CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Thursday, August 28, 2014 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room
AGENDA

ACTION

A. **Call to Order and Introductions** — **John Hardee**
1. Determination of Quorum
2. Approval of Order and Contents of the Agenda — **Group**
3. Introduction of Guests — **Eartha Burrell**
4. Invocation

B. **Consent Agenda** — **Group**
1. Approval of the May 22 and June 26, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes *(Enclosure 1)*
2. FY 2015 UPWP / FY 2015 RPWP *(Enclosure 2)*
3. Financial Statement for the Period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 *(Enclosure 3)*

C. **Regular Agenda**
1. Central Midlands Air Quality Pledge *(Enclosure 4)* — **Reginald Simmons**
2. TIP Amendment – Bluff Road Sidewalk Project *(Enclosure 5)* — **Reginald Simmons**
3. TIP Amendment – Old Orangeburg Road/Bill Williamson Ct *(Enclosure 6)* — **Reginald Simmons**
4. 2035 LRTP Amendment – Barr Road/Rawl Road Intersection *(Enclosure 7)* — **Reginald Simmons**

INFORMATION

D. **Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences**
1. Fort Jackson Update — **Gregory Sprouse**
2. Gill Creek Watershed Presentation — **Erich Miarka**
3. Transportation Project Updates — **Ladd Gibson**
4. Midlands Workforce Development Board Update *(Enclosure 8)* — **Kevin Hill**
5. Executive Director's Report *(Enclosure 9)* — **Ben Mauldin**
6. Board Member Spotlight — **John Hardee**

E. **Old/New Business**

F. **Other Business**

G. **Adjourn**

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2014 in the COG Conference Room

Note: Full Agenda packets can be found on the CMCOG website at www.cmcog.org.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

ENCLOSURE 1

Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Thursday, May 22, 2014 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
John Hardee, Chairman, City of Columbia
Roger Gaddy, Vice-Chairman, Mayor of Winnsboro
Vina Abrams, Immediate Past Chair, Newberry Co
Jimmy Bales, Richland County Legislative Delegation
David Brown, Fairfield County Council
Ellen Cooper, City of Columbia
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council
Sam Davis, Columbia City Council
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
Pedro De Abreu, Richland County
Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council
MaryGail Douglas, Fairfield Co. Legislative Delegation
Shawn Epps, City of Columbia
David Ferguson, Fairfield County Council
Norman Jackson, Richland County Council
Johnny Jeffcoat, Lexington County Council
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
Steve MacDougall, Mayor of Lexington
Walt McLeod, Newberry Co Legislative Delegation
Joe Mergo, Lexington County
Cathy Novinger, City of Columbia
Dwayne Perry, Fairfield County Council
Juston Ricard, Springdale Town Council
Frank Townsend, Lexington County Council
Bill Waldrop, Newberry County Council
Kelvin Washington, Richland County Council
Teresa Wilson, City of Columbia
Paul Younginer, Irmo Town Council

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT:
Charlene Herring, Ridgeway Town Mayor
Geraldine Robinson, Eastover Town Mayor
Skip Wilson, Chapin Town Mayor

AFFILIATE MEMBER PRESENT:
Sonny White, Midlands Technical College

GUESTS PRESENT:
Ladd Gibson, South Carolina Department of Transportation
LaToya Grate, Richland County
Krista Hampton, City of Columbia
Col Harrison
Hope Hasty, Richland County
Tracy Hegler, Richland County
Matt Hines, Dennis Corporation
Bryan Jones, South Carolina Department of Transportation
Holland Leger, Richland County
Tony Magwood, South Carolina Department of Transportation
Anne Morris, Anne Morris & Associates
Henry Phillips, South Carolina Department of Transportation
Milton Pope, Fairfield County
Tom Whitney, Transportation & Associates

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Felicia Anderson, Operations Manager
Roland Bart, Chief Transportation Planner
Nevetta Blocker, Finance Director
Eartha Burrell, Community Development Planner
Myra Hamilton, Accountant
Anna Harmon, Regional LTC Ombudsman Director
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
Malia Ropel, Senior Grants Accountant
Wayne Shuler, Regional Planning Manager
Andy Simmons, Information Services Manager
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

A. **CALL TO ORDER, *convened***

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. on May 22, 2014 by Chairman John Hardee.

The Chairman introduced Bryan Jones and Tony Magwood from the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

A1. **Determination of Quorum**

Chairman Hardee noted that a quorum was not present.

A2. **Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda, *approved***

Chairman Hardee asked for approval of the order and contents of the overall agenda.

MOTION
David Ferguson moved, seconded by Bill Waldrop, to approve the order and contents of the overall agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A3. **Introduction of New Board Members**

Pedro De Abreu was recently appointed to the Board of Directors representing Richland County as a citizen appointee. Mr. De Abreu introduced himself and gave a brief overview.

** ***Chairman Hardee noted that a quorum was present at this time.***

MOTION, *passed*
Vina Abrams moved, seconded by Ellen Cooper, to ratify the motion to approve the order and contents of the overall agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A4. **Introduction of Guests**

Eartha Burrell introduced the guests at today's meeting. They are listed on the first page.

A5. **Invocation**

Joe Mergo gave the invocation.

B. **REGULAR AGENDA**

B1. **Approval of the April 24, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes, *approved***

MOTION, *passed*
Joyce Dickerson moved, seconded by Sam Davis, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B2. **TIP Amendment – FTA 2014 Apportionments, *approved***

Reginald Simmons presented a request for approval to add fiscal year 2014 federal funding apportionments to the 2013 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Simmons

provided an overview of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs, Section S307 – Large Urban Formula Program and Section S310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities.

In order for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Comet to access these federal funds, the MPO needs to include the apportionments into their current TIP. Staff requests to add the following FY 2014 apportionments to the 2013 – 2019 TIP:

- Section S307 - $4,192,S62
- Section S310 - $404,100

The Chairman opened the floor for discussion. No discussion took place.

MOTION, *passed*
Johnny Jeffcoat moved to approve the addition of FY 2014 Federal Funding Appropriations to the 2013 – 2019 TIP, as presented. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

B3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, *approved*

Reginald Simmons presented a request for the approval to adopt the CMCOG/COATS Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Plan. He described the purpose of the plan and listed the actions taken by CMCOG to encourage DBE participation in its federally funded contracts. A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, *passed*
Todd Cullum moved, seconded by Dwayne Perry, to adopt the CMCOG/COATS DBE Plan, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B4. TIP Amendment – The Comet Funding, *approved*

Reginald Simmons presented a request for the approval to add $2,726,6S9 in Section 5307 funds to the 2013 – 2019 TIP. As the designated recipient of Section S307 funds, CMCOG allocates a large portion of those funds each year to the Comet (CMRTA) for improvements to their transit system.

For FY 2011, approximately $2,726,6S9 was allocated to the Comet. The Comet has proposed to obligate the funding to the following projects:

- **Preventative Maintenance** ($800,000) – to be expended on preventative maintenance expenses incurred in FFY 2013
- **ADA Paratransit Service** ($272,66S) – Using maximum of 10% of grant
- **Security** ($81,799) – To be used for security cameras for vehicles and/or at transit facilities
- **Rolling Stock** ($1,S72,19S) – Up to 2S replacement vehicles for para-transit and/or flex service

MOTION, *passed*
David Ferguson moved, seconded by Juston Ricard, to approve the addition of $2,726,659 in Section 5307 to the 2013 – 2019 TIP, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. ANNOUCEMENTS / COMMITTEE OR STAFF REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCES

C1. Bluff Road Sidewalk Project Update

Reginald Simmons provided an update on the Bluff Road Sidewalk Project. CMCOG is currently developing a sidewalk along Bluff Road from the entrance of the Fairgrounds on Rosewood Drive to George Rogers Blvd. The estimated cost of the project is $1.3 million. The preliminary engineering is underway and construction is expected to begin in the fall.

