Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Thursday, May 24, 2018 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room
OVERALL AGENDA

A. Call to Order and Introductions
   1. Determination of Quorum
   2. Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda
   3. Introduction of Guests
   4. Invocation

B. Consent Agenda
   1. Approval of the April 26, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes (Enclosure 1)

C. Regular Agenda
   1. 2016 – 2022 TIP Amendment - Small Urban Funds to CMRTA (Enclosure 2)

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences
   1. Executive Director’s Report (Enclosure 3)
   2. Central Carolina Economic Development Alliance (Enclosure 4)
   3. Carolina Crossroads Project Update (Enclosure 5)
   4. COATS/CMCOG Transportation Project Updates

E. Old/New Business

F. Other Business

G. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2018 in the COG Conference Room
Note: Full Agenda packets can be found on the CMCOG website at www.cmcog.org.
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Vina Abrams, Newberry County
Charles Appleby, Richland County
John Baxter, Richland County
Connie Breeden, Richland County
Larry Brigham, Lexington County Council
Wanda Carnes, Fairfield County
John Carrigg, Lexington County
Kathy Condom, Town of Irmo
Ted Creech, City of Columbia
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council
Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council
Julie Ann Dixon, Richland County
Shawn Epps, City of Columbia
Douglas Fabel, Richland County
Olin Gambrell, Lexington County
Dr. Roger Gaddy, Winnsboro Town Mayor
Zebbie Goudelock, City of Newberry
Malcolm Gordoje, Blythewood Town Council
Shaun Greenwood,
Norman Jackson, Chairman, Richland County Council
William Leidinger, City of Columbia
Robert Liming, City of Columbia
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
Yvonne McBride, Richland County Council
Edward McDowell,
Walt McLeod, Newberry Co. Legislative Delegation
Shealy Reibold, Richland County
Charles Simpkins, Lexington County

GUESTS PRESENT:
Tevia Brown, SCDOT
Melissa Carter, Municipal Association of SC
Helen Cotton, United Way of the Midlands
Michelle Dickerson, City of West Columbia
Doris Greene, US Census Bureau
Kenny Larimore, SCDOT
Jeff Lambers, University of South Carolina
Darren Ledbetter, SCDOT
Holland Leger, Lexington County Planning
Kent Lesene, SC Association of Counties
Yolanda Morris, FHWA
Jennifer Necker, SCDOT
Patrick Tindall, AECOM
Nicole Walker, United Way of the Midlands

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Roland Bart, Chief Transportation Planner
Jessica Foster, Operations Coordinator
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
Malia Ropel, Finance Director
Andy Simmons, Information Services
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
Gregory Sprouse, Director of Research, Planning and Development
A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Norman Jackson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on April 26, 2018.

1. **Determination of Quorum**

   Chairman Jackson acknowledged the presence of a quorum.

2. **Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda**

3. **Introduction of Guests**

   Gregory Sprouse introduced the guests at today’s meeting. They are listed on the first page.

4. **Introduction of New Board Members**

   - Charles Appleby
   - John Baxter
   - Shealy Reibold

5. **Recognition of Outgoing Board Member**

   - Michael Bailey
   - Connie Breeden
   - Alfred Comfort
   - Tony Mizell

6. **Invocation**

   Dr. Roger Gaddy gave the Invocation.

B. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the March 22, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, approved

2. Quarterly Financial Statement, approved

   **MOTION, approved**

   Julie Ann Dixon moved, seconded by David Brown, to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.
C. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ COMMITTEE OR STAFF REPORTS/ CORRESPONDENCES

C1. Executive Directors Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following report:

- May 17, 2018 the LGOA will be hosting Senior Citizen Day at Spirit Communications Park. The event is free to the public.
- Counties are invited to submit applications for the J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award and The Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Award.
- The Central Midlands Development Corporation continues to serve as the Midlands Food Alliance fiscal agent. The MAF has received a Healthy Insight Grant to develop a Public Engagement Tool Kit.
- The COG staff is developing a Watershed Education Grant. If the grant is awarded it will be used to provide means for educators, K-12 students and citizens to learn about water resource management and increase water resource stewardship.
- The final 2020-2050 Central Midlands Region Population Projection Report is available on the CMCOG website under press releases.

C2. Update on Census 2020

Doris Green of the U. S Census Bureau presented the importance of the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census is very important to SC. It determines the allocation of federal funding as well as the number of representatives we have in the U. S. Congress. She reminded everyone that Census Day is April 1, 2020.

