Memorandum

TO:	All Members of the CMCOG **Transportation Subcommittee**
FROM:	Todd Cullum, Chairman
DATE:	June 4, 2015
SUBJECT:	**Next Meeting: June 11th**

Please be advised that the business of the CMCOG Transportation Subcommittee will be conducted on **Thursday, June 11th, at 12:00 p.m.** in the CMCOG Conference Room. Enclosed, please find an agenda and support materials for your review.

Please note that a light lunch will be available beginning at 11:45 a.m. so that we can begin promptly at 12:00 noon.

Please be advised that in order for the Subcommittee to conduct business, a quorum of eight (8) members must be present. Delays in conducting business may result in delays to the flow of funding to CMCOG for carrying out transportation planning activities, so please don't forget to mark your calendars.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Reginald Simmons of the CMCOG staff. Reginald can be reached at 803-744-5133 or by email at rsimmons@centralmidlands.org. Thank you for your time, dedication, and service as I look forward to seeing each of you on **June 11th**.

Enclosures

AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

CMCOG CONFERENCE ROOM

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order ..... Todd Cullum**

2. **Invocation .....Open**

3. **Determination of a Quorum..... Entire Group**

ACTION → 4. **Approval of the May 14th Meeting Minutes.....Entire Group**
(Enclosure 1)

ACTION → 5. **FY 2015 – 2017 Unified Planning Work Program ..... R. Simmons**
Each year, staff develops the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to identify the transportation planning activities that will be undertaken within the current fiscal year. Staff has developed a new two year draft UPWP for fiscal years 2016 & 2017. Staff will request approval of this document. (Enclosure 2)

ACTION → 6. **TIP Amendment – TAP Projects..... R. Simmons**
The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff will request a recommendation of approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add three (3) transportation alternatives projects for the FY 2015 COATS Transportation Alternatives Program. (Enclosure 3)

ACTION → 7. **TIP Amendment – Section 5310 Projects ..... R. Simmons**
The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff will request a recommendation of approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add five (5) Section 5310 Projects to the 2013-2019 TIP and the Human Services Coordination Plan. (Enclosure 4)

ACTION → 8. **TIP Amendment – US 378 @ Fairlane Drive / Summer Place Drive .... R. Simmons**
The US 378 @ Fairlane Drive / Summer Place Drive Intersection Improvement Project was approved in FY 2011 to add a right turn lane on Fairlane Drive and to made signal modifications. The original construction budget to complete this project was approved at $300K, but recent bids received by SCDOT will require additional funds. Staff will propose to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add $425K to continue the implementation of this project. (Enclosure 5)

ACTION → 9. **TIP Amendment – Section 5307 Projects ..... R. Simmons**
CMCOG in coordination with CMRTA is developing several projects for their Section 5307 Program. These projects include a Low Income Pass Program, grant management and procurement procedures, and the triennial update of the Transportation Improvement Program. Staff will present these projects for approval. (Enclosure 6)

ACTION → 10. **2035 LRTP Amendment – Intersection Improvement Projects..... R. Simmons**
Staff will request to add the Barr Road @ Wildlife Road & Barr Road @ Rawl Road intersections to the 2035 LRTP. These intersections have been evaluated by SCDOT. The proposed improvements would include the addition of left turn lanes and traffic signals at both locations. In order for the COATS MPO to consider these projects for future funding, they will need to be added to the LRTP. (Enclosure 7)

11. **Old/New Business ..... Todd Cullum**

12. **Public Comments..... Open**

13. **Adjourn ..... Todd Cullum**

Enclosure 1

MEETING SUMMARY

Transportation Subcommittee

May 14, 2015

Organization	Members Present	Others Attending
Lexington County:	**Todd Cullum (Chair)**	
Richland County:	Joyce Dickerson Paul Livingston	Holland Leger Hope Hasty
City of Columbia:	Sam Davis Cathy Novinger	
Kershaw County:	Russ VanPatten	
CMRTA:	Derrick Huggins	
Disabled Advocate:	Peggy Butler	
FHWA:		Yolanda Morris
SCDOT:		Kati Price Jennifer Necker
West Columbia:		Wayne Shuler
CMCOG Staff:		Reginald Simmons Roland Bart Ben Mauldin Felicia Anderson

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Cullum welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Wayne Shuler gave the invocation.

3. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 12, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Paul Livingston to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Sam Davis. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

5. 2035 LRTP AMENDMENT – MARTIN CHAPIN PARKWAY

Reginald Simmons requested a recommendation of approval to add the Martin Chapin Parkway to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Town of Chapin is proposing to build a new location road that would connect Amicks Ferry Road and Lexington Avenue. This new roadway will support the new growth and development of a new CVS Pharmacy and a new Publix Supermarket. The project is expected to relieve congestion from existing traffic patterns and will provide the additional improvements of signalization, landscaping, lane additions, and drainage improvements to the planning area. The estimated cost of the project is $1.4 million. In order to consider this project funding, the first step is to add it to the COATS 2035 LRTP.

A brief discussion took place.

