

FLATS Study Team Meeting – October 3, 2008

Members Present:

Glynn Willis
Michael Bethea
Janice Baroody
Doug Reimold
Phillip Lookadoo
Bill Hoge
Scott Park
Renee Proctor
Debi Matthews

Via Tele Conference:
Derrell Rice
Doug Frate
Chris Gossett
Brenda Perryman

Scott Park called the meeting to order and distributed copies of 2008 FLATS newsletter.

The second item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from the 6/13/08 meeting. There were no changes to the minutes. Bill Hoge made a motion to approve and Janice Baroody 2nd the motion. Carried unanimously.

The third item on the agenda was an update from PDCOG. Phil Goff was unable to attend the meeting to present this item. Scott Park advised per Mr. Goff, there was no business to discuss from the COG.

The fourth item on the agenda was an update from SCDOT. Chris Gossett presented.

- Highway 301 By-Pass update – Saved \$901,000 over contract amount. This amount will go back in the balance.
- Pine Needles update – Phase I is complete. Phase II contract has been signed and a pre-construction meeting is being held as we speak in Florence today.
- Florence County Sales Tax projects update:
 1. US76 - the design is being worked on.
 2. TV Rd. - Negotiating design.
 3. SC51 – Have started part, more will depend on amount of money left.
 4. 378 - Phase I & II in design phase and environmental study.

Scott asked if sidewalks for the Wilson Road area were included in the TV Rd. project. Chris concurred they were.

Scott asked if a public comment period and public hearing would be held on the environmental study for the 378 project. Chris advised that one meeting has already been held, there will be a 30 day public comment period and another public hearing will be held. Time frame for this is approximately one year.

Derrell Rice presented the Congestion Model Status. He has completed the highway data and in the process of entering the land use data presented to him by Scott. He needs the 2007 population numbers update from Scott. He should have the model complete in two weeks after he received these numbers from Scott.

Michael Bethea updated members on Beltline project. The three lanes from Hoffmeyer to David McLeod are in the final stages.

The first item of old business on the agenda was an update on Enhancement projects. Debi Matthews presented.

- Per the request of the applicant, SCDOT has granted a six month extension for the Lucas Street Intersection Gateway. The new completion date is 3/9/09. There are no changes in money.
- Per David Kelly with SCDOT Archives, the owners have presented the written portion for the technical review comments from Archives department. He is waiting on the architectural plans to review all information submitted.
- Per Janice Redd, SCDOT technical review was sent to the applicant on 8/25/08. SCDOT has not received a response to this review from applicant.
- Per Janice Redd, FHWA is auditing the Enhancement program at present. Current projects are on hold until the audit has been completed. No invoices will be paid until completion. FHWA will have new requirements for future projects. (i.e. right-of-way information, encroachment permits, etc.) MPO should receive a letter regarding this in the near future.

The second item of old business was Enhancement projects for sales tax work (TV Rd.) Mr. Hoge suggested look at enhancement monies to coordinate further infrastructure enhancements to these future projects. If projects are lacking amenities such as sidewalks, then enhancement monies may be able to meet the project goal of multimodal traffic.

Glynn Willis noted that Councilman Mumford mentioned at a recent meeting that he has monies to put sidewalks in on Wilson Road. Mr. Hoge advised this may be out of his infrastructure budget. Scott mentioned that the two projects need to coordinate.

Scott asked Chris what the time frame was for TV Road. Chris indicated the negotiations should be done in the next 30-45 days. It will be an additional 18-24 months for the design period. Scott asked Chris if a public hearing would be held on this. Chris concurred that it would.

The third item of old business was an update on the Interchange Beautification project for I-95 and US52. Scott indicated there had been no status on pursuing. At the last Policy Committee meeting, one councilman was going to check with the City, but we have received no report on this project. Project continues to be on hold.

The fourth item of old business was an update from SCDOT on additional comments to the Public Participation Process Plan as mentioned at the last Study Team meeting. Derrell Rice advised that he did not have any comments, but thought David Burgess have some minor ones. Scott to check with David.

The fifth item of old business was to discuss forming the TPAG as outlines in the By-Laws. Scott advised that since the Policy Committee tabled approving this group at the last Policy Committee, it will be listed as a tabled item on the next Policy Committee meeting and left to them if they choose to pursue it. Mr. Hoge indicated that he did not see the Policy Committee approving this group. They go not want another committee for FLATS issues to go before. The Policy

Committee members want the public to be able to come to them directly at meetings with their input during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

The first item of new business on the agenda was the TIP amendments.