CMCOG was asked to review a potential sidewalk project along Bluff Road in the Olympia neighborhood. Mr. Simmons reviewed the location of the project and the potential cost that could reach up to $1.9 million. Richland County has requested funding assistance from the Richland County Transportation Committee.

C2. Richland County and City of Columbia Comprehensive Plan Briefing

Richland County's Planning Director, Tracy Hegler, briefed the Board on Richland County's current comprehensive plan. She discussed the County's efforts in updating its comprehensive plan.

City of Columbia's Director of Planning and Development Services, Krista Hampton, briefed the Board on the City's current comprehensive plan. She discussed the City's efforts in updating its comprehensive plan.

C3. Preliminary FY 2015 Budget

Ben Mauldin briefed the Board on the budget planning process for fiscal year 2015. The objectives for the new budget year are to make sure all work programs are adequately covered, to maximize grant revenue and to stretch the local dollars as much as possible.

Nevetta Blocker introduced new employee, Myra Hamilton. She works as an accountant in the finance department.

C4. Update on CMCOG Planning Projects

Wayne Shuler provided an update on current local government planning projects. CMCOG is assisting the Towns of Springdale, Eastover, and Gilbert with comprehensive plans. The COG is also working on a new Joint Land Use Study and Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Mr. Shuler discussed planning and zoning education training sessions in the region.

C5. Executive Director's Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following Executive Director's Report:

a. Midlands Job Fair – The Midlands Development Board held a job fair on May 20, 2014 at the SC National Guard Armory on Bluff Road. Over 65 different employers participated in the event.

b. Regional Coordination to Address Local Homelessness – CMCOG is coordinating with the City of Columbia in an effort to address local homelessness in the Downtown area.

c. Guideshare Funding – The SCDOT Commission recently rescinded their previous action in 2012 requiring Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Council of Governments to allocate 20% of their annual guideshare toward resurfacing intersection improvement projects.

C6. Board Member Spotlight

Bill Waldrop and Kelvin Washington introduced themselves and gave a brief overview.

D. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business to discuss.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

F. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:46 p.m.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Felicia C. Anderson

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

ENCLOSURE 1

Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Thursday, June 26, 2014 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
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Roger Gaddy, Vice-Chairman, Mayor of Winnsboro
Vina Abrams, Immediate Past Chair, Newberry Co
Jimmy Bales, Richland County Legislative Delegation
David Brown, Fairfield County Council
Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council
MaryGail Douglas, Fairfield Co. Legislative Delegation
Clabie Edmond, Lexington County
Shawn Epps, City of Columbia
David Ferguson, Fairfield County Council
Zebbie Goudelock, Newberry City Council
Clarence Hill, Richland County
Norman Jackson, Richland County Council
Johnny Jeffcoat, Lexington County Council
Wilber Lee Jeffcoat, Lexington County
Steve MacDougall, Mayor of Lexington
Earl McLeod, Lexington County
Cathy Novinger, City of Columbia
Debbie Summers, Lexington County Council
Mark Williams, City of Forest Acres
Teresa Wilson, City of Columbia
Paul Younginer, Irmo Town Council

ADVISORY MEMBER PRESENT:
Geraldine Robinson, Eastover Town Mayor

GUESTS PRESENT:
Joe Boyes, Town of Springdale
Tony Edwards, Richland County
Hope Hasty, Richland County
Hardy King, Town of Irmo
Holland Leger, Richland County
Yolanda Morris, Federal Highway Administration
Milton Pope, Fairfield County
Bernice G. Scott, Austin & Rogers, P.A.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Felicia Anderson, Operations Manager
Roland Bart, Chief Transportation Planner
Nevetta Blocker, Finance Director
Carol Boykin, Information, Referral & Assistance Specialist
Eartha Burrell, Community Development Planner
Cyndi Gawronski, Senior Community Development Planner
Anna Harmon, Regional LTC Ombudsman Director
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
Malia Ropel, Senior Grants Accountant
Sharon Seago, Director of the Area Agency on Aging/ Aging & Disability Resource Center
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
Gregory Sprouse, Director of Research, Planning & Development

A. CALL TO ORDER, *convened*

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. on June 26, 2014 by Chairman John Hardee.

A1. Determination of Quorum

Chairman Hardee noted that a quorum was not present.

A2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

No action was taken at this time, as a quorum was not recognized.

A3. Introduction of Guests

Eartha Burrell introduced the guests at today's meeting. They are listed on the first page.

A4. Invocation

David Brown gave the invocation.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the May 22, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
2. TIP Amendment – Recreational Trails Program – 2013 & 2014
3. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds in CMRTA
4. CMCOG/COATS MPO DBE Plan
5. Federal Funding Apportionments
6. Transit Representation on the MPO Policy Committee

No action was taken at this time, as a quorum was not recognized.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

C1. FY 2015 Budget & Work Program

Ben Mauldin presented a request for the approval of the FY 2015 Budget and Work Program. He proposed a balanced budget of $12,749,804. "Pass-through" funds for contracted services consist of 23.9% of the total budget. The proposed budget includes a 1.5% cost of living adjustment. He discussed the operating budget and revenue sources for the next fiscal year. He also discussed objectives and strategies to build a fiscal foundation for the future.

No action was taken at this time, as a quorum was not recognized.

C2. FY 2015 UPWP / FY 2015 RPWP

Reginald Simmons presented a request to adopt the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the FY 2015 Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP). He provided background information for each program. Both FY 2015 documents share the following major projects:

1. Charlotte – Columbia Alternative Analysis

2. Regional Site Selection Study
3. Regional Congestion Management Plan
4. Regional ITS Architecture
5. Regional Needs Assessment and Transit Feasibility Study

The UPWP's total budget is approximately $2.4 million. This includes approximately $937,294 of planning funds for projects in the urban areas. The RPWP's total budget is approximately $893,687. This includes approximately $75,000 of planning funds for projects in the rural areas.

No action was taken at this time, as a quorum was not recognized.

C3. TIP Amendment – JARC Funds – The Comet

Reginald Simmons presented a request for the approval to add $247,006 in Section 5316 funds to the 2013-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the CMRTA JARC Projects. He discussed the development of How-to-Ride Videos and a Low Income Pass Program. These projects will assist current and future riders with accessing and using the public transit system to commute to their place of employment. He provided a cost breakdown of the project.

No action was taken at this time, as a quorum was not recognized.

C4. TIP Amendment – New Freedom – The Comet

Reginald Simmons presented a request for the approval to add $144,049 in Section 5317 funds to the 2013 TIP for the ADA Bus Stop Accessibility Project. He provided background information and examples of the improvements. The total cost of the project is $177,561.25. He provided a cost breakdown of the project. The local match will be provided by The Comet.

No action was taken at this time, as a quorum was not recognized.

C5. TIP Amendment – Town of Irmo

Reginald Simmons presented a request for the approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add $200,930 in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds to the Town of Irmo TAP Projects.

Since FY 2011, the Town has been awarded the following sidewalk projects:

1. Brickling Road Sidewalk – ACTIVE
2. Carlisle/Moseley Sidewalk – ACTIVE
3. Palmetto Woods Sidewalk – ACTIVE
4. Chillingham/St. Albans Sidewalk – INACTIVE
5. Childs Street Sidewalk – INACTIVE

The projects listed above have been managed by SCDOT. Two (2) of the projects are considered to be inactive as they have not started the development process. In review of the three (3) active projects, SCDOT identified a funding shortfall in implementing these projects. To address this shortfall, the Town has requested to remove the inactive projects from the 2013 – 2019 TIP and use the excess funding to address the funding shortfall of their active projects. Mr. Simmons presented the total

cost of each project. The remaining balance of $S2,299.20 will be returned to the TAP Program for distribution towards future TAP projects.

No action was taken at this time, as a quorum was not recognized.

