway) Corridor Improvement**  
Project # 0048465  
Project Description: The project encompasses various intersection improvements along the corridor and the addition of a shared use path from Interstate 95 to SC 118 (Clear Lake Road).

**Planned Schedule and Project Status**

**Milestones**

- Right-of-Way (ROW) Aligned in December 2018 with 13 tracts secured
- Letting - 12/9/2020
- Construction low-bid/awarded was \$ 13,882,376.18
- Project was awarded to Reeves Construction Company

**Condition at a glance**

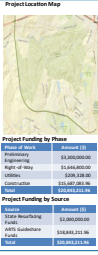
Attribute	Current Status	Action Plan
Scope	G	No Action Needed
Schedule	G	Project was included in December 2020 letting
Budget	G	Budget is Unchanged

**Project Funding by Phase**

Phase	Amount (\$)
Engineering	\$1,000,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$1,000,000.00
Utility	\$200,000.00
Construction	\$11,682,376.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,882,376.18</b>

**Project Funding by Source**

Source	Amount (\$)
State	\$13,882,376.18
Federal	\$0.00
Local	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,882,376.18</b>



**SC 126 (Belvedere-Clearwater Road) Widening**  
Project # 0048446  
Project Description: The project encompasses widening the corridor to five lanes, upgrading drainage, and the addition of 4' bike lanes and 2' shoulders on both sides.

**Planned Schedule and Project Status**

**Milestones**


- Plan Development is 100% complete
- Environmental Permitting Coordination is complete
- Right-of-Way Phase is complete - Right-of-Way Certificate (PREAMCAG) has secured the right of way for the project. 86 of 86 tracts secured
- Construction Obligation - TBD
- Letting - TBD

**Condition at a glance**

Attribute	Current Status	Action Plan
Scope	R	Schedule changed for Construction Letting to allow time for Network Renewal
Schedule	R	Right of Way will possibly need additional time for settlement of Road Cuts. Construction Phase has been increased by \$4,332,132.27 per the Engineer's Estimate.
Budget	R	No Action Needed

**Project Funding by Phase**

Phase	Amount (\$)
Engineering	\$1,000,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$1,500,000.00
Utility	\$0.00
Construction	\$1,832,132.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,332,132.27</b>



**SC 19 (Whiskey Road) at Eagle Road and S-447 (Old Whiskey Road) Intersection Improvement**  
Project # 0048464  
Project Description: The project encompasses the signalization of the SC 19 (Whiskey Road) at Eagle Road intersection, the addition of left turn lanes along SC 19 and the relocation of 477 (Old Whiskey Road).

**Planned Schedule and Project Status**

**Milestones**

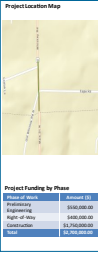
- SCDOT has negotiated a contract with Parisis and Partners to provide design services.
- Public Information Meeting - held February 26, 2021
- Contract Procurement Advertisement, August 19, 17 proposals received
- SCDOT in the process of rebidding advertisement to issue Old Whiskey Road away from Eagle Road with separate advertisement opening and right-of-way.
- SCDOT awarded project to issue to City of New Britain Council meeting on October 21, 2021.
- Right of Way Obligation - \$10,000
- Construction Obligation - \$10,000

**Condition at a glance**

Attribute	Current Status	Action Plan
Scope	G	No Action Needed
Schedule	G	Schedule is Unchanged
Budget	G	Budget is Unchanged

**Project Funding by Phase**

Phase	Amount (\$)
Engineering	\$100,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$400,000.00
Construction	\$1,200,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,700,000.00</b>



**Aiken/North Augusta Bike Route Signage**  
Project # 0048463  
Project Description: Establishing a designated bicycle route connecting the City of Aiken with the North Augusta Corridor.

**Planned Schedule and Project Status**

**Milestones**


- SCDOT has completed the design for this project
- Schedule - Construction Letting - November 2021

**Condition at a glance**

Attribute	Current Status	Action Plan
Scope	G	Scope is Unchanged
Schedule	G	Schedule is Unchanged
Budget	G	Budget is Unchanged

**Project Funding by Phase**

Phase	Amount (\$)
Engineering	\$1,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$0.00
Construction	\$99,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>



### III. Augusta Transit

No update.

### IV. Best Friend Express

#### Presented by Dr. Molnar

Rhonda Mitchel retired on September 10, 2021. LSCOG-BFE is looking to post the position by next week.

### V. Augusta Regional Airport

No update.

### V. Other Business

#### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Monday, November 01, 2021- Citizens Advisory Committee & Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting
- Thursday, November 18, 2021- Policy Committee Meeting

### VI. Adjourn

Radney Simpson motioned to approve and Matt Schlachter seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.