



AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

535 Telfair Street • Suite 300 Augusta, Georgia 30901

**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)
 JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 VIA ZOOM OR 535 TELFAIR STREET, SECOND FLOOR, COMMISSION CHAMBERS
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.
 MEETING MINUTES**

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE	
<i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i>	<i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i>
Robert Sherman , ARTS MPO Project Director Corbett Reynolds , P.E. District Engineer represented by Ellen Wright/Todd Price Nedric Green/Tom Caiafa , GDOT Dr. Hameed Malik , Director, City of Augusta Engineering Dept. Matt Schlachter , Columbia County represented by Steve Exley Sharon Dottery , Director represented by Dr. Oliver Page Adam Humphries , SCDOT Program Manager represented by Alex Bennett Herbert Judon Jr. , Director, Augusta Regional Airport represented by Greg Larsen Mike Przybylowicz , City of Aiken Engineering Joel Duke , Director of Aiken County represented by LJ Peterson Thomas Zeaser , Engineer, North Augusta	Teresa Crain , Aiken County Engineer Curtis Murphy , City of New Ellenton Kyle Titus , Director of Columbia County Engineering LaToya Grate , SCDOT Planning Engineer John Ussery , Augusta Traffic Engineer Scott Sterling , Director, Columbia County Planning Rhonda Mitchell , LSCOG Marya Moultrie , City of Aiken Planning Director Tommy Paradise , City of North Augusta Planning Director
<i>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i>	<i>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i>
Tamara Christion , FHWA (GA) Carole Burrowbridge , ADA Augusta Ashley Finch , FTA	Eric Duff Yolanda Morris , FHWA (SC) Frank Childs , GDOT Andy Crosson , CSRA-RC
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Dr. Chris Noah , Columbia County Geneva Jackson , Aiken County	Martin Cochran , Aiken County Shirley Abney , Aiken County Bill Busser , Aiken County Joe Collins , Columbia County Hafeez Chaudhry , Columbia County Frank Plumley , Columbia County J. Ashley Williams , Edgefield County
OTHERS ATTENDING	
Charles Utley MPLAN5386 Gaylon Tootle Joe Robertson Charles Utley	CITY OF AUGUSTA Carla Delaney Mariah Harris Udomekong Udoko Marcus Holland



<p>Alice Bennett</p>	<p>Roy Publico Tevia Brown, AED June Hamal, AED</p>
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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 30, 2021. (CAC & TCC Vote)

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

TCC - Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Steve Exley seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Old Business

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

Presented by Carla Delaney:

The South Carolina Policy Subcommittee plans to finalize its list in the upcoming weeks.

IV. New Business

A. Adoption of the FAST Act Georgia Safety Performance Measures and Target Setting as required by the Federal Highway Administration. (CAC/TCC Vote)

Presented by Udomekong Udoko:

The 2022 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 28, 2022.

Georgia Safety Performance Measure	Calendar Year 2022 Targets
Total Number of Fatalities	1,671
Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	1.21
Total Number of Serious Injuries	8,443
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	4.610



Total Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	793.0
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CAC - Geneva Jackson motioned to approve and Dr. Chris Noah seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC - Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Steve Exley seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**B. Adoption of the FAST Act South Carolina Safety Performance Measures and Target Setting as required by the Federal Highway Administration. (CAC/TCC Vote)
Presented by Carla Delaney:**

The 2022 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 28, 2022.

South Carolina Safety Performance Measure	Calendar Year 2022 Targets
Total Number of Fatalities	1,061
Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	1.82
Total Number of Serious Injuries	2,850
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	4.892
Total Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	500.0

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

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

**C. Approval of the FY 2023 FTA 5303 Grant Application (CAC/TCC Vote)
Presented by Mariah Harris:**

The MPO is currently applying for FY 2023 FTA 5303 Funds. These funds are awarded annually and require ARTS committee approval before an application can be submitted.

The awarded FTA 5303 will allow MPO staff to assist Augusta Transit and Lower Savannah Council of Government in the completion of many of the highlighted projects in the FY 2023 UPWP.



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UPWP FY 2023 SECTION 5303 GA & SC ARTS FTA SUMMARY WORK ELEMENT		APDD			
		FTA SEC 5303	GA DOT Match	APDD Match	Total GA SEC 5303
5.1	Program Support and Administration (44.21.00)	\$33,089.00	\$4,136.00	\$4,136.00	\$41,361.00
5.2	Long-Range Transportation Planning (44.23.01)	\$48,800.00	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$61,000.00
5.3	Short-Range Transportation Planning (44.24.00)	\$36,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$45,000.00
5.4	Transportation Improvement Program (44.25.00)	\$33,600.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$42,000.00
Total		\$151,489.00	\$18,936.00	\$18,936.00	\$189,361.00

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

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

D. Augusta Transit – Requesting a Letter of Support to strengthen its Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program Application (FTA-2021-008-TPM-Bus) – Presented by Dr. Oliver Page (CAC/TCC Vote)

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/grants-buses-and-bus-facilities-fy2021-notice-funding>

Presented by Dr. Oliver Page:

Augusta Transit is planning to submit its application for the FTA 5339 Competitive Grant. Augusta Transit made the following presentation to receive a letter of support from the MPO.

