

**FLATS Study Team Meeting**  
**June 13, 2008**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Present:**

Glynn Willis	Brenda Perryman
Phil Goff	Timothy Edwards
Derrell Rice	Janice Redd
Michelle James	Shane Belcher
Tony Edwards	Michael Bethea
Janice Baroody	Scott Park
Chris Gossett	William Hoge
Drew Griffin	Renee Proctor
David Burgess	Debi Matthews

The first item of old business was an update on Ebenezer Road and South Cashua. Chris Gossett advised committee that the safety project of flattening two 90 degree curves for Ebenezer had been LET. Nothing else has been done on South Cashua since our last meeting except looking at some ROW impacts.

Chris also mentioned beginning in 2010 there would be some money available to start looking at another project. About \$1 million per year beginning in 2011. Does not foresee bonding options for projects.

The first item of new business was enhancement projects:

- Janice Redd updated committee on Red Doe application. Environmental department is currently reviewing. She is waiting on their certification and receipt of W9 information from Kathy Nephew with County to issue contract.
- Scott Park updated committee on possible Adopt An Interchange grant in regards to I-95, I-20 and US Highway 52. At the last Policy Committee meeting, Representative Crawford made a motion for staff to research government entity interest in regards to the match requirement. A letter was sent out from Chairman Leatherman, but there has been no response.
- Drew Griffin presented to committee the City's request for FY09 enhancement funds. The City has adopted stringent downtown guidelines and they'd like to make the corner of Irby and W. Cedar the Southern Gateway to the City. This area is adjacent to the County Planning & Building Services building and begins the downtown revitalization to the new library, new theatre, new arts center and soon to be a new museum. Drew mentioned the City is also working on a Northern Gateway project for Irby Street with SCANA. Timothy Edwards asked Drew to make sure the application contained more information that this project would be a directional corridor from point A to point B, etc. Glynn Willis made a motion to recommend this project to the Policy Committee for their consideration. Renee Proctor seconded the motion. Vote carried unanimously.

The second item of new business was to discuss the request for qualifications to contract for a Long Range Transportation Plan. Scott Park explained that Florence County has passed a budget up to \$50,000 to have a company come in to write our LRTP and asked if everyone had reviewed the document sent to them and if there were any questions. There were none. Mr. Hoge mentioned that Kimely Horn had written SUATS LRP and did an excellent job. Glynn Willis

made a motion to recommend this to the Policy Committee. Brenda Perryman seconded the motion. Vote carried unanimously.

The third item of new business was a discussion on Florence County's Air Quality. Scott Park advised the committee that while Florence County is not in non-attainment, we are on the boundary. EPA has lowered the ground level ozone standard from 0.08 (0.084) to 0.075. They take the average of three years to determine each County's level. Florence County has to be below .076. Our best year was 2007 at .073. Florence County is working on a Tree Ordinance and is also working with DHEC on getting a Burn Ordinance in place for the unincorporated portions of the county and electrification of the truck stop near the monitor. The City already has a Burn Ordinance and they plant 365 trees per year. Mr. Hoge mentioned that County Administration is thinking about some potential incentive programs in regards to flex fuel vehicles and potential four day work weeks. Renee Proctor made a motion to recommend the Transportation Conformity MOA to Policy Committee. Michael Bethea seconded the motion. Vote carried unanimously.

The fourth item of new business was the Public Participation Process Plan. Shane Belcher indicated that is Plan is one step towards making the FLATS MPO SAFETEA-LU compliant. Completing the LRP will complete it. Shane said the document looked fine. David Burgess and Derrell Rice said they had a couple of changes to the document. Scott asked them to get this to him ASAP. Shane said we could go forward with presenting the document to the Policy Committee for approval and amend with David and Derrell's changes. The Transportation Plan Advisory Group for this Plan will be a group of 18 local citizens. Each of the Policy Committee members has been asked to nominate 2 people each for this committee. Phil Goff made a motion to recommend this plan to the Policy Committee. Janice Baroody seconded the motion. Vote carried unanimously.

#### Other discussion:

- Scott Park asked committee if they would be in agreement to a minimum of three meetings per year. Policy Committee meetings would be in October, February and June with the Transportation Plan Advisory Group meeting 1<sup>st</sup>, then the Study Team, each at two week intervals prior to each Policy Committee meeting. This way we can always be on top of keeping our LRP and any other required document updated in a timely manner. Shane Belcher said this was an excellent idea. Suggested we check with Charleston and RFATS on their schedule. They do something similar to this. Mr. Hoge suggested we mention to the Policy Committee for their thoughts.
- Disadvantaged Business Program – Scott mentioned that we were still trying to determine if we were required to participate. We have not been able to get any straight answers. Shane Belcher said MPO's did not have to participate. Local DOT offices participate. Shane asked if we received any FTA money directly. We do not. PDRTA receives this money directly and they participate.
- Scott advised committee that Planning Services Staff is hosting a Freight Study on June 17<sup>th</sup> for The National Cooperative Freight Research Program with local freight, gas, etc. companies. The meeting will be held at the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library. Shane requested notes from this meeting.

With no further discussion necessary, meeting was adjourned.