C3. General Assembly Legislative Update

Melissa Carter of the Municipal Association of SC and Kent Lesene of the SC Association of Counties gave an update on Legislation of Interest to Local Governments. Topics:

- Municipal tax Relief Act
- Budget Amendment
- Utility Relocation Bill
- Abandoned Building Revitalization Act Extension
- Nuisance Property Cleanup Legislation
- Electronic Liens
C4. **Update on 208 Water Quality Management Plan**

Guillermo Espinosa presented the processes of updating the 208 Water Quality Management Plan for the Central Midlands Region. The current plan update will include a review, assessment and update of existing conditions, staff plan and program administration procedures and regional goals and policies. Below is the anticipated timeline.

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D. **OLD / NEW BUSINESS**

No old/new business was brought forth.

E. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was brought forth.

F. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.
The Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments approved these minutes at its May 24, 2018 meeting.

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Benjamin J. Mauldin, Secretary-Treasurer                                      Norman Jackson Chairperson
May 14, 2018

Dear Mr. Simmons,

The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET) is requesting that the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) program $1,640,500 of Federal funding and $289,500 of local funding that the State of Carolina Department of Transportation will authorize the transfer of this funding from the FTA Section 5307 small urban Governor’s apportionment to the Columbia Urbanized Area apportionment to be used for vehicle replacement for The COMET. Per FTA Circular 9030 1.E., these funds can only be transferred during the 90-day lapsing period, as these funds are from Federal Fiscal Year 2013 and are due to lapse by September 30, 2018 if not allocated. The COMET is requesting that CMCOG program the above mentioned amount into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as soon as reasonably possible.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (803) 255-7087 or email me at john.andoh@catchthecomet.org.

Sincerely,

John Andoh
Executive Director/CEO

cc: Sam Scheib, Director of Planning and Development
Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer
Michelle Ransom, Grants and Procurement Administrator
Johnny, Mmanu-ike, SCDOT Office of Public Transit
David Burgess, SCDOT Office of Public Transit
CMCOG Ombudsman Update: Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The Ombudsman program hosted a luncheon on May 2, 2018 to honor our volunteers for their dedication to residents in long-term care facilities. Fretoria Addison and Anna Harmon recognized each of the volunteers for their commitment to volunteering in the program. Volunteers are a vital part of achieving our goals of improving and maintaining the highest quality of life for residents of South Carolina’s Long Term Care facilities. Volunteers complete training and then are assigned to a facility to visit. Volunteers improve resident and facility awareness of critical issues such as Residents’ Rights, and are the link between the resident and the community. A volunteer also plays a key role in raising community awareness regarding the role of the Office on Aging, the Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging or Aging Disability Resource Center and the resources available to support South Carolina’s seniors as they age. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Fretoria Addison at 803-376-5389.

Long-Term Ombudsman Conference

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program will be sponsoring a conference on June 19, 2018. The title of the conference is, Identifying and Preventing Verbal Abuse in Long-Term Care. This training will address verbal and psychological abuse, signs of psychological abuse, prevention techniques and mandatory reporting requirements. This training has been approved by SC Labor Licensing and Regulations for 5 Continuing Education Hours. Please contact Anna Harmon, Ombudsman Program Director for additional information at 803-376-5389.

National Healthcare Decisions Day: Advanced Directives Training

During the week of April 16-April 22 national, state and community organizations raise awareness of NHDD (National HealthCare Decisions Day) and highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision making.

Sheila Bell-Ford provided Advanced Directives Training on April 17, 2018. The training was well attended by facilities and other agencies. National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) exists to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning and to begin the conversation about end-of-life care.
Healthcare providers are encouraged to have conversations about advanced care planning with their patients and to take time to think about their own wishes and discuss those wishes with their family and loved ones. It is never too early to have these conversations.

If you would like additional information about a living will or health care power of attorney, please contact Sheila at 803-744-5127.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTORS INSTITUTE (SERDI)
CMCOG staff attended the 2018 Annual Professional Development Conference. The conference is an excellent forum where COG Directors discuss the current state of affairs and how SERDI members and State Associations can address the current challenges in the industry. Key topics covered:

- Today’s Workplace and Staffs’ Responsibilities: Office Layout, Technology, Hours of Operation, Staff’s Communications with Member Governments, Staff Accountability
- Building Great Rapport and Understanding with your Board and Member Governments: Local Governments Open Communications, Public Participation
- Legal Issues: Open Records Law, Title 6
- Financial Issues: Indirect Costs, Audits, Transparency, New Revenue Streams

Midlands Rivers Coalition kicks off water quality monitoring on Lower Saluda, Broad and Congaree Rivers

Columbia, SC – The Midlands Rivers Coalition, formerly known as the Lower Saluda River Coalition, this week began its second year of water quality monitoring of the major rivers in the Columbia area. This year, the monitoring has been expanded to include sampling locations on the Broad River in addition to existing sites on the Lower Saluda and Congaree Rivers. The testing will be done weekly and run from May through September. Weekly data will be posted each Thursday on howsmyscriver.org.