C6. TIP Amendment – FY 2014 Transportation Alternatives Projects

Reginald Simmons presented a request for the approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add seven (7) transportation alternatives projects to the FY 2014 COATS Transportation Alternatives Program. The program can assist in funding projects that create bicycle and pedestrian facilities, pedestrian trails, pedestrian streetscaping activities, and other transportation related enhancements. The recommended projects include:

1. Riverland Drive Sidewalk Project (City of Cayce)
2. Kitty Hawk Drive Sidewalk Project (Town of Springdale)
3. Augusta Highway Sidewalk Project – Phase II (Town of Lexington)
4. South Church Street Sidewalk Continuation Project (Town of Lexington)
5. Eastview Drive Sidewalk Project (Town of Irmo)
6. Church Street Sidewalk Project (Town of Irmo)
7. Buck Corley Road Sidewalk Project (Lexington County)

Approximately $776,176 in federal funds was requested for the sidewalk projects. FY 2014 funds of $866,353 are available resulting in a surplus of approximately $90,177 for future projects. COATS will evaluate the use of those funds.

No action was taken at this time, as a quorum was not recognized.

C7. CMCOG Board Support for Veterans Memorial Dedication

Ben Mauldin presented a request to the Committee to show support of dedication of an intersection and bridge to recognize and honor two (2) fallen veterans from the Central Midlands Region. Mr. Mauldin provided background information of each veteran.

The first request is to name the intersection of Two Notch Road and Muddy Springs Road as the "First Lieutenant Almar L. Fitzgerald Intersection" and erect appropriate signs and markers that contain the words "First Lieutenant Almar L. Fitzgerald Intersection".

The second request is to name the bridge over 12 Mile Creek on Barr Road in Lexington County the "First Lieutenant Ryan Rawl Bridge" and to erect appropriate signs and markers that contain the words "First Lieutenant Ryan Rawl Bridge".

No action was taken at this time, as a quorum was not recognized.

D. <u>ANNOUCEMENTS / COMMITTEE OR STAFF REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCES</u>

D1. City of Columbia – Homeless Coordinator / Homeless Service Provider

Gregory Sprouse provided an overview of the Regional Homeless Coordination Project. CMCOG is assisting the City of Columbia in this effort. He discussed the development of the project. The City released a Request for Information/Ideas regarding homelessness solutions in January 2014.

Responses were reviewed by a review panel. The information gathered during this process was used to create a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from qualified service providers to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to provide regional homeless service coordination centered around six (6) homeless response goals adopted by the Columbia City Council. Mr. Sprouse listed the six (6) homeless response goals. He also discussed the role and responsibilities of the Homeless Service Provider and the project's focus areas.

D2. Update on Homecare II Services

Gregory Sprouse provided an update of the solicitation for homecare II services. He discussed the actions taken during the procurement process for aging services and appeals process for homecare II services. The COG received two (2) new appeals after the re-procurement process for homecare II services.

The current homecare II service contracts will expire on June 30, 2014 and the COG is concerned that homecare II services may lapse and clients will not receive the needed service. In order to prevent a disruption in service, the COG has asked the existing contractors to extend their contracts for homecare II services until this matter is resolved.

After a thorough review and discussion with legal counsel, it is in the best interest of the COG, its AAA/ADRC and service recipients to cancel the solicitation for homecare II services and administer the program internally. This option will ensure that there will be no lapse in service. It will also give the service recipients an opportunity to choose their own service provider.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved to cancel the solicitation of Homecare II Services and administer the program internally with a consumer choice voucher program.

D3. Executive Director's Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following Executive Director's Report:

1. **Capital Improvement Project** – Mr. Mauldin thanked the City of Columbia for their assistance in repairing our parking lot.
2. **Central Midlands Aging and Disability Resource Training** – CMCOG/ADRC provided community based workshops to teach seniors on ways to reduce their risk of falls and to build their confidence in managing their health. These workshops were held at a number of the senior centers in our region.
3. **Lexington SC Works Center Move** – The Lexington County SC Works Center will relocate to 671 S. Carolina 302 in West Columbia by mid-July. This location is geographically and strategically located making it more closely centered to the county population and targeted demographic.
4. **CMCOG Community Development Programs** – The SC Department of Commerce announced their Spring Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant awards on June 18th.

   The Town of Winnsboro and Fairfield County were jointly awarded $564,103 towards the Jackson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, estimated to cost $677,103 in its entirety.

The City of Newberry was awarded $706,863 towards the West End Mill Village Water & Sewer Upgrade Project, estimated to cost $1,459,780 in its entirety.

Mr. Mauldin acknowledged Cyndi Gawronski, Eartha Burrell, Gregory Sprouse and Jason Kent for their involvement in procuring these grants.

D4. Board Member Spotlight

Teresa Wilson and David Brown introduced themselves and gave a brief overview.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

No old or new business was brought forth.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forth.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:33 p.m.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Felicia C. Anderson

ENCLOSURE 2

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on June 26th

Public comment period ended on July 11th

No Public Comments Received

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 26, 2014

SUBJECT: **FY 2015 UPWP** *(Full document is available for download)*

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to adopt the FY 2015 UPWP. Please be advised that the draft final report is available on our website for your review.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2014-2015 COATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is based on the COATS's 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was updated and approved by the Policy Committee on December 18, 2008. Emphasis has been placed on developing a program which can be reasonably accomplished with available staff and consultant resources and which is consistent with the priorities of the COATS area. This 2014-2015 UPWP emphasizes activities that promote the implementation of the existing plan. The major projects to be completed in FY 2015 include:

Charlotte-Columbia Alternative Analysis

This project consists of an assessment of transit alternatives that could potentially establish rail transit service between the City of Charlotte and the City of Columbia.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: TBA

Staff is currently coordinating with SCDOT, Amtrak, NCDOT, and the City of Columbia.

Regional Site Selection Study

This project consists of assessing the best location for an Intermodal Transit Facility. Consideration of a site should include access to buses, bikes, taxis, and possibly rail service.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: TBA

Regional Transit Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study

This project consists of assessing the transit needs in the outlying areas of Richland and Lexington Counties, identifying service options to addressing those needs, and connecting those service options to the existing transit service.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2015

Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan & Bike Share Plan

This project consists of assessing existing and future bike and pedestrian facilities in and around the City of Columbia and enhancing their connectivity to the existing and expanding transit system.

Consultant: Alta Planning + Design

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: March 2015

Long Range Transportation Plan

This project consists of updating the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to meet the requirements of MAP-21 and to serve as the framework for transportation improvements in the metropolitan planning area for the next 30 years.

Consultant: In-house staff

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: TBA

Regional ITS Architecture

This project consists of creating a tool that will develop the basic framework for integrating different Intelligent Transportation System Projects throughout the CMCOG/COATS region.

Consultant: In-house staff

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: December 2014

Regional Congestion Management Process

This project consists of assessing the current state of the region's congestion issues, determine the needs of the system, and develop a mitigation plan to guide future policy development, and to recommend priority improvements to the system.

Consultant: In-house staff

Project Manager: Gregory Sprouse Estimated Completion Date: December 2014

Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on June 26th

Public comment period ended on July 11th

No Public Comments Received

ADOPTION OF THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CMCOG) STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2014-2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

WHEREAS, the Central Midlands Council of Governments has been designated by the Governor of the State of South Carolina as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the census designated urbanized areas and the proposed urbanized areas of Richland, Lexington, Kershaw, Calhoun, Fairfield and Newberry Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation programs that are the responsibility of the Central Midlands Council of Governments are authorized by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) (Pub. L. 112-141, July 6, 2012); and,

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of MAP-21 establishes requirements for metropolitan transportation planning in 23 U.S.C. 134, and Section 1105 of MAP-21 provides for the apportionment of metropolitan planning funds in 23 U.S.C. 104; and,

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 UPWP is developed in accordance with federal and state requirements and guidelines, helps consolidate and coordinate the transportation planning activities conducted by member governments of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, by providing a mutually-agreed upon document which identifies all transportation and transportation-related planning activities to be undertaken by Columbia Area Transportation Study MPO from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, regardless of funding sources; and,

WHEREAS, the Central Midlands Council of Governments held a 30-day public comment period for the Draft 2014-2015 UPWP, starting June 11, 2014 and ending July 11, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 2014-2015 UPWP is hereby approved by the Central Midlands Council of Governments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Central Midlands Council of Governments approves the consolidated funding apportionment of the 2014-2015 FHWA PL Program and the FTA Section 5303 Program and other associated federal, state and local funds.

