

Spartanburg Area Transportation Study

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SPATS Policy Committee Minutes

November 9, 2020

Present:

Rosalyn Henderson-Myers
Mike Forrester
Woody Willard
Jared Wilson
Steve Bolin

Roger Nutt
Julian Hankinson
Bob Walker
Rob Rain
Ned Camby

Manning Lynch
Larry Chappell
John Throckmorton
Allison Gantte

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes (August 10, 2020)

Chair Manning Lynch called the meeting to order. Mr. Lynch welcomed Ned Camby, the new Mayor of Pacolet. Mr. Lynch thanked Mr. Forrester for his service as he is stepping down from his House District 34 Delegation office. He also thanked Roger Nutt as he will be leaving County Council for the House District 34 Delegation office, succeeding Rep. Forrester.

Mr. Forrester moved to approve the minutes of the August 10th meeting as emailed, seconded by Mr. Nutt. The minutes will now be made available online on the SPATS website.

Projects' Status Report

Ms. Penny Phillips presented the "SPATS Guideshare Project Report for November SPATS PC 10-28-2020" sent out prior to the meeting by Ms. Bollinger. Detailed updates for SPATS projects and the corresponding SCDOT Project Viewer link include:

Country Club Road Improvements: operational and safety improvements on S-47 for 3.3 miles from Union St. (SC 56) to Clifton-Glendale Road (S-30). Project includes east-west trail connection along Country Club Road linking the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail to the Glendale Shoals area. PE 85% complete. ROW acquisition began October 2019. Approximately 70% of tracts settled. Construction expected to begin late Spring 2021 depending on ROW acquisitions.

Country Club Road Corridor Project link in SCDOT Project Viewer

SC 9 at Shoally Creek/4th Street Intersection Improvement:

includes widening of SC 9 to add a third travel lane in each direction, adding/lengthening turn lanes along with reconfiguring 4th St. at existing sharp curve, and installing a traffic signal at SC 9 and Candlenut Lane.

PE 70% complete. Project schedule is being revised due to reevaluation of scope after receiving ROW estimates. Construction letting schedule anticipated to move.

[SC 9 and 4th St. Intersection Improvement Project link in SCDOT Project Viewer](#)

Lyman Traffic Triangle: improve traffic operations at three main intersections: US 29/Pine Ridge Road, SC 358 (Holly Springs Road)/Pine Ridge Road, and US 29/SC 129/SC 358 (Holly Springs Rd.)/SC 292. Preliminary PE 70% Complete. ROW Phase underway. Project expected to be let for Construction in Fall 2021.

[Lyman Traffic Triangle Project Link in SCDOT Project Viewer](#)

Please see SCDOT Project Viewer for project status updates between SPATS meetings: <https://www.scdot.org/business/projectviewer.aspx>

City of Spartanburg Downtown Thoroughfare Plan/SPATS Conceptual Projects List Scope and Funding

The City of Spartanburg and SPATS have entered into a partnership for a transportation study. The original concept was approved in August for the SPATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The City of Spartanburg will procure a consultant for the “City Thoroughfare Plan/SPATS Conceptual Projects List.” The consultant’s scope of the **City portion of the study** will be to review existing and future transportation needs and trends, propose short and long-term multi-modal transportation projects, and prepare detailed cost estimates for those projects. Chris Story, City Manager with the City of Spartanburg, reported that the City is allocating **\$50,000** towards this study which will focus on the **Central Business District**.

The study will also include a task for that same consultant to assist in SPATS’ long-range planning. The consultant’s scope of the **SPATS portion of the study** will be to review the “Draft Targeted Connectivity Goals List” (attached) for transportation improvements and **recommend conceptual projects in the three fastest growing areas of the County (Reidville, Duncan/Lyman/Wellford, and Boiling Springs)**. The consultant will recommend a conceptual list of projects, prioritize these projects, and provide planning level cost estimates. SPATS will utilize this work in the update of the SPATS Long-Range Transportation Plan next year.

Lisa Bollinger, SPATS Transportation Planning Manager, requested an updated UPWP amendment to the **SPATS** work program, recommended by Study Team, to allocate **\$50,000 towards this study to go with the City’s commitment of \$50,000. The City will procure the consultant** and SPATS, SCDOT and Federal Highways will be a part of the RFP process. Project scope will include stakeholder meetings and virtual public input opportunities. Mr. Nutt moved to approve the UPWP Amendment, seconded by Mr. Throckmorton.

SPATS Targeted Connectivity Goals Visioning Exercise

Ms. Bollinger facilitated a visioning exercise in preparation for the Long-Range Transportation Plan Update. Sherry Dull, Senior Transportation Planner, and Kaitlyn Kong, Intern, of SPATS presented multiple maps, reflecting Spartanburg County growth, congestion, safety, and future transportation opportunities with a focus on the study areas of Boiling Springs, Reidville, and Duncan/Lyman/Wellford.

The *SCDOT/SPATS LRTP/CTC Projects* map helps the organizations coordinate efforts to save resources. Future vision maps were also reviewed including the *GADOT High-Speed Rail Vision from Atlanta to Charlotte* and the *Spartanburg County Comprehensive Plan 2018-2035 Land Use Element*.

- Growth Maps: *2020 Major Employment (OneSpartanburg and Upstate Alliance), Spartanburg County Growth Map 1990, 2020 and 2040 (ACOG)*.
- Congestion Maps: *2019 SCDOT Average Daily Traffic, 2040 LRTP Volume to Capacity (SPATS) and Spartanburg County Projected Growth by Census Tract (2040) (ACOG)*
- Safety Maps: *Total Crashes by Road Segment (2015-2019) (SCDOT/SPATS InfoCrash) and Top 7 Area Crashes (SCDOT/SPATS InfoCrash)*

The Committee came to a consensus on the following preliminary list of Long-Range Transportation Plan proposed projects for future consideration. Public input, including comments we receive during the upcoming City/SPATS planning effort, will also be a part of the Long-Range Transportation Plan Update.

- Consider analyzing growth trends in Woodruff for future planning consideration
- Consider adding capacity on SC 296 (Reidville Road) due to growth pressures
- Consider US 29 as an alternative to I-85
- Consider access management along SC 9 and other growth corridors
- Consider establishing a Right-of-Way funding pot to prepare for future projects
- Consider tying in Clark Rd. to I-26
- Use multiple data sources to analyze preferred routes besides major arterials
- Potential timeline on establishing an Interstate Loop?

Other Business and Adjourn

There being no other business, motion was made by Mr. Chappell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Forrester. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021.