



AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)
SPECIAL CALLED CITIZEN ADVISORY, TECHNICAL COORDINATING, AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
VIA ZOOM OR 535 TELFAIR STREET, THIRD FLOOR, TRAINING ROOM
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022, at 11:00 A.M.
MEETING MINUTES**

ARTS POLICY COMMITTEE	
VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:	VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:
<p>Doug Duncan, Columbia County Commission represented by Matt Schlachter/Steve Exley</p> <p>Gary Bunker, VICE CHAIR of POLICY COMMITTEE</p> <p>Gary Jones, Mayor City of Grovetown represented by Ronnie Kurtz</p> <p>Sharon Dottery, Transit Director represented by Dr. Oliver Page</p> <p>Dr. William Molnar, CHAIRMAN of POLICY COMMITTEE</p> <p>Hardie Davis, Jr., Mayor of Augusta represented by Crystal Davenport</p> <p>Rick Osbon, Mayor City of Aiken represented by Mike Pryzbylowicz</p> <p>Kimberley Williams, Mayor City of New Ellenton</p> <p>Briton Williams, Mayor City of North Augusta</p>	<p>Radney Simpson, representing GDOT Commissioner Jannine Miller</p> <p>Hector Rodriguez, Mayor Town of Burnetown</p> <p>Curt St. Germaine, Mayor City of Blythe</p> <p>Christy Hall, Secretary of Transportation SC</p> <p>Robert Buchwitz, Chairman City of Hephzibah</p> <p>Col. Shaw Pick, Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon</p> <p>Dean Campbell, Edgefield County Chairman</p>
ARTS TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE	
TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:	TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:
<p>Carla Delaney, ARTS MPO Project Director represented by Marcus Holland</p> <p>Dr. Hameed Malik, Director, City of Augusta Engineering Dept.</p> <p>Sharon Dottery, Director of Augusta Transit represented by Dr. Oliver Page</p> <p>Matt Schlachter, Columbia County represented by Steve Exley</p> <p>Thomas Zeaser, Engineer, City of North Augusta represented by Brian Maleck</p> <p>Joel Duke, Director of Aiken County represented by LJ Peterson</p> <p>Eric Carrier, Planner, MPA LSCOG</p> <p>Alex Bennett, SCDOT Program Manager</p> <p>Tommy Paradise, Director, City of North Augusta</p> <p>Mike Pryzbylowicz, Engineering and Utilities Director, City of Aiken</p>	<p>Christine Chandler, Transit Operations Manager LSCOG</p> <p>Robby Caudill, Transportation Planner, GDOT</p> <p>Corbett Reynolds, P.E. District Engineer</p> <p>Herbert Judon Jr., Director, Augusta Regional Airport represented by Greg Larsen</p> <p>John Ussey, Augusta Traffic Engineer</p> <p>Scott Sterling, Director, Columbia County Planning</p> <p>Teresa Crain, Aiken County Engineer</p> <p>Hart "Doc" Clark, Director of Building and Planning, Edgefield County</p> <p>Marya Moultrie, Planning Director, City of Aiken</p> <p>Curtis Murphy, City of New Ellenton</p> <p>Christina Lewis, SCDOT Statewide Planner</p> <p>Anthony Smith, Transportation Officer, Fort Gordon</p>
TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:	TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:
<p>LaToya Grate-Adams, Regional Transportation Planner, SCDOT</p>	
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	



CAC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:	CAC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:
Geneva Jackson, Aiken County	Dr. Chris Noah, Columbia County Hafeez Chaudhry, Columbia County Eric Kennedy, Columbia County
OTHERS ATTENDING	
Gaylon Tootle, Center for Independent Living Jackie Harris, Area Agency on Aging Gina Pyles, CSRA Regional Commission Frank Childs, Program Delivery, GDOT Mariah Harris, Strategic Planning Manager Roy Publico, Transportation Planner Udomekong Udoko, Transit Planner	180364215XX 170683454XX 180344142XX 180364321XX 170683029XX Derek Moore

I. Welcome and Introductions (Acknowledge Zoom)

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approve the minutes of the ARTS Joint Citizen Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinated Committee Meeting held on May 4, 2022. (CAC & TCC Vote)

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

TCC – Dr. Hameed Malik motioned to approve and Marcus Holland seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Approve the minutes of the ARTS Policy Committee Meeting held on May 24, 2022. (PC Vote)

PC – Chairman Gary Bunker motioned to approve and Tom Caiafa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Old Business

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

LJ Peterson reported that there were no new updates on this agenda item.

