

**FLATS Study Team Meeting  
January 30, 2008  
Approved Minutes**

**Present:**

Phil Goff  
Michael Bethea  
Michelle James  
Tony Edwards  
Derrell Rice  
Glynn Willis  
Janice Baroodly  
William Hoge  
Renee Proctor  
Debi Matthews

**The first item of business on the agenda for the FLATS Study Team was updates on current and recently completed projects from SCDOT:**

Michelle James reported as follows:

- The 301 ByPass has been completed. Ribbon cutting service has been held. The only thing left to do with this project is to pay the final bills. This project has used up all of the money for now.
- Pine Needles project has begun and going well. Are using money accumulated thus far to purchase the right of way. This project to "LET" in July. SCDOT had a meeting this week with a Homeowner's Association on Ebenezer Road. They were not aware that this project would affect Ebenezer Road. All went well and they signed off on the right of way.
- The S. Cashua Dr. (Second Loop Rd. to US 76) project in the LRP in hanging in the balats because of funding. The have the preliminary alignment.
- In regards to the Ashby Rd. Ext. (N. Cashua Dr. to Douglas St.) project in the LRP, SCDOT received a call from BP Barber in regards to a Tennis Center proposed for that area. They wanted to know the priority of the project or when we anticipated it to begin in regards to setbacks for the Center. After roundtable discussion, the project commencement is undetermined at this time due to lack of funds.

**The second item of business on the agenda was to discuss the current Long Range Plan and TIP:**

Derrell Rice reported as follows:

- SCDOT had a meeting in March about the Interchange at I-95. They have the money to purchase the right of way, but have not done so yet.
- As shown on the TIP, the guideshare balance for FY 2008 is (2,086). Will more than likely be 2012 before money is banked for any major project.
- Derrell to e-mail a chart on to Mr. Hoge and Debi the Guideshare Debt Service Chart, which will show when we begin paying half guideshare and for how long.
- Derrell indicated that the LRP needed to be updated every five years and asked when it had been updated last. Mr. Hoge thought it had been updated a year and a half ago, but was not positive. Debi to check and advise.

- Derrell said SCDOT is asking all MPO's to put together a list of activities each MPO does with SCDOT. They are trying to streamline everything more efficiently. Derrell asked Debi to get this information together for him.
- Derrell will be getting with us soon to go over land use data for a new future model.
- Derrell also noted that future new projects will be subject to SCDOT's new ranking criteria.
- Mr. Hoge indicated that a goal for the next fiscal year is to have someone come in to do a transportation study.

**The third item of business on the agenda was the Enhancement Application for Red Doe Plantation, Pee Dee Rifle Club, Inc., Owner. Florence County has confirmed its support of the application and has agreed to be a conduit for the owner:**

- Mr. Hoge summarized that Pee Dee Rifle Club, Inc. will provide 100% of all required matching funds for the project through In-Kind services. The total project cost is \$146,340. Pee Dee Rifle Club is requesting the total Enhancement Funds available of \$117,072 and \$29,268 will be their local match.
- This Enhancement application meets the Enhancement Transportation Criteria. Francis Marion University is located one mile North of Red Doe Plantation. The Francis Marion Trail Commission has previously voted to establish a primary interpretive center in the vicinity of Red Doe and Red Doe is situated on the Old Stage Coach Road, which is likely to be the primary route from this interpretive center to Francis Marion sites in the Lower Pee Dee and Lowcountry regions of South Carolina.
- Included within the application are letters from Senator Hugh Leatherman, Russell W. Culberson, Florence County Council Member for District 6 and Benjamin T. Zeigler, Chairman of the Francis Marion Trail Commission.
- Mr. Hoge advised the committee that no additional applications have been presented for Enhancement funds.
- Glynn Willis made a motion to recommend this application to the FLATS Policy Committee and Phil Goff seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

**The fourth item of business on the agenda was a roundtable of other discussion:**

1. Janice Baroody said PDRTA had some project in the works and she would keep FLATS informed on their status in order to request an amendment to the TIP.
2. Phil Goff reported on some projects the Pee Dee COG had in the works:
  - Their next priority is a 5 mile section from US52 Darlington ByPass to Dovesville. Is a very expensive project. They are 3-4 years out for construction due to funding.
  - A mile and a half project from the new bridges going into Johnsonville north to Hwy. 378 has been funded with some stipulations.
  - Cottingham ByPass project in Bennettsville has also been funded with some stipulations. Approximately 1 mil. For pre-engineering. (Michell James indicated that per Kevin Sheppard, this project was not on the ranking list.)
3. Derrell Rice SCDOT is working on a State Wide Transit Transportation Project.
4. In regards to the projects for the Pee Dee Area in the STIP, Mr. Hoge reported the Pine Needles Project should start this summer. This project is funded by the 1 cent sales tax. The remaining projects for 1 cent sales tax funding will be in the following order as funds are available:
  - From Hwy. 378 - 4 lanes across Florence County.
  - Hwy. 76 - 4 lanes to Timmons ville
  - TV Road - 4 lanes to I-95
  - Pamplico Highway

➤ SW ByPass