CERTIFICATE the undersigned is the duly qualified Executive Director of Central Midlands Council of Governments, and hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Central Midlands Council of Governments held on June 26, 2014.

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John N. Hardee, Chairman
Central Midlands Council of Governments

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Benjamin J. Mauldin, Executive Director
Central Midlands Council of Governments

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CENTRAL MIDLANDS
Council of Governments

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Public comment period ended on July 11th

No Public Comments Received

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 26, 2014

SUBJECT: **FY 2015 RPWP** *(Full document is available for download)*

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to adopt the FY 2015 RPWP. Please be advised that the draft final report is available on our website for your review.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2014-2015 CMCOG Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP) is based on the CMCOG's 2035 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was updated and approved by the Policy Committee on October 28, 2010. Emphasis has been placed on developing a program which can be reasonably accomplished with available staff and consultant resources and which is consistent with the priorities of the CMCOG area. This 2014-2015 RPWP emphasizes activities that will promote the implementation of the existing plan. The major projects to be completed in FY 2015 include:

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Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2015

Rural Long Range Transportation Plan

This project consists of updating the 2035 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan to meet the requirements of MAP-21 and to serve as the framework for transportation improvements in the metropolitan planning area for the next 30 years.

Consultant: In-house staff

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: TBA

Regional ITS Architecture

This project consists of creating a tool that will develop the basic framework for integrating different Intelligent Transportation System Projects throughout the CMCOG/COATS region.

Consultant: In-house staff

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: December 2014

Regional Congestion Management Process

This project consists of assessing the current state of the region's congestion issues, determine the needs of the system, and develop a mitigation plan to guide future policy development, and to recommend priority improvements to the system.

Consultant: In-house staff

Project Manager: Gregory Sprouse Estimated Completion Date: December 2014

Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on June 26th

Public comment period ended on July 11th

No Public Comments Received

ADOPTION OF THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CMCOG) STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2014-2015 RURAL PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (RPWP)

WHEREAS, the Central Midlands Council of Governments has been designated as the rural planning organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the non-urbanized portions of the Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, and Newberry Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation programs that are the responsibility of the Central Midlands Council of Governments are authorized by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) (Pub. L. 112-141, July 6, 2012); and,

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 RPWP is developed in accordance with federal and state requirements and guidelines, helps consolidate and coordinate the transportation planning activities conducted by member governments of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, by providing a mutually-agreed upon document which identifies all transportation and transportation-related planning activities to be undertaken by Central Midlands Council of Governments from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, regardless of funding sources; and,

WHEREAS, the Central Midlands Council of Governments held a 30-day public comment period for the Draft 2014-2015 RPWP, starting June 11, 2014 and ending July 11, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 2014-2015 RPWP is hereby approved by the Central Midlands Council of Governments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Central Midlands Council of Governments approves the funding apportionment of the 2014-2015 Rural PL Program and other associated federal, state and local funds.

CERTIFICATE the undersigned is the duly qualified Executive Director of Central Midlands Council of Governments, and hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Central Midlands Council of Governments held on June 26, 2014.

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John N. Hardee, Chairman
Central Midlands Council of Governments

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Benjamin J. Mauldin, Executive Director
Central Midlands Council of Governments

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Central Midlands Council of Governments
Unaudited Financial Statement
July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

ENCLOSURE 3

	Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Y-T-D	Percent of Budget
Revenue				
Local Revenue				
Member Governments	531,250	**531,250**	531,250.00	100.00%
State Aid	70,407	**70,407**	70,407.00	100.00%
Interest Income	50	**13**	19.35	148.85%
Sale of Data & Publications	2,000	**500**	509.48	101.90%
WorkKeys	70,000	**50,000**	49,876.00	99.75%
208 Conformance Reviews	4,500	**3,700**	3,600.00	97.30%
SCAPA Training Revenue	2,650	**3,000**	3,232.50	107.75%
CMRTA Support Contract	5,100	**27,175**	25,475.00	93.74%
Local Revenue-Aging	0	**200**	218.67	109.34%
Local Revenue-Other	0	**12,000**	14,938.42	124.49%
Fringe Recovery	1,381,450	**1,351,298**	1,310,470.81	96.98%
Indirect Cost Recovery	409,226	**456,092**	436,213.86	95.64%
Total Local Revenue	2,476,633	**2,505,635**	2,446,211.09	97.63%
Regional Programs				
Aging Planning & Administration	431,914	**573,930**	546,534.00	95.23%
Ombudsman Program	258,223	**263,400**	246,728.55	93.67%
Midlands Workforce Development Board	5,202,288	**5,032,727**	5,787,970.23	115.01%
Transportation	922,924	**1,964,448**	1,797,421.98	91.50%
EPA 208 Planning	15,000	**14,682**	6,440.00	43.86%
SCDHEC Water Supply Planning	0	**13,712**	13,712.00	100.00%
Economic Development Administration	55,006	**24,356**	30,089.00	123.54%
Comm Development Block Grant-Planning	50,000	**50,000**	50,066.00	100.13%
Total Regional Programs	6,935,355	**7,937,255**	8,478,961.76	106.82%
Community Development Block Grant Admin	102,000	**79,623**	74,150.00	93.13%
Local Technical Assistance Contracts	30,000	**34,533**	36,396.00	105.39%
Transfer From Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	391,184	**380,129**	275,750.25	72.54%
Total Operating Revenue	9,935,172	**10,937,175**	11,311,469.10	103.42%
Contracted Services Revenue				
Aging	1,811,104	**2,451,438**	2,114,724.50	86.26%
MWDB Contractors	750,000	**750,000**	913,660.59	121.82%
Total Contracted Services Revenue	2,561,104	**3,201,438**	3,028,385.09	94.59%
Total Revenue	12,496,276	**14,138,613**	14,339,854.19	101.42%
Expenses				
Personnel Costs	4,369,816	**4,312,425**	4,391,622.38	101.84%
Fringe & Indirect Cost Allocation	1,790,676	**1,807,390**	1,746,684.67	96.64%
Operations and Maintenance	886,493	**768,497**	837,555.19	108.99%
Employee Development & Training	86,056	**77,400**	67,220.95	86.85%
Travel & Transportation	123,468	**113,340**	107,218.99	94.60%
Consultants & Contracts	398,982	**333,686**	213,701.19	64.04%
Local Government Training	4,500	**6,000**	2,553.48	42.56%
Capital Outlays	7,000	**6,804**	3,912.00	57.50%
MWDB Instructional Training & Supp Svces	1,825,000	**1,825,000**	2,497,345.35	136.84%
SCDOT-Assembly St Project	0	**1,200,000**	1,003,702.00	83.64%
CMRTA-Mobility Manager	0	**22,500**	28,679.00	127.46%
MWDB Transportation Services	52,000	**84,000**	146,542.00	174.45%
Transfer To Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	391,184	**380,129**	275,750.25	72.54%
Total Operating Expenses	9,935,175	**10,937,171**	11,322,487.45	103.52%
Contracted Services Expenses				
Aging	1,811,104	**2,451,438**	2,114,724.50	86.26%
Midlands Workforce Development Board (WIA)	750,000	**750,000**	913,660.59	121.82%
Total Contracted Services Expenses	2,561,104	**3,201,438**	3,028,385.09	94.59%
Total Expenses	12,496,279	**14,138,609**	14,350,872.54	101.50%
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses	(3)	4	(11,018.35)	

ENCLOSURE 4

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: August 28, 2014

SUBJECT: **Air Quality Pledge**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to adopt the Central Midlands Air Quality Pledge.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Air pollution is becoming a more significant issue in South Carolina as we are faced with the challenges of complying with more stringent national air quality standards. It is imperative that we meet these standards while still promoting the economic well-being of our state and enhancing the quality of life of our citizens. The Central Midlands Air Quality Coalition was formed to serve as a regional forum to discuss air quality concerns and ideas in the central midlands region.