Innovating Spatial and Transportation Equity, Renewal of the Broad Street Transfer Center in Augusta, Georgia

Sharon Dottery, Director
Oliver Page, Ph.D., Deputy Director
Augusta Transit


*This Presentation presents a Vision For Discussion
Everything is subject to change and dependent on successful renewal of the grant*

Reasoning for Grant Application


- NOFO Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program
- Date Notice Issued: October 13, 2021
- \$409,590,000 available for capital projects that:
 - replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment
 - rehabilitate, purchase, construct or lease bus-related facilities.
- **Competitive Grant FTA 5339**
- **Deadline: November 19, 2021**
- Unique Funding opportunity that benefits City of Augusta (COA), Augusta Transit (AT), existing and potential riders and the local West End & Harrisburg communities

Proposed Project Vision & Reasoning

- Renewal and Revitalization of the Broad Street Transfer Center
- Location 1548 Broad Street
- Built 1991 currently 30 years old
- At or near end of its Useful Life
- Aesthetically depressed & tired
- ADA compliance limited
- Multimodal capability limited
- Perpetuates racial stereotypes



Broad Street Transfer Station - Site




City of Augusta Owned Land
Actual Current Footprint
Potential Footprint subject to approval and due process

Anticipated Project Outcomes

- State of Art Facility with LEED Certification
- Multimodal to include TNCs, Bike Share & Southeastern Stages
- Clean Energy Capability (Enroute Charging Station & Solar Panels)
- ADA compliant & Gender inclusive
- Direct benefits for Environmental Justice and Justice40 Populations
- Two Storeys (Total Facility ~ 41,000 sqft)
 - 1st - General waiting area and Community Resource Area
 - 2nd - Staff Rest Area and Administrative Offices
- Community Resource, Enhancement, Pride and Ownership


Potential Design Look



- Example Springfield MA City Utilities Transit Center
- Image courtesy of HOK/Griffin Inc.
- Incorporate public art from local artists and schools
- Access to city or Welcome Gateway to downtown Augusta
- Accessibility maintains ramps and elevators
- Restroom quality and transportation equity

Project Costs & Timeline

- Total Cost ~ \$10 million
- \$8 million FTA 5339 Grant
- \$2 million City of Augusta
- Project Timeline
 - Grant Award Notification 1st Quarter 2022
 - Project Approval Dec 2021 thru Jan 2022
 - Design-Building Jan 2022 thru March 2023
 - Construction March 2023 thru March 2024
 - Anticipated Occupancy March 2024
- (Timeline Courtesy of Cogbill/Mendrala/Architect)




2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Project 221 – Relocate the primary Augusta Transit hub from Broad Street to downtown Augusta
 - Tier 1 (2021-2024) PE \$990,000
 - Tier 2 (2025-2034) RCW \$2,200,000
 - Tier 3 (2035-2050) Constr \$7,810,000
- Total ~\$11 million
- Proposed site for Relocation - Walker Street between 6th & 7th Streets has been repurposed for parking at the upgraded James Brown Entertainment Complex

Important Date & Deadlines

- Grant Notice Issued: October 13, 2021
- Transit Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting: October 28, 2021
- Draft Narrative for Review: November 1, 2021
- Letters of Support Due: November 5, 2021
- Public Services Committee Meeting: November 9, 2021
- Augusta Richmond Commission Meeting: November 16, 2021
- Grant Application Deadline: November 19, 2021



Any and all applications for Federal Grant Funds by Augusta Transit must first be approved by the Public Services Committee and the Augusta-Richmond County Councils before being submitted.



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Endorsement and Letters of Support

- Letters of Support (LOS) or Resolution for the application by the City of Augusta & Augusta Transit can be addressed to:
 - Maria Fernandez, Administrator
 - Office of the Administrator
 - Federal Transit Administration
 - 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
 - Washington, DC 20590
- State your organization/group and role
- State why you are supporting grant application
- (Optional) State community benefits of all new Broad Street Transfer Center
- Send LOS to spaga@augustaga.gov by Friday November 5, 2021



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 Oliver Page, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Transit
 Augusta Transit
 2844 Regency Blvd., Augusta, GA 30904
 706.823.1719 Office / 706.821.1752 Fax
www.augustatransit.com or www.augustatransit.com/faq

CAC - Geneva Jackson motioned to approve. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

E. Augusta Transit - Clean Energy Buses Update – Presented by Dr. Oliver Page (Informational Purposes Only)

Presented by Dr. Oliver Page:

Augusta Transit plans to submit an application for low emission/ no emission buses in March/April of 2022. To prepare for this opportunity, four vendors have visited AT and provided electric buses for data purposes and route testing. A Request for Information regarding electric buses closed on October 4, 2021, and received seven responses. AT is currently reviewing the information that was submitted.

