



Policy Committee Meeting
Friday, December 3rd, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
TCL New River Campus Conference Room

Policy Committee Members Present:

Van Wilks, designee for Joe DeVito, Town of Port Royal
Mike McFee, City of Beaufort
Harry Williams, City of Hardeeville
Glenn Stanford, Hilton Head Island

Policy Committee Members Absent:

Lisa Sulka, Town of Bluffton
Susan Zelman, LRTA
Paul Sommerville, Beaufort County Council
Sen. Tom Davis, JC Leg. Delegation Chairman
Barbara Clark, Jasper County

Technical Committee Members Present:

Kraig Gordon, Chairman Beaufort CTC
Mary Lou Franzoni, LRTA
Katie Woodruff, City of Hardeeville
Anne Cyran, Town of Hilton Head
Kevin Icard, Town of Bluffton
Lisa Wagner, Jasper County

Technical Committee Members Absent:

Noah Krepps, Town of Port Royal
David Pritchard, City of Beaufort
Rob Merchant, Beaufort County

LCOG Staff Present:

Sabrena Graham, Executive Director
Stephanie Rossi, Planning Director
Christian Dammel, Planner I

SCDOT Staff Present:

Robby Robbins, SCDOT Commission Chairman
Craig Winn
LaToya Grate
David Gray
Adam Payne

Others Present:

Jared Felix, Beaufort County
Barbara Childs, LRTA
Dan Woods, Town of Bluffton
Stu Rodman, Beaufort County
Mark Wilks, Coastal Region MPO



AGENDA

1. Call to Order.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation
- c. Introduction of Members, Guests and Staff
- d. Designees
- e. Action on October 1, 2021, Meeting Minutes (Draft minutes attached.)

2. Old Business.

a. [SCDOT US 278 and US 17 Project Update](#)—Craig Winn, SCDOT

- US 278 - SCDOT is currently evaluating the MKSK recommendations from the town of Hilton Head Island, the majority of which is expected to be evaluated by the end of January. FHWA has reviewed the majority of the comments received thus far, all comments are anticipated to be send out before the end of the year.
- US 17 - Widening of the new embankment is ongoing and installing Geo Tec style fabric, geo granular bridge lift material, and vertical wick drains. Upon completion, a settlement period of 12-18 months will begin. The anticipated signal at SC 15 & US 17 is scheduled for installation in March 2022.

b. Pavement Quality Index and Preventative Maintenance System for Beaufort County and the Municipalities —Kraig Gordon, Beaufort CTC

Beaufort CTC is currently finishing their 5th year of their current 5-year pavement plan. Analysis of Beaufort Counties roadways and its pavement quality index for its next 5-year plan is currently underway and is expected to be completed in January. Roadway analysis and ratings for the four municipalities was completed and provided in November.

Kraig Gordon informed the committee that the CTC is required to use 25% of their funding on state roads per Act 41. That percentage has now increased to 33%. Analysis of state secondary road network showed roughly 200 miles of 400 had AADT of 500 or less. Kraig Gordon went on to state that given the low traffic counts and other criteria it was unlikely that those roads would meet SCDOT's criteria for maintenance. CTC voted to prioritize these roads at their November meeting. Results of their roadway analysis indicate that majority of the roads only have issues with their surface layer of pavement.

- Harry Williams asked whether the pavement rating system was on a scale of 1 to 5. Kraig Gordon responded saying yes. Harry Williams went on to ask whether the CTC analyzes all roads or if they're particular roads such as state, county, or



municipality roads. Kraig Gordon responded saying that all of the roads in Beaufort County have been analyzed.

- Glenn Stanford asked whether there was a map that showed the road conditions. Kraig Gordon responded stating that there was and its on GIS. Glenn Stanford asked whether it was on the Beaufort County website, Kraig Gordon responded stating it was.
- Dan Wood asked whether reclaimite was used on the Bluffton parkway near the circle since it's losing some asphalt. Kraig Gordon said it was but several days of heavy rain may have affected its adhesion. A product recommendation made by Jared Fralix is being tested on those problem areas.

c. **Palmetto Breeze Update**—Mary Lou Franzoni, Palmetto Breeze

The Bluffton Breeze began September 7th and runs two buses Monday through Friday from 7am to 6pm. The shuttle service was fair free till January 1st but was recently extended to June 1st to allow for more marketing. The extension will be advertised on social media and on buses.

Palmetto Breeze was contacted by Hilton Head Island about provided service for the Hilton Head Island Airport. There is currently an RFP out for the planning work for those services. Proposals are expected to be received this week, and the plans anticipated deadline for completion is April 4th.

Palmetto Breeze is also working on facility improvements. Palmetto breezes parking lot is being examined for expansion. One of the issues that has arisen is with the drain field and it being located within the area for parking expansion. Palmetto Breeze is looking into funding options to connect to the Counties sewer system and remove the drain field.

d. [Update on the LATS Long Range Plan](#)—Stephanie Rossi, LCOG

Stephanie Rossi provided a [presentation](#) on the LATS Long Range Plan which provided updates on its current status and survey results.

- Stu Rodman asked when the project prioritization would occur. Stephanie Rossi responded that project lists have already been collected from the counties and municipalities and the prioritization process will occur in the beginning of the new year.

3. **New Business.**

a. [Regional Mobility Program](#) —Stephanie Rossi



The Regional Mobility Program was passed by the South Carolina Transportation Commission in October and was contingent on the infrastructure bill passing, which passed in November. The Regional Mobility Program increases the Guides share amounts for MPOs and COGs. LATS is still awaiting confirmation on the final dollar amounts. Upon confirmation of funding amounts, the TIP will be updated, and the Committee will be informed.

4. Other Business.
 - a. [USDOT Infrastructure Package Fact Sheet](#) was provided for additional information.

5. Public Questions via Facebook Live.

No comments.

6. Next Meeting.
 - a. Friday, February 4, 2021

7. Adjourn.