Created in 2016, the Midlands Rivers Coalition is made up of river related businesses, environmental organizations, academia, local and state government, recreation providers, property owners, industry and other users of the rivers. One of the main purposes of the coalition is to educate river users on water quality issues related to our rivers.

The Lower Saluda, Broad and Congaree Rivers are recreational destinations for public fishing, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, swimming and wading; and these activities involve contact with natural waters. As with most natural bodies of water, these rivers can be negatively impacted periodically by short-term events such as runoff from heavy rains, sewer overflows and other events. The program aims to enhance public awareness on these issues.

The first objective is to make water quality information more frequently and readily available to river users so they can make informed decisions on when to recreate in the river. This is the first program of its type for inland waters in South Carolina. For more information on the program and the coalition visit howsmyscriver.org.
Since 1997, Mike Briggs has been the President and CEO of the Central SC Alliance, a regional economic development public-private partnership dedicated to representing the economic development efforts of the eight counties in the Central Region of South Carolina. These counties include: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, and Richland as well as the City of Columbia.

Over the course of Mike’s tenure, the Central SC Alliance has worked with projects who have announced investment of over $13 billion and created over 69,700 new jobs. Some of these marquee investment announcements have included: Haier America, Suominen Nonwovens, Ritedose, Alucoil, Koyo Corporation, BOMAG, Kent International, Devro, Prysmian, Michelin, Starbucks, Amazon, Treleoni, Nephron Pharmaceuticals and Samsung, to name a few. Mike has traveled extensively throughout Europe and speaks to groups both internationally and domestically. He is a member of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and actively involved with Select USA and the American Chambers of Commerce.

Mike holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of South Carolina (USC). Mike has lectured at USC in the Government and International Studies Department, and currently in the Political Science department.

Mike has a manufacturing background including executive level positions in marketing, operations, procurement, administration, human resources, and finance. He left Anchor in 1996 as Executive Vice President of the parent company Coating Technologies International.

Mike lives in Columbia with his wife, Lilla Ann. They have four married daughters and five grandchildren.

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Carolina Crossroads to be largest infrastructure project in SC history - South Carolina Radio Network

The reconfiguring of the Interstate 26 interchange with Interstates 20 and 126 will be the largest infrastructure project in South Carolina history.

Known as Carolina Crossroads (or “Malfunction Junction” for locals), the South Carolina Department of Transportation expects the project to cost between $1.3-$1.5 billion. It is the department’s number one statewide priority.

“It will be the single-largest infrastructure project in the state’s history — $1.5 billion project — critical to our movement of freight as well as commuting route here in the Columbia area,” state Transportation Secretary Christy Hall said.

Hall said some of the funding for the project comes from a 2013 bond package approved by the General Assembly which gave the agency $50 million each year for several interstate projects.

“Since that time we have advanced four major interstate projects across the state,” Hall said. Those projects include the Interstate 85/385 interchange, the Interstate 85 corridor between Greenville and Spartanburg and Carolina Crossroads.

Other funding sources include a Federal-Aid Interstate Program, and revenues generated by the state gasoline tax, an increase passed by the Legislature in 2016.

“We will turn our attention to completing the Malfunction Junction project and getting it ready to go to contract,” Hall said.

Hall said with a combination of funding sources, the project would be a good fit for President Trump’s infrastructure improvement plan, which encourages private and public investment in infrastructure projects that receive federal funding.

“Our plan is to be at a point hopefully within the next 12 months we can start the procurement process to getting a contractor on board hopefully by the end of — two years from now,” she said. “We’re still going through the public involvement phase of it now and the environmental work that’s necessary to make sure that we’re balancing the needs of the traveling public with the impacts to the human and natural environment. So we’re still finalizing that.”

The DOT plans to release its draft for the highway configurations this year before holding public hearings on the environmental impact statements. A decision on the final plan is expected by the end of 2018 with construction expected to begin in 2019.

“I’m pleased where we are,” Hall said. “I think we’ve moved quickly on our projects.”

Click here for more information on Carolina Crossroads.