F. Congestion Management Update – Presented by Marcus Holland (Informational Purposes Only)

On October 21, 2021, the MPO sent the CMP draft to the local MPO partners for comments. Comments from all partners will be submitted by November 3, 2021, and will be incorporated and sent to the state DOT's, FHWA before the Thanksgiving holiday.

G. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

I. Georgia Highways

Presented by Ellen Wright:

The collage consists of four presentation slides from GDOT:

- Slide 1 (Top Left):** Georgia Roads Update. Includes a map of Georgia with various roads highlighted in different colors (blue, orange, green, red, pink).
- Slide 2 (Top Right):** Richmond County P.I. 0013927. SR 405 at Savannah River at South Carolina Line - TIA. BRIDGE REPLACEMENT. Includes a map and a photo of a bridge at night.
- Slide 3 (Bottom Left):** Richmond County P.I. 0014907. SR 405 at North Park Creek - 4.7 Miles NW of Repton. BRIDGE REPLACEMENT with On-site Detour. Includes a map and a photo of a bridge.
- Slide 4 (Bottom Right):** Richmond County P.I. 210327. SR 405 at Savannah River and Augusta Canal. BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS at Augusta Canal and Savannah River. Includes a map and a photo of a bridge.



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Richmond PI 0009914
SR 880, CR 541, South Side Road
Digital Lane, RICHMOND

- On schedule for year 2022 US
- 100% all parties completed
- 100% all permits received and pending registration
- 100% all submissions complete

Updated Cost Estimates to Supplemental Performance
RICHMOND
• 437,523,549 - USL - 5177,000

On schedule for PM Request FR
12/15/2021

II. South Carolina Highways

ARTS PC Meeting
SCDOT Project Update
Thursday, November 18, 2021

Project List

- SC 118 (Ritchcock Parkway) Corridor Improvement
- SC 126 (Belvedere-Clearwater Road) Widening
- SC 130 (Whiskey Road) at Eagle Road and S-442 (Old Whiskey Road) Intersection Improvement
- Albany/North Augusta Bike Route Signage

SC 126 (Belvedere-Clearwater Road) Widening

Project Location: Belvedere-Clearwater Road, Belvedere, SC

Project Description: Widening the road from 24 to 36 lanes, including bridge, water table, and utility of this roadwork from 0.00 to 0.00 miles.

Project Schedule and Project Status

Work Item

- Belvedere-Clearwater Road widening
- Right of Way Phase 1 complete - Right of Way Award (RMA) to award the right of way to the contractor (Phase 1 of the project)
- Construction Bidding - TBD
- Opening - TBD

Activity	Current Status	Action Plan
Authorize	Complete	No Action Needed
Acquire	Complete	No Action Needed
Design	Complete	No Action Needed
Construct	Complete	No Action Needed
Open	Complete	No Action Needed

Project Funding by Phase

Phase	Start	End	Amount
Phase 1	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00
Phase 2	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00
Phase 3	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00
Phase 4	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00
Phase 5	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00

Albany/North Augusta Bike Route Signage

Project Location: Albany/North Augusta, SC

Project Description: Installing a long stretch of bike connecting the city of Albany with the North Augusta area.

Project Schedule and Project Status

Work Item

- Albany/North Augusta Bike Route Signage

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Authorize	Complete	No Action Needed
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Phase 3	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00
Phase 4	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00
Phase 5	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00

SC 118 (Ritchcock Parkway) Corridor Improvement

Project Location: Ritchcock Parkway, SC

Project Description: Improving the corridor along the Parkway and the addition of a parkway along the Parkway from 0.00 to 0.00 miles.

Project Schedule and Project Status

Work Item

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- Construction Bidding - TBD
- Opening - TBD

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Phase 4	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00
Phase 5	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00

SC 130 (Whiskey Road) at Eagle Road and S-442 (Old Whiskey Road) Intersection Improvement

Project Location: Whiskey Road, SC

Project Description: Improving the intersection of Whiskey Road, Eagle Road, and S-442 (Old Whiskey Road) from 0.00 to 0.00 miles.

Project Schedule and Project Status

Work Item

- Whiskey Road at Eagle Road and S-442 (Old Whiskey Road) Intersection Improvement

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Authorize	Complete	No Action Needed
Acquire	Complete	No Action Needed
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Project Funding by Phase

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Phase 3	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00
Phase 4	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00
Phase 5	12/15/2021	12/15/2021	\$0.00

III. Augusta Transit -

IV. Best Friend Express Presented by Dr. Molnar:

Lower Savannah Council of Governments will be replacing Rhonda Mitchell as the Grants Manager for LSCOG BFE in December 2021.

V. Augusta Regional Airport

V. Other Business

VI. Adjourn