With the increase in pollution sources and air quality standards becoming more stringent, it is vital to obtain input from stakeholders as we work to address these issues in the most effective manner. One of the first steps in the process is to ask our city and county governments, businesses, institutions, and organizations from across the central midlands region to adopt our pledge to improve air quality which is in support of the development, implementation, and maintenance of the Central Midlands Air Quality Action Plan and Clean Air initiative.

ATTACHMENTS

Air Quality Pledge

Central Midlands Air Quality Pledge of Support

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as required by the Clean Air Act, will "review and, if necessary, revise air quality standards every five years to ensure that they protect public health with an adequate margin of safety." Accordingly, it is expected that EPA would propose actions and finalize any National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) revisions in the near future.

Here in the Central Midlands of South Carolina, we recognize that improving air quality and maintaining clean air that is in attainment of the NAAQS established by EPA is critical to both the physical health of residents and the economic vitality of the region. Therefore, we join other city and county governments, businesses, institutions, and organizations from across the central midlands region to support the development, implementation, and maintenance of the Central Midlands Air Quality Action Plan and Clean Air initiative.

We are committed to supporting outreach and educational efforts as well as identifying specific actions that our organization can implement as part of a collaborative effort to maintain a level of air quality that allows our region to reach its full potential as a great place to live, learn, do business, and raise a family.

Local Government/Business/Institution: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Primary Contact Person: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

(As part of the pledge, we will identify from the Central Midlands strategies/actions list those actions that our local governments/businesses/organizations can work on moving forward. We commit to communicating with the Central Midlands Air Quality Coalition Steering Committee and DHEC to ensure that our efforts are included in the Clean Air Report to EPA's Ozone Advance Program.)

ENCLOSURE 5

CENTRAL MIDLANDS
Council of Governments

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: August 28, 2014

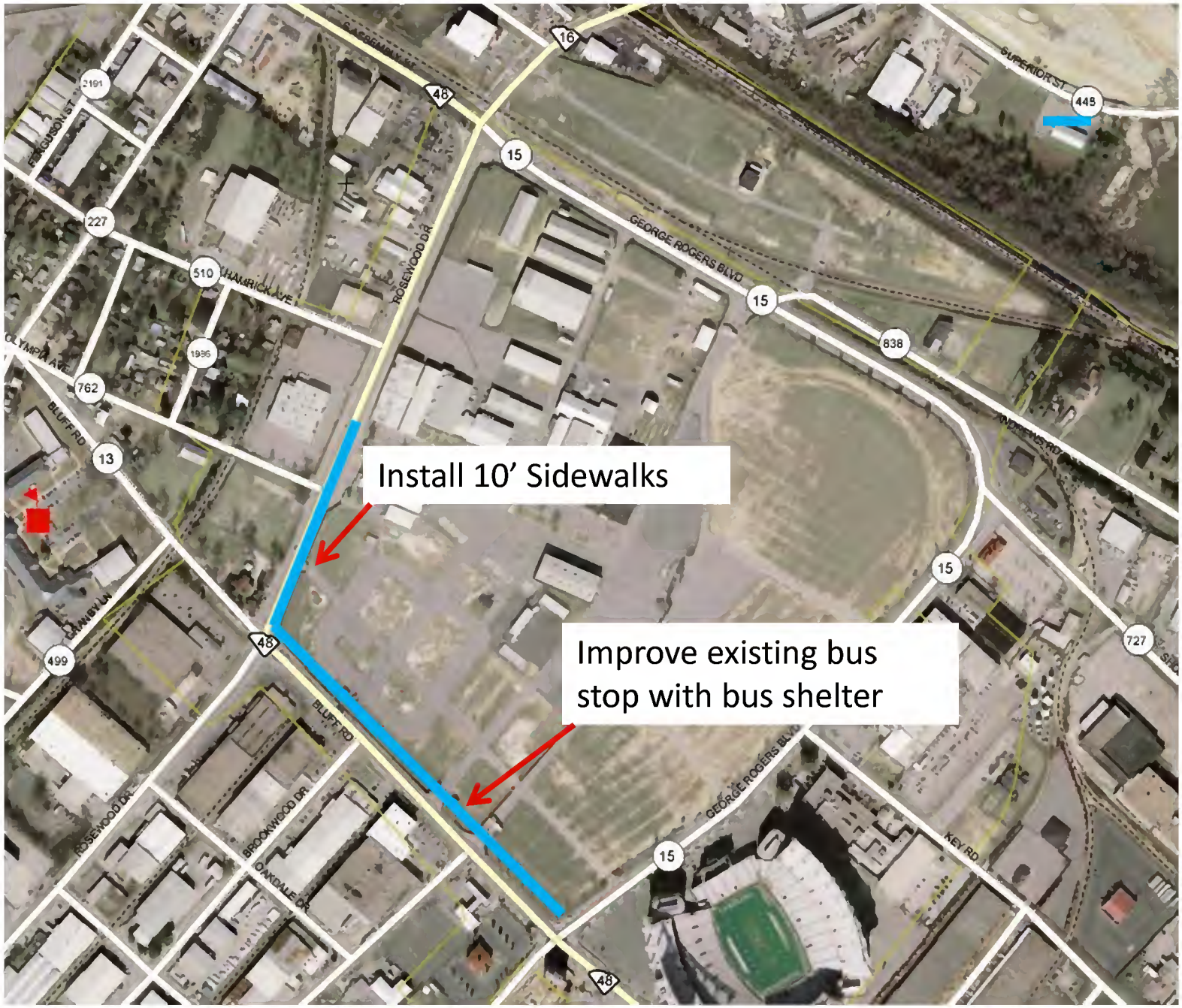
SUBJECT: **Bluff Road Sidewalk Project**

REQUESTED ACTION
The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add $300,000 to the Bluff Road Sidewalk Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The Bluff Road Sidewalk Project is designed to install 10 ft. wide sidewalk along one side of the Rosewood Drive from the entrance to the Fairgrounds to Bluff Road and then continue along Bluff Road from Rosewood Dr to George Rogers Blvd. The purpose is to provide safe pedestrian access to the existing bus stop and to the many of the events held at the fairgrounds and the football stadium. This sidewalk will also improve traffic flow during major events since the outer northbound lane of Bluff Road is forced to close due to high pedestrian traffic. The project is currently scheduled for construction during the spring and early summer of 2015. The current budget is approximately $1.3 million ($600K Richland CTC, $700K COATS). SCDOT has previously issued the project for bid and received the lowest bid at approx. $1.7 million. In order to address this increase in funding, the Richland CTC is proposing to add an additional $200,000 to the project. COATS is requesting to add $300,000. SCDOT plans to re-bid this project in the fall based on an anticipated $1.7 million budget.

In coordination with the sidewalk project, USC is planning pedestrian improvements at the intersection of George Rogers Blvd and Bluff Road. These improvements will be done in conjunction with improvements to Williams Brice Stadium. USC's project is scheduled to begin in the winter of 2014/2015. SC Fairgrounds also plans to replace the existing chain link fence with a decorative railing along with pedestrian scale lighting for the sidewalk project.