IV. New Business

A. Approve the request to amend the FY 2023 UPWP to include the SC 118 Intersection submitted by Aiken County (CAC/TCC/PC Vote)

LJ Peterson reported that the purpose of the study is to improve the safety and function of SC 118 along the intersections at Trolley Line Road, Trolley Run Boulevard, and University Parkway. The study seeks to develop strategies to address present and future development as well as improve the operational efficiency along SC 118. This project is programmed at \$100,000 with \$80,000 federal and a \$20,000 local split. Furthermore, the local amount was agreed to be split by the City of Aiken and ACPDD (Aiken County) at \$10,000 each. This item was approved by the ARTS Subcommittee on May 12, 2022.



Comments:

Mr. Gaylon Tootle, of the Center for Independent Living, asked about an accessibility piece planned as it is an important issue, especially for people like himself to be able to cross the intersections. Ms. Peterson informed him that it has been taken into consideration and it will be a part of the intersections.

Motion:

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

TCC – Dr. Hameed Malik motioned to approve and Mike Pryzbylowicz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

PC – Chairman Gary Bunker motioned to approve and Steve Exley seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Approve the request to amend the FY 2023 UPWP to include the Complete Streets Work Element and Y410 Funding as requested by FHWA (CAC/TCC/PC Vote)

Udomekong Udoko, of the ARTS/MPO, described the purpose of the Complete Streets work element that is required and recommended for all MPOs by the Federal Highway Administration and the Department of Transportation.

The purpose is to promote work element activity funded under Y410, promoting the safety of streets and accessibility including multimodal transportation, pedestrians, and all forms of transportation. The ARTS/MPO is requesting CAC/TCC/PC approval of the work element to meet the federal recommendations required by the Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

Mariah Harris, also of the ARTS/MPO then described the two highlighted sections in the UPWP in the funding exhibit, as this will be a separate contract from GDOT, similar to how the GAMPO PL funds (i.e. the Bike and Pedestrian Plan and Freight Plan Update), this will be its own stand-alone supplemental agreement and is also depicted in the group of Special Studies.

Tom Caiafa, of GDOT, also emphasized that since this is a part of Y410 funding, this will be a separate contract that will have its Project Number (PI#) and once this is available, this will be provided to the MPO, most likely will occur in the next fiscal year July 1, 2022. This will be in addition to the standard PL funding that the MPO yearly receives.

Comments:

There were no questions where this item was concerned.

Motion:

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

TCC – Marcus Holland motioned to approve and Mike Pryzbylowicz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.



PC – Steve Exley motioned to approve and Tom Caiafa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Approve the request for an additional \$56,800 in TAP funds for the North Augusta Greenway Extension Project (CAC/TCC/PC Vote)

Ms. LJ Peterson, representing Aiken County, stated that this is a TAP project that was approved in 2019 and originally programmed for \$77,852. The construction estimate came out to be a lot higher and \$56,800 additional funding is needed to cover the extra cost.

Comments:

There were no questions where this request was concerned.

Motion:

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

TCC – Tommy Paradise motioned to approve and Mike Pryzbylowicz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

PC – Mayor Briton Williams motioned to approve and Chairman Gary Bunker seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

I. Georgia Highways

No update.

II. South Carolina Highways

Presented by Alex Bennet:



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ARTS Special Called PC/TCC/CAC Meeting SCDOT Project Update

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Project List

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

SC 118 (Hitchcock Parkway) Corridor Improvement

Project ID: 0040695
Project Description:
 The project scope includes various intersection improvements along the corridor and the addition of a shared use path from Huntsman Drive to SC 302 (Silver Bluff Road).

Planned Schedule and Project Status

Milestones:

- Right-of-Way obligated in December 2018 with 53 of 53 tracts secured.
- Letting – 12/8/2020
 - Construction low bid received was \$13,882,375.18
 - Project was awarded to Reeves Construction Company

Condition at-a-glance

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

Project Funding by Phase

Phase of Work	Amount (\$)
Preliminary Engineering	\$1,800,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$1,646,800.00
Utilities	\$209,328.00
Construction	\$13,882,375.18
Total	\$17,543,213.18

Project Funding by Source

Source	Amount (\$)
State Reallocating Funds	\$2,000,000.00
ARTS GuideShare Funds	\$16,543,213.18
Total	\$18,543,213.18

Legend: **G** Not likely to change, **Y** Change possible, **R** Likely to change

Project Location Map

Project Funding by Phase

Phase of Work	Amount (\$)
Preliminary Engineering	\$1,800,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$1,646,800.00
Utilities	\$209,328.00
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SC 126 (Belvedere-Clearwater Road) Widening

Project ID: 0041446
Project Description:
 The project scope includes widening the corridor to five lanes, upgrading drainage, and the addition of 4' bike lanes and 5' sidewalks 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 Consultant (PRIMACCI) 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
Schedule	R Schedule changed for Construction Letting to allow time for Hitchcock to award	Will be updated once advanced Guideshare is approved
Budget	R Right of Way will possibly need additional funding for settlement of final tract. Construction Phase has been increased by \$4,337,119.27 per the Engineer's Estimate.	Plan for advancement of Guideshare Funding has been discussed

