

Spartanburg Area Transportation Study

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SPATS Policy Committee

Minutes

November 9, 2015

Present:

Junie White	Pat Watson	Whit Kennedy
Woody Willard	Tom Arthur	Lisa Scott
Cornelius Huff	Tony Wyatt	Jeff Horton
Sterling Anderson	Julian Hankinson	

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Junie White called the meeting to order. The minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting were approved as offered by Ms. Scott, seconded by Mr. Horton.

TIP Updates

Luis Gonzalez, SPARTA General Manager, presented the SPATS Urban Transit Needs Update. Updated request for the FTA 5307:
City of Spartanburg/SPARTA – total request \$1,555,000
Spartanburg County TSB – total request \$1,920,000

TIP Updates were approved as presented by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Wyatt.

Country Club Corridor Study Update

Ernie Boughman of Toole Design presented the Country Club Road Corridor Study update. After two interactive public meetings and 10 stakeholder meetings, there have been approximately 300 participants in the process. Guiding principles for the study are to provide a concept for the corridor that is: safe and functional, accessible and connected, and attractive as well as appropriate given the character of the road. With these guiding principles in mind based on public comment, as well as present and future demand and need for dedicated facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians, Mr. Boughman reviewed the Preferred Access Plan for the study. An overview of the critical

design issues along the nodes of the corridor and safety concerns for all users were highlighted.

The team will continue to refine the conceptual designs and prepare a final report based on public review and technical analysis. Mr. Boughman asked the Committee and audience to continue sharing feedback with the team using the WikiMap online tool, at the following link: <http://spatsmpo.org/projects/bike-and-pedestrian-projects/country-club-road-corridor-study/>

There will be an Open House on December 7th at 6 pm at the Country Club of Spartanburg. The final report will be submitted the first of the year.

Long-Range Transportation Plan Update

Scott Lane and Mike Rutkowski of Stantec presented the Draft Long-Range Transportation Plan. The LRTP suggests operational improvement projects and proposes multi-modal projects (freight, rail, transit, and active transportation), pursuant to Act 114. TIP prioritization and project programming of funding will be recommended.

A website page was created by SPATS staff to inform the public on the progress of the LRTP, <http://spatsmpo.org/information/news/2015-long-range-transportation-plan/>. The kickoff with the LRTP Steering Committee was held in September with Focus Group meetings held in October. Focus areas included:

1. Roadway improvements, including widening, aesthetic improvements, and safer intersections.
2. Bicycling and walking changes that make safer and better places where people want to live, work and walk and ride.
3. Public transportation to reach places for people with and without easy access to cars.
4. Freight and emergency personnel access to improve the economy and mobility when we need it the most.

The Final LRTP approval by the Policy Committee is scheduled for Feb. 2016.

Projects Status Report

Ms. Penny Phillips of SCDOT presented a project status report.

SC 9 widening from 2 to 5 lanes from Rainbow Lake Road to River Oak Road Phase 2 and 3 is 99% complete, well ahead of schedule, with a few punchlist items to go.

US 176 Operational improvements from I-26 to I-585/SC 56 split with Intersection Improvements at John Dodd Rd., Belcher Rd., and Springfield Rd.: PE is 75% complete. ROW obligation is scheduled for Fall 2015 and Construction letting is scheduled for Fall 2016.

S-30 Intersection improvements at Fernwood/Clifton/Glendale Rd. and Zion Hill Rd.: PE is 70% complete. ROW Obligation is scheduled for late 2015. Construction letting is scheduled for late 2016.

Old Furnace Road sidewalks from Hanging Rock Rd. to Mason Rd.: PE is 75% complete. ROW acquisition is 70% complete. Utility coordination is underway. Construction letting is scheduled for Fall 2016.

S-41 Relocation (N. Blackstock Rd.) & S-525 (Fairforest Rd.) and Church St.: PE is Underway, Utility underway. ROW and Construction dates are to be determined.

Other Business and Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. White to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Willard. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2016.