ATTACHMENTS
Project Map


Install 10’ Sidewalks
Improve existing bus stop with bus shelter
GEORGE ROGERS BLVD
ROSEWOOD DR
HAMRICK AVE
BLUFF RD
SUPERIOR ST
KEY RD
BROOKWOOD DR
OAKDALE DR
16
48
15
227
510
762
13
838
727
499
448

ENCLOSURE 6

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: August 28, 2014

SUBJECT: **Old Orangeburg Road/Bill Williamson Court Intersection Improvement Project**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add $100,000 in R/W funds to the Old Orangeburg Road/Bill Williamson Court Intersection Improvement Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Old Orangeburg Road/Bill Williamson Ct. intersection improvement project is designed to relieve congestion and provide safe access to Saxe Gotha Elementary School. As part of this improvement, SCDOT has requested an increase in R/W funds to connect this improvement to the Platt Springs Road Widening Project. The current budget for this project is:

R/W	$70K
Construction	$600K

SCDOT has requested that an additional $100K be added in R/W funds in order to address the needs of the proposed improvement. SCDOT has also advised that more funding for construction will be needed and will be revisited as a later time.

ATTACHMENTS

SCDOT Traffic Study

South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 5, 2010

Mr. Reginald Simmons
Transportation Director
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: School Study at Saxe Gotha Elementary School on S-244 (Old Orangeburg Road) and S-1453 (Southwood Drive/Bill Williamson Court) Lexington County

Dear Mr. Simmons:

In response to your January 13, 2009, request to study traffic congestion at the subject school, we have completed our review of the existing traffic operations.

The study was conducted during morning take-in and afternoon dismissal periods which included a review of traffic operations inside and adjacent to the school campus. It was observed that vehicles did not exceed the capacity of the student loop during the morning take-in period. However, our study revealed that due to the morning traffic volumes on S-244 (Old Orangeburg Road), several left-turn motorists were delayed trying to turn onto S-1453 (Bill Williamson Court). This caused long traffic queues to occur along Old Orangeburg Road. Also, it was observed that motorists on Bill Williamson Court experienced some delays while waiting to turn onto Old Orangeburg Road.

During the afternoon school dismissal period, it was observed that parents double stacked vehicles inside a portion of the student loop and also formed a line inside the parking lot in front of the school to pick up students. However, vehicles still exceeded the student loop and backed up onto Bill Williamson Court and Old Orangeburg Road for approximately 445 feet. There were twenty-two vehicles stacked along Bill Williamson Court and Old Orangeburg Road waiting to turn into the school site prior to the dismissal bell. After the dismissal bell rang, vehicles cleared Old Orangeburg Road in seven minutes and vehicles cleared Bill Williamson Court in nine minutes.

Based on our findings, we recommend widening Old Orangeburg Road to provide left turn lanes at the intersection of Southwood Drive and Bill Williamson Court. This would help reduce delays for the through traffic movement at the intersection. Also, it appears that the congestion at the school during the afternoon dismissal period is a result of the insufficient on-site storage of the student loop. Therefore, we suggest that school officials investigate the possibility of providing additional on-site stacking for vehicles. The existing student loop has approximately 520 linear feet of vehicular storage. This falls well below our recommended minimum of 1,500 to 2,000 linear feet as outlined in our *Guidelines for School Transportation Design* manual.

One option to gain additional on-site storage for the student loop is to close the existing student loop entrance drive and convert the existing student loop exit drive into a two-way driveway (entrance and exit). This would allow parents to double stack inside the parking lot area, if necessary, and provide approximately 1,370 linear feet of additional on-site storage. When vehicles are directed to double stack in the loop, the two lanes should merge into a single lane just prior to the student loading and unloading area. This is required in order to comply with the Department of Education's regulation, which discourages students from crossing between vehicles while loading or unloading.

Please note that this proposal would require Lexington School District One to concur with closing the existing student loop entrance driveway during morning take-in and afternoon dismissal periods and convert the existing student loop exit driveway into a two-way driveway.

The implementation of this plan should provide a safer, more efficient operation at the school. Our recommendations are shown in red on the attached sheets.

I trust that you will find this information helpful. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our School Operations staff at 803-737-1459.