Project Funding by Phase

Phase of Work	Amount (\$)
Preliminary Engineering	\$1,800,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$1,700,000.00
Utilities	\$60,389.00
Construction	\$16,337,119.27
Total	\$20,900,508.27

Legend: **G** Not likely to change, **Y** Change possible, **R** Likely to change

Project Location Map

Project Funding by Phase

Phase of Work	Amount (\$)
Preliminary Engineering	\$1,800,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$1,700,000.00
Utilities	\$60,389.00
Construction	\$16,337,119.27
Total	\$20,900,508.27

SC 19 (Whiskey Road) at Eagle Road and S-447 (Old Whiskey Road) Intersection Improvement

Project ID: P037361
Project Description:
 The project scope includes 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 #77 (Old Whiskey Road).

Planned Schedule and Project Status

Milestones:

- SCDOT has negotiated a contract with Parrish and Partners to provide design services.
- Public Information Meeting – held Tuesday, July 23, 2019
 - Comment Period ended Wednesday, August 7th, 77 comments received
 - SCDOT redesigned intersection to move Old Whiskey Road away from Eagle Road with appropriate intersection spacing and sight distance.
- SCDOT presented project revisions to City of New Ellenton Council meeting on October 21, 2019.
- Construction Obligation – 04/2022

Condition at-a-glance

Attribute	Current Status	Action Plan
Scope	G Scope is Unchanged	No Action Needed
Schedule	G Schedule is Unchanged	No Action Needed
Budget	R Budget increase needed to accommodate construction estimate and utility costs	Increase Construction budget to \$3,826,062.50 includes Contingency, E&I and Utility Costs

Project Funding by Phase

Phase of Work	Amount (\$)
Preliminary Engineering	\$500,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$400,000.00
Construction	\$1,900,000.00
Total	\$2,800,000.00

Legend: **G** Not likely to change, **Y** Change possible, **R** Likely to change

Project Location Map

Project Funding by Phase

Phase of Work	Amount (\$)
Preliminary Engineering	\$500,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$400,000.00
Construction	\$1,900,000.00
Total	\$2,800,000.00

Aiken/North Augusta Bike Route Signage

Project ID: P039805
Project Description:
 Establishing a designated bicycle route connecting the City of Aiken with the North Augusta Greenway.

Planned Schedule and Project Status

Milestones:

- SCDOT has completed the design for this project
- Schedule
 - Project was awarded to LU, incorporated with a low bid of \$13,800.74
 - Minor Change Order for additional signs needed for \$8,500.00

Condition at-a-glance

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

Project Funding by Phase

Phase of Work	Amount (\$)
Preliminary Engineering	\$5,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$50,000.00
Construction	\$55,800.00
Total	\$110,800.00

Legend: **G** Not likely to change, **Y** Change possible, **R** Likely to change

Project Location Map

Project Funding by Phase

Phase of Work	Amount (\$)
Preliminary Engineering	\$5,000.00
Right-of-Way	\$50,000.00
Construction	\$55,800.00
Total	\$110,800.00

III. Augusta Transit Presented by Dr. Oliver Page:

Augusta Transit successfully submitted its application for the LoNo Emission Grant on 5/31/2022, requesting \$6.2 million in federal funding with a local match of \$1.1 million. The purpose of their request is to secure funding to replace five (5) diesel-powered buses with five (5) battery/electric buses. Dr. Page also added that they received over thirty (30+) letters of support for the application including the following persons: Senator Ossoff, Senator Warnock, Representative Allen, as well as letters of support from the ARTS/MPO and LSCOG.

IV. Best Friend Express No update.



V. Augusta Regional Airport
No update.

V. Other Business

- Next Technical Coordinating Committee meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2022, @ 10:30 AM
- Next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2022, @ 11:00 AM

Comments:

Mr. Gaylon Tootle, of the Center for Independent Living, stated that a lot of information was shared visually and was wondering if there was a way to better receive the information, more specifically since much of the information was included in the slides and secondarily, he would like to have had a copy of the slides prior to the meeting. Ms. Mariah Harris, of the ARTS/MPO, added that she would provide the presentation and the agenda packet to Mr. Tootle.

He then further added that he had a question about Complete Streets. Mr. Udomekong Udoko, of the ARTS/MPO, explained the Complete Streets concept (promotion of multimodal transportation as well as street accessibility to all users). He also provided a local example of a Complete Streets-designed street (15th Street, City of Augusta), one of many variations of Complete Streets-inspired thoroughfares.

VI. Adjourn;

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 am