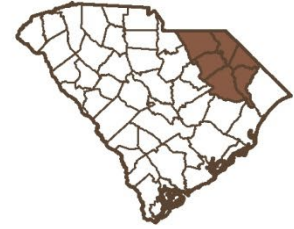


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Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2023, 10:30 am
2314 Pisgah Road, Florence, SC

Present:

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| Sammie Copeland, Chairman | Lindsay Privette | Dunae Shaw |
| Leon Johnson, Vice-Chairman | Sandy Watford | Erin Porter, via Zoom |
| Joette Dukes | Carolyn Prince | Diane Lackey, via Zoom |
| Brian Dix | Tim Harper | Christina Lewis, via Zoom |

- I. Welcome - Sammie Copeland
 - Sammie Copeland welcomed the group, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.
- II. Approval of September 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes
 - Leon Johnson moved that the minutes of the September 14, 2023, TAC meeting be approved as submitted. Carolyn Prince seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- III. Pee Dee Regional Project Updates
 - a. Erin Porter - Chief Asset and Performance Manager – 2023 Safety Target Presentation
 - Erin Porter presented the Safety Targets for 2020 – 2024. Dr. Prince moved that the TAC accept the state of SC’s safety targets as presented. Tim Harper seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - b. Brian Dix (or representative) – PDCOG Project Updates
 - Brian Dix provided an update on current PDRCOG projects with specific conversation about:
 - Chesterfield County Projects: The cost estimate on P041521 Center Point Road project come back as a project that will be significantly more involved than originally thought. The estimate has increased from the original \$1.7 million to \$3.525 million. Dix asked if the committee would like to reconsider or further discuss the progress of the project. Discussion ensued regarding potential engineering options, delaying the project, expected changes in construction costs, and other options available. Sammie Copeland made a motion that the project continue at this point and that SCDOT continue to provide updates as more details are available. Leon Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Dillon County Projects: P030667 SC9/57 and S-76 continues to be on hold due to the high cost of utility relocation. No action was taken, but the TAC will be ready to continue the project if the City of Dillon is able to secure grant funds for utility relocation in the future. Tim Harper brought up the issue of the increased traffic around the Highway 34/Interstate 95 bridge and requested additional assistance in moving forward.
- c. SCDOT District 4 – Chesterfield County - Greg Williams (or representative)
- No update; no attendees for District 4.
- d. SCDOT District 5 – Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion & Marlboro Counties - Kyle Berry (or representative)
- No update; no attendees for District 5.

IV. LRTP Update

- Lindsay Privette provided an update on the status of the PDRCOG's Long Range Transportation Plan and suggested that Guideshare funds of \$200,000 be allocated to the next required update. Leon Johnson made a motion that the PDRCOG TAC allocate \$300,000 for the LRTP Update. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Prince. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. TIP Spreadsheet and TIP Narrative Updates, for possible action

- Lindsay Privette provided an update on the TIP Spreadsheet and TIP Narrative and requested TAC approval of the presented drafts. Leon Johnson made a motion that the TIP Spreadsheet and TIP Narrative be approved with the LRTP Update estimate being updated to \$300,000. Carolyn Prince seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Comments & Questions

- Carolyn Prince reported that the consultant working on the bridge replacement over Crooked Creek came out and viewed the project site. Brian Dix reported that the consultant met with Bennettsville administrator William Simon to discuss alternatives and plans for decreasing traffic disruption resulting from the bridge construction. Sammie Copeland encouraged the group to continue focusing on the Big Things to make as much impact as possible in the region.
- Leon Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Tim Harper seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.