Sincerely,

Tony S. Sheppard
State Traffic Operations Engineer

TSS:ths
Enclosure
cc: Dr. Karen C. Woodard, Superintendent, Lexington School District One
Joe Bedenbaugh, Assistant Superintendent, Lexington School District One
Alex James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Department of Education
Thad Brunson, District Engineering Administrator - District One
Ed Sawyer, District Traffic Engineer - District One
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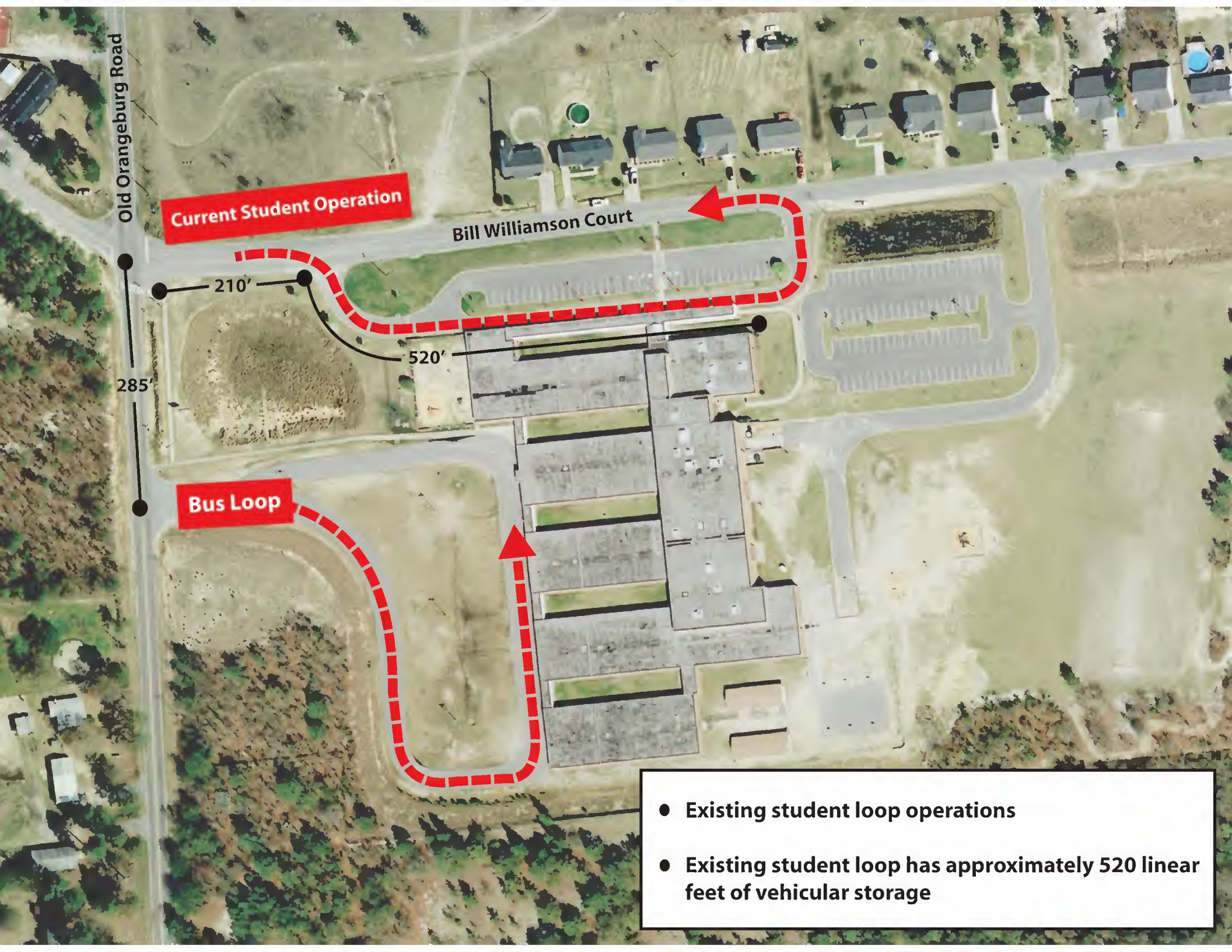
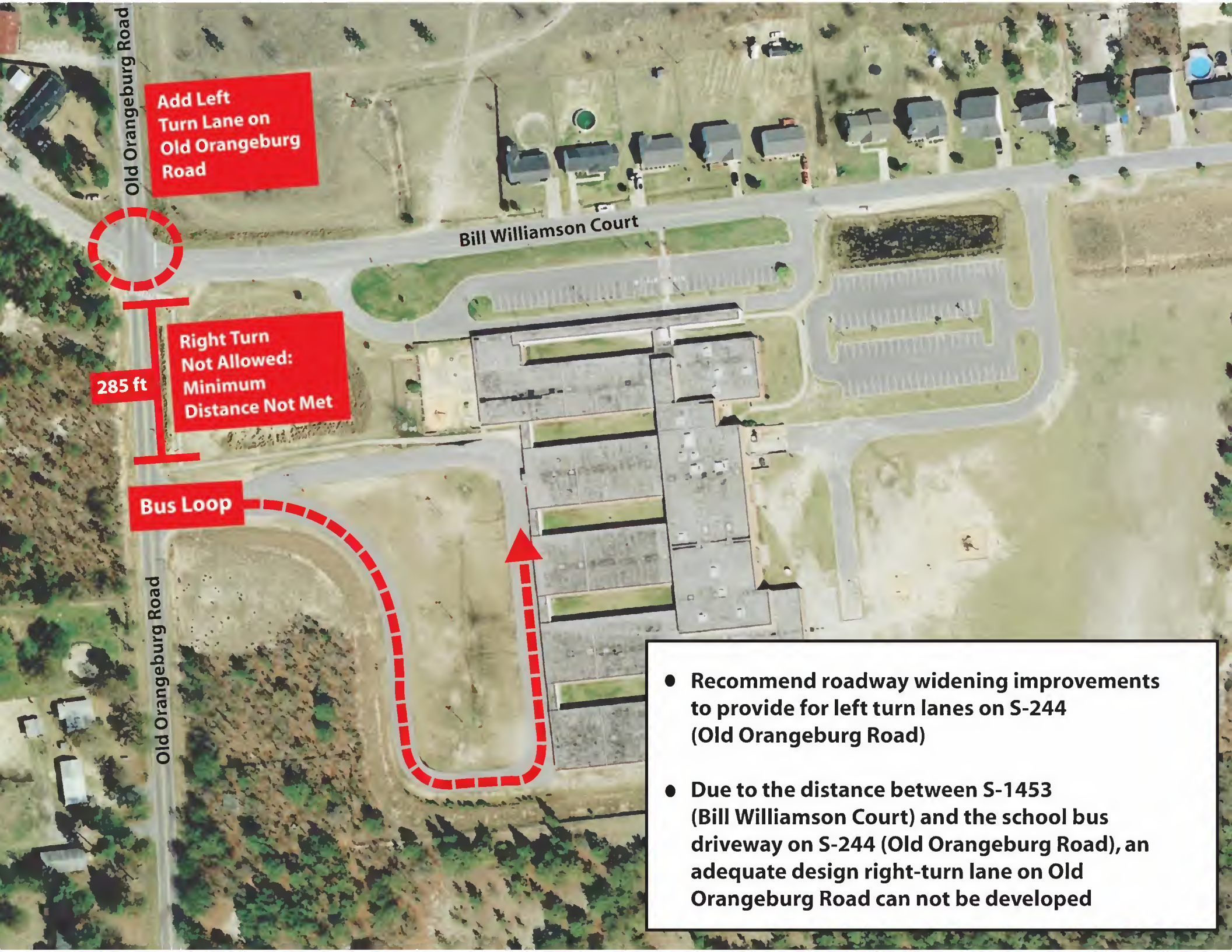
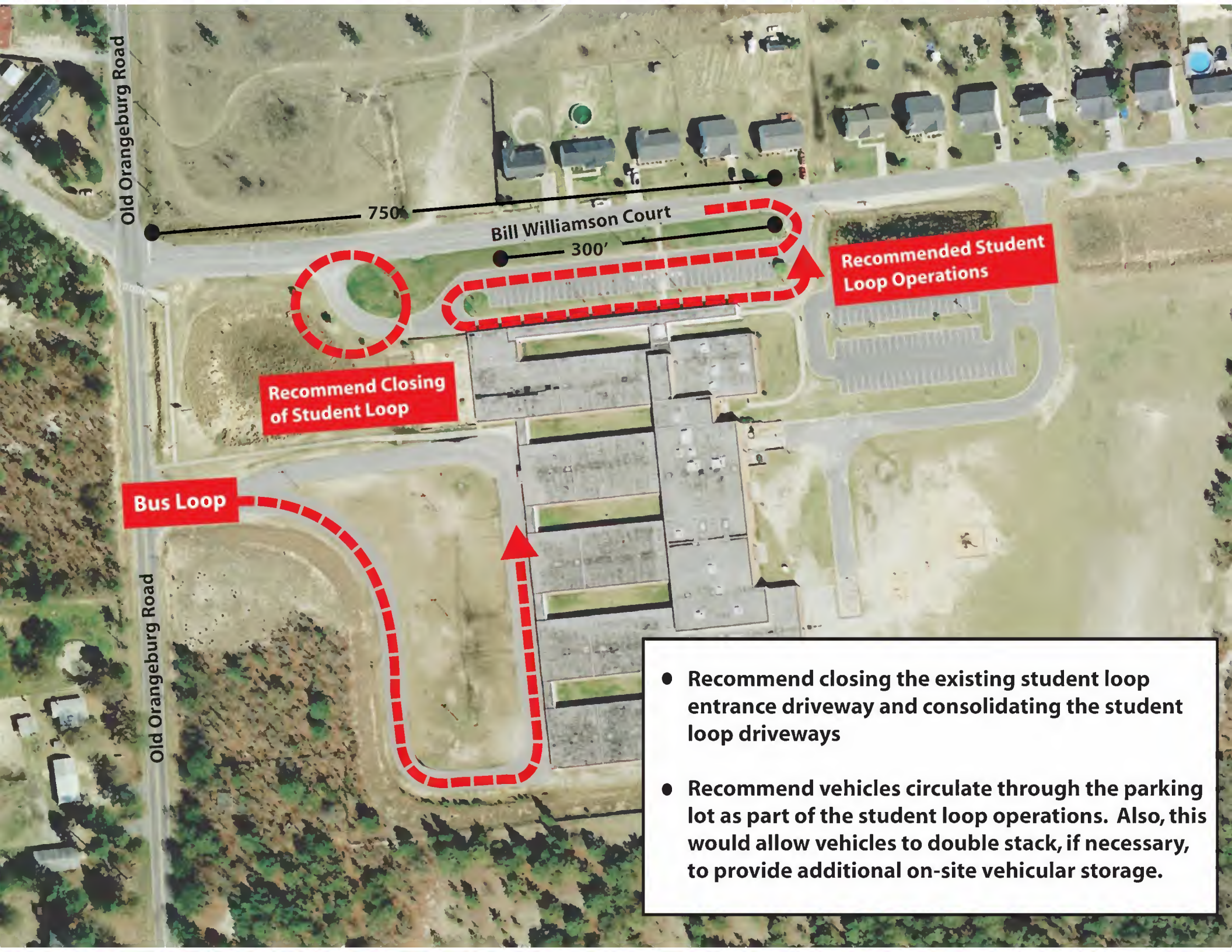

Old Orangeburg Road
Current Student Operation
Bill Williamson Court
210'
520'
285'
Bus Loop
• Existing student loop operations
• Existing student loop has approximately 520 linear feet of vehicular storage


Old Orangeburg Road
Add Left Turn Lane on Old Orangeburg Road
Bill Williamson Court
285 ft
Right Turn Not Allowed: Minimum Distance Not Met
Bus Loop
Old Orangeburg Road
• Recommend roadway widening improvements to provide for left turn lanes on S-244 (Old Orangeburg Road)
• Due to the distance between S-1453 (Bill Williamson Court) and the school bus driveway on S-244 (Old Orangeburg Road), an adequate design right-turn lane on Old Orangeburg Road can not be developed


Old Orangeburg Road
750'
Bill Williamson Court
300'
Recommended Student Loop Operations
Recommend Closing of Student Loop
Bus Loop
Old Orangeburg Road
• Recommend closing the existing student loop entrance driveway and consolidating the student loop driveways
• Recommend vehicles circulate through the parking lot as part of the student loop operations. Also, this would allow vehicles to double stack, if necessary, to provide additional on-site vehicular storage.