- A correction to FTA Section 5307 to add \$173,470. Janice Baroody indicated that this was unused funds the state had and PDRTA was allowed to apply for it to purchase a new vehicle. Bill Hoge motioned to approve and Phillip Lookadoo 2nd motion. Carried unanimously.
- Add Job Access FTA Section 5316 new funding in the amount of \$350,400. Chris advised that this no longer needed to be added. This amount was entirely dedicated to the rural area; PDRTA has already received this.
- Add New Freedom FTA Section 5317 new funding in the amount of \$165,520. Chris advised that this amount was the total for both rural and urban. The urban portion as indicated in the STIP is \$76,000. This is the amount that needs to be added to the TIP. Bill Hoge made a motion to approve 5317 and Phillip Lookadoo 2nd motion. Carried unanimously.

The second item of new business was the RFQ recommendation. Scott advised members that three consultants submitted applications for this process. He called everyone's attention to the scoring sheet, indicating Kimley-Horn as scoring the highest by the six people in the community that reviewed the applications. Mr. Hoge made a motion, based on the reviews, we present Kimley Horn to the Policy Committee for approval. Glynn Willis 2nd motion. Carried unanimously. Scott presented to the members to have Kimley-Horn make a presentation at the next Policy Committee meeting. Bill Hoge agreed so the contract can be negotiated with the Policy Committee. Per Scott, work on the proposal will be done after the Policy Committee meeting. All members were in agreement.

The third item of new business was to amend the By-Laws as follows:

- Add Doug Reimold, Darlington County Planning Director to Study Team members. Glynn Willis motioned to approve and Michael Bethea 2nd motion. Carried unanimously. Doug stated that he appreciated the invitation and looked forward to working on this committee.
- Add Sarah Nuckles, Highway Commissioner District 5 to Policy Committee Voting members. A small portion of the FLATS area is in her district. Michael Bethea motioned to approve and Glynn Willis 2nd motion. Carried unanimously. Upon approval from Policy Committee, video or telephone conference will be discussed for her since she is in Rock Hill.
- Add Glynn Willis, City Planning Commission Chair to Study Team members. Glynn is also on the Policy Committee Non-Voting members. Phillip Lookadoo made a motion to approve and Mike Bethea 2nd motion. Carried unanimously.
- Add Janice Redd, SCDOT FLATS Enhancement Coordinator and Timothy Edwards, SCDOT Landscaping Projects Coordinator to Study Team members. Bill Hoge made a motion to approve and Glynn Willis 2nd motion. Carried unanimously.

Other discussion:

- Bill Hoge asked Chris if the sales tax incentive was not enough to cover US51 project. Chris indicated that US51 project is broken down into four sections. Looks like there is enough money to complete the first two sections from Florence to Hwy. 378 just outside

of Pamplico. Glynn Willis asked when this project would begin. Chris advised they are just now looking at PE. It will probably be 1-1 ½ years to start that work. It will be several years after that before construction would begin. Probably 2012 – 2013.

- Scott thanked Chris for sending him the Quarterly Funding Summaries.
- Scott asked the members if they had seen anything on the FHWA Energy Security Act. This came out on September 30th from the AMPO. No one was aware of this. Scott to discuss with Mark Pleasant.
- Brenda Perryman mentioned that SCDOT is organizing a meeting (conference call for NC representatives) in regards to current transportation by Van Pool Company taking residents from Marlboro, Dillon and Horry County to North Carolina to work. As of 6/30/09, these funds will end. Brenda and Janice are discussing how to continue to get these residents to NC. Janice advised there are 15-20 people from Marlboro County traveling and she is checking to see if there are some from Darlington County as well. PDRTA is willing to offer this service. Brenda asked if any of the members wanted to be included in this conference call. Doug Reimold said he would since there may be some residents in Darlington County that would need to utilize this service.
- Scott updated the members on current Air Quality attainment status for Florence County. Florence County has met attainment for this year. The county is putting together some options for the coming year to assist our meeting attainment next year.

With no further discussion necessary, Bill Hoge made a motion to adjourn and Glynn Willis 2nd motion.