

Lowcountry Area Transportation Study (LATS)

Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, July 7, 2017

10:00 a.m.

TCL New River Campus, Room 139

Policy Committee Members Present:

Chairman Lisa Sulka, Mayor, Town of Bluffton
Vice Chair Paul Sommerville, Beaufort County
Council Chair

David Bennett, Mayor, Town of Hilton Head
Island

Harry Williams, Mayor, City of Hardeeville
Sen. Tom Davis, Beaufort County Leg.

Delegation

David Bennett, Mayor, Town of Hilton Head
Island

Barbara Clark, Jasper County Council

Richard Hamilton, Board Member, Lowcountry
Regional Transit Authority

Policy Committee Designees Present:

Van Willis, Town Manager, Town of Port Royal

Mike Mcfee, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Beaufort

Policy Committee Members Absent:

Samuel E. Murray, Mayor, Town of Port Royal

David Blauch, Chairman, LRTA Board

Billy Keyserling, Mayor, City of Beaufort

Sam Glover, SCDOT Commission

Clifton Parker, SCDOT Commission

Robby Robbins, SCDOT Commission

Rep. Bill Herbkersman, Jasper County Leg.

Delegation Chairman

Technical Committee Members:

Lisa Wagner, Planning Director, Jasper County

Colin Kinton, Chair, Beaufort County

Mary Lou Franzoni, LRTA Executive Director

Kevin Icard, Planner, Town of Bluffton

Kraig Gordon, Chair, Beaufort County CTC

Anne Cyran, Planner, Town of Hilton Head

Shawn Colin, Deputy Dir. Community

Development, Town of Hilton Head

Technical Committee Members Absent:

Katie Woodruff, City of Hardeeville

Shea Farrar, Landscape Architect, Town of
Hilton Head Island

Lauren Kelly, Planner, City of Beaufort

Linda Bridges, Planning Director, Town of Port
Royal

LCOG Staff Present:

Sabrena Graham, Executive Director

Ginnie Kozak, Planning Director

Lawrence Holdsworth, Regional Planner

SCDOT Staff Present:

Craig Winn, Project Manager

Michael Pitts, Program Management

Kenny Larimore, Program Manager

Jim Frierson, Public Transit

Diane Lackey, Intermodal and Freight

Megan Groves, Project Intern

FHWA Staff Present:

Others Present:

Susan Zellman, Board, LRTA

Kathy Crawford, District Director, Office of
Senator Tim Scott

Andy Fulghum, Administrator, Jasper County

Nat Ball, US Army Corps of Engineers

David Spisso, Mayor Pro Tem, City of
Hardeeville

Mark Wilkes, Interim Executive Director Coastal
Region MPO

Frank Turano, Engineer, Alliance Consulting

Andre Nanche, Hilton Head Island

Kelly Farabee, Wolverton & Associates

1. Call to Order.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation
- c. Introduction of Members, Guests and Staff
- d. Designees
- e. Action on April 28,2017 Meeting Minutes (Draft minutes attached.)
Draft Minutes are approved without amendment.

2. Old Business.

- a. SCDOT Project Update—Craig Winn ACTION: Information

Craig Winn offered details on the progress of SCDOT projects within the LATS boundary, including the repaving and widening of US-17 and preliminary planning for improvements to US-278. The full report may be accessed at the LCOG website.

<http://www.lowcountrycog.org/Planning/Project%20Reports/LATS%20-%20SCDOT%20Project%20Status%20Report%20-07.06.2017.pdf>

<http://www.lowcountrycog.org/Planning/US%2017%20Status%20Update%207-5-17.pdf>

Mr. Davis suggested LATS take a coordinating role in the development of an application to the State Infrastructure Bank in regard to funding for the US-278 project. Mr. Larimore supported this recommendation and suggested the solicitation of consultant services for the development of the application, with the Technical Committee leading the development of an RFP. Mr. Kinton confirmed that the Technical Committee would pursue this course at their next meeting.

- b. Beaufort County Project Update—Colin Kinton ACTION: Information

Mr. Kinton provided details about ongoing Beaufort County roads improvements including updates to the Boundary Street project, access management at Jenkins Island, signal timing and construction, and resurfacing projects throughout the County. The full report may be accessed at either the Beaufort County or LCOG websites.

<http://www.bcgov.net/departments/Engineering-and-Infrastructure/traffic-engineering/highway-projects/index.php>

<http://www.lowcountrycog.org/Planning/Project%20Reports/LATS%20Beaufort%20County%20Projects%20Update%207-7-2017.pdf>

- c. LRTA/Palmetto Breeze Update—Mary Lou Franzoni ACTION: Information

Ms. Franzoni provided updates regarding the LRTA grant application process, including an amendment to the TIP needed to incorporate additional funds identified. LRTA is planning renovations and expansions to the bus facilities, and is expecting to hire additional administrative staff. A facility generator will be purchased to provide emergency power. Ms. Kozak added that

LCOG is developing an RFP for planning consultants to conduct community outreach around the development of future transit services.

- d. Technical Committee Follow-up from April 28 meeting:
 - i. Review of projects in LRTP and recommended changes
 - ii. ACTION: Information

Mr. Kinton explained that that the Technical Committee is in the process of reviewing the LATS LRTP projects list, taking into account emerging priorities and performance of the road network. Ms. Kozak said that following the full review, the Policy Committee would vote on a LRTP amendment.

3. New Business.

- a. SCDOT Freight Transportation Planning Presentation—Diane Lackey ACTION: Information

Ms. Lackey explained State and Federal freight planning programs, as established by the FAST Act, and opportunities for funding for freight related infrastructure. Ms. Lackey explained the role of Critical Rural and Critical Urban Freight Corridors, their designation, and eligibility for Federal funding. SCDOT will update the State Freight Plan with these designations. The Intermodal and Freight office will also be offering data on regional commerce through its website in the coming months. To view the presentation follow the link:

[http://www.lowcountrycog.org/Planning/Presentations/Meeting%20Presentation%20LATS%20-%20NHFN%20-%20CUFC-CRFC%20\(July%207%202017\).pdf](http://www.lowcountrycog.org/Planning/Presentations/Meeting%20Presentation%20LATS%20-%20NHFN%20-%20CUFC-CRFC%20(July%207%202017).pdf)

- b. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)—FY 2018 and FY 2019—Staff ACTION: Approval

Ms. Kozak explained the function of the UPWP and schedule of revision per FHWA guidance. The UPWP was approved.

- c. Update of LATS website--Staff ACTION: Information

Mr. Holdsworth explained recent updates to the LATS website including details regarding Policy Committee meetings, TIP, announcements, and map products.

4. Other Business.

Mr. Ball provided information on the development of the Jasper Ocean Terminal, including the evolving scope of services and future coordination with LATS on transportation studies.

5. Public Comment Period.

6. Next Meeting—August 11, 2017.

7. ADJOURN.