ENCLOSURE 7

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: August 28, 2014

SUBJECT: **2035 LRTP Amendment - Barr Road / Rawl Intersection Improvement**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to amend the 2035 LRTP to add the Barr Road at Rawl Road Intersection Improvement Project to the 2035 Intersection Improvement Program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SCDOT has recently completed a traffic study for the Barr Road/Rawl Road intersection. The traffic study revealed that the intersection was approaching the traffic volumes that would warrant a traffic signal. But before the traffic signal improvement could be made, left turn lanes will be needed at each approach. SCDOT has indicated that they do not possess the funding to complete this improvement and has requested for the COATS MPO to take it under consideration. In order for the MPO to consider this project for funding, it must be prioritized and added to the 2035 Intersection Improvement Program.

ATTACHMENTS

SCDOT Traffic Study

SCDOT

South Carolina
Department of Transportation
District One Engineering
1400 Shop Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29201-4844
(803) 737-6660 • FAX (803) 253-6401

Kershaw County
Lee County
Lexington County
Richland County
Sumter County

June 5, 2014

Mr. Ron Pagoota
607 Barr Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Re: Traffic Investigation – Lexington County
Intersection of Barr Road (S-77) at Rawl Road (S-604)

Dear Mr. Pagoota:

Thank you for informing the Department of your concerns regarding the intersection of Barr Road at Rawl Road. You requested that we conduct a study to determine the need for a traffic signal.

Based on the results of a previous study, traffic volumes at the intersection are approaching those that would warrant the installation of a traffic signal. However, in order for the intersection to function adequately, left turn lanes are needed on each approach to the intersection before a traffic signal could be installed. The Department does not currently have the necessary funding for the construction of the left turn lanes. Therefore, we have requested that the Columbia Area Transportation Study Committee (COATS) and the Lexington County Transportation Committee consider providing funding for a project at this location as they allocate funding for future projects in the area. If left turn lanes are constructed at this intersection, further consideration can be given to the installation of a traffic signal.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bryan L. Jones, P.E.
District Engineering Administrator

BLJ:dmf
cc: Reginald Simmons, Central Midlands Council of Governments
Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman Lexington County Council
File: D1/Lexington/TBM

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/

Barr Road @ Rawl Road Intersection Improvement Project

2035 LRTP Amendment

Add left turn lanes on each approach

COATS
Columbia Area Transportation Study

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CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

ENCLOSURE 8

DATE: August 22, 2014
TO: CMCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Kevin Hill, Workforce Development Director
SUBJECT: Midlands Workforce Development Board Update

Lexington Move

Ribbon cutting for the new Lexington SC Works Center took place on August 19, 2014. This was a small event to convey to the community, partners, and elected officials that we are there to provide job seekers and employers access to a variety of employment and training services. A Lexington County Council representative and a Consortium representative performed the cutting of the ribbon.

Summer Youth Program

The Summer Youth Program was a great success. Over 85 youth participants completed the program. Several youth were hired full-time in the position they were working. A number of participants went on to higher education or a certification program.

On-the-Job Training (OJT)

The OJT Program has been very successful. In the last program year (PY13), Midlands placed 154 participants in OJT. We made up over 50% of the total OJT's for the entire state. This year thus far, we are making a good start in following the same pattern.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

ENCLOSURE 9

DATE: August 19, 2014
TO: CMCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

A. Staff Awards – Recognition of Years of Service

On July 30, 2014, CMCOG recognized several employees for their years of service. The following staff received service awards:

15 Years of Service
Eartha Burrell (Community Development Planner)

10 Years of Service
Felicia Anderson (Human Resources & Operations Manager)
Roland Bart (Chief Transportation Planner)
Reginald Simmons (Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director)

5 Years of Service
Anastasiya Hay (SCWOS Coordinator)

B. Lexington SC Works Center Move

Last month, the Lexington County SC Works Center relocated to **671 S Carolina 302, West Columbia, SC 29170** (South Congaree). The South Congaree location is geographically and strategically located making it more closely centered to the Lexington County population and our targeted demographic. I would like to thank Kevin Hill and his Workforce Development staff for their hard work in making the move a success.

C. Personnel Updates

I'd like to take this opportunity to announce the following personnel changes:

- ***Becky Baird*** is the Interim Family Caregiver Advocate and Case Manager/Client Selection Specialist. She has a B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina in journalism, and earned her Master of Social Work degree at USC in 1992.
- ***Cindy Curtis*** is the Interim Director of the Area Agency on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Center. She previously worked as our Family Caregiver Advocate. She is a graduate of Columbia College and obtained her Master of Social Work from the University of South Carolina.
- ***JaJuana Davis*** was recently hired as the I-CARE Program/Family Caregiver Support Program Assistant. She has an Associate's Degree in Human Services from Midlands Technical College and is currently working on her Bachelor's degree in Human Services from Springfield College. She has worked as an intern and temporary employee at the COG for the past two years in the I-CARE Program.

- ***Andrew Foong*** was recently hired as a Part-time Accounting Clerk. He is currently a USC student.
- ***Laurie Giarratano*** works in the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program as a program assistant. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina.
- ***Malia Ropel*** is our new Finance Director. She has been an employee of the COG since 2006 as our Senior Grants Accountant. She received a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Maryland.

D. Regional Projects

- Batesburg-Leesville - Staff sent a $5,583 proposal to the Town of Batesburg-Leesville to update the town's Zoning Ordinance. This project will take about one year to complete.
- COG Directories – The *2014 Regional Directory* was developed by COG staff. It includes contact information for county, city and town officials and county agencies. Updates to the Regional Directory are made continually as we receive new information. The directory can be downloaded online at www.cmcog.org. To request a free hardcopy, please contact Felicia Anderson at (803) 744-5121 or fanderson@cmcog.org.

  Staff also developed the *Central Midlands AAA/ADRC Senior Services Directory*. This directory is designed to assist individuals in identifying support services to maintain independence in the later years. Searching out this information for a parent, loved one, or yourself can become a trying experience if you are not sure whom to contact. This directory should be able to assist you. To request a copy of the Senior Services Directory, please contact Tasha Milhouse at (803) 744-5158 or tmilhouse@cmcog.org. The cost of the Senior Services Directory is $8.00.

- Fairfield County Strategic Plan - Fairfield County has engaged CMCOG to assist in the process of developing a countywide, long-term strategic plan to identify and prioritize current and future needs and to provide strategic guidance and recommendations. The project, which is expected to kick off this fall, will be a collaborative and inclusive process that considers a wide range of public and private stakeholder interests.

E. Grants Management in Columbia, SC – October 2-3, 2014
Grant Training at CMCOG

Central Midlands Council of Governments and Grant Writing USA will once again host a two-day grant workshop at the COG, October 2-3, 2014. This is an excellent opportunity for our member governments' staff to enhance performance in the areas of grant writing, grants management and grant maker research.

More information and online registration is available: http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-management-workshops/columbia-south-carolina-october-2014.html

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