At this time a motion was made by Joyce Dickerson to add the Martin Chapin Parkway to the 2035 LRTP. The motion was seconded by Paul Livingston. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

6. 2015 – 2018 CMCOG/COATS TITLE VI PLAN

Reginald Simmons requested a recommendation of approval to adopt the 2015 – 2018 COATS Title VI Plan. The Title VI Plan & Environmental Justice Assessment have been developed in coordination with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which states that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. This plan is updated every three years and was last updated in May 2012. The plan is in compliance with Federal Circular 4702.1B "Title VI and Title VI

Dependent Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients." Mr. Simmons reviewed the limited English proficiency and the public participation elements of this plan. He also reviewed several maps that showed the areas with the highest concentrations of minorities, hispanics, persons who are 65 and over, and persons who are below the poverty line in our planning area.

At this time a motion was made by Paul Livingston to adopt the 2015 – 2018 Title VI Plan & Environmental Assessment. The motion was seconded by Joyce Dickerson. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

7. SECTION 5310 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Reginald Simmons requested a recommendation of approval to adopt the Section 5310 Program Management Plan. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) was passed by Congress and signed into law on July 6, 2012. As a result, some FTA funding programs were changed or consolidated. The New Freedom Program which was administered by CMCOG and the Section 5310 Program which was administered by SCDOT were combined to form the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.

This new program continues to enhance mobility for seniors and people with disabilities, and the activities that were eligible for funds under the former New Freedom Program are now eligible for Section 5310 funding. The Program Management Plan (PMP) serves as the policies and procedures manual for administering the Section 5310 Program. These policies and procedures are based on program requirements issued by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under FTA Circular C 9070.1G. Mr. Simmons reviewed the other elements of the plan which included the selection criteria, eligible recipients, and he announced the availability of funding for the 2013 & 2014 federal fiscal years.

At this time a motion was made by Cathy Novinger to adopt the Section 5310 Program Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Peggy Butler. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Enclosure 2

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Transportation Subcommittee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 11, 2015

SUBJECT: **FY 2015 – 2017 UPWP** *(Full document is available for download)*

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request a recommendation of approval to adopt the FY 2015 – 2017 UPWP. Please be advised that the draft final report is available on our website for your review.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2015 – 2017 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 2015 – 2017 UPWP emphasizes activities that promote the implementation of the existing plan. The major projects to be completed in FY 2016 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: June 2016

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: Tindale Oliver

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: August 2015

Kershaw County Sub-Area Plan

This project consists of a multimodal analysis between land use and transportation in the COATS MPO portion of Kershaw County.

Consultant: Toole Design Group

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: January 2016

Long Range Transportation Plan

This project consists of updating the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to meet the federal requirements 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: September 2015

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: September 2015

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: October 2015

Enclosure 3

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Transportation Subcommittee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 11, 2015

SUBJECT: **COATS FY 2015 Transportation Alternatives Projects**

REQUESTED ACTION
The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests a recommendation of approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP to add three (3) transportation alternatives projects to the FY 2015 COATS Transportation Alternatives Program.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
As part of the Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a reimbursable, federal aid funding program for transportation related, community projects designed to strengthen the intermodal transportation system.

It provides funding for projects that enhances the cultural, aesthetic, historic, and environmental aspects of the intermodal transportation system. The program can assist in funding projects that create bicycle and pedestrian facilities, pedestrian trails, pedestrian streetscaping activities, and other transportation related enhancements.

Staff has reviewed three (3) transportation alternatives projects for the FY 2015 COATS Transportation Alternatives Program. These projects were received by the deadline of 2:00 p.m. on May 12th. These projects have been reviewed, evaluated, and selected based on the transportation alternatives ranking process. Attached, please find the list of transportation alternatives projects recommended for funding in FY 2015.

ATTACHMENT
Project Review Table

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FY 2015 COATS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Congressional District	Proposed Funding Year	Jurisdiction	Project	Description	Total Project Cost	Local Match	Federal Match/Funds Requested	Remarks	MPO Policy Committee Approval	Contact Person	Phone Number
2	2015	City of Cayce	Julius Felder Sidewalk Phase II	Installation of an ADA Compliant Sidewalk from Maple Street to Summerland Drive. This sidewalk will provide a safe pathway for bicyclist and pedestrain.	$ 193,200.35	$ 48,200.35	$ 145,000.00	This project is part of the priority list for the City of Cayce Comprehensive Plan. It continues the connectivity between the Taylor Elementary and Hemlock Street.		Tara Greenwood	803-796-9020
2	2015	Town of Chapin	Lexington Avenue Pedestrian Improvements	The project includes streetscape improvements along Lexington Avenue between Columbia Avenue and Chapin Road. Landscaping, lighting, signage, and the installation of benches will be included in this project.	$ 73,875.00	$ 14,775.00	$ 59,100.00	The project serves as bid -additives to the larger, partially funded Lexington Avenue Enhancement Project		Skip Wilson	803-345-2444
2	2015	Town of Lexington	South Church Street Sidewalk Continuation Project	Installation of ADA compliant sidewalk from Haynesworth Place to Gibson Road and fills in a gap of 1200 feet of sidewalk from Main Street to Gibson Road.	$ 201,269.25	$ 56,269.25	$ 145,000.00	This is the continuation of a project that will connect Main Street to Gibson Road. This connection will provide pedestrian access to all of the West Lexington Neighborhoods as well as Virginia Hilton Park and Willie B. Caracter Park.		Wesley Crosby	803-358-1544
Funding Totals					**$ 468,344.60**	**$ 119,244.60**	**$ 349,100.00**	Please be advised that all projects are subject to SCDOT and FHWA review and approval.			

Total Funds Requested		$ 349,100.00
FY 2015 Available Funding		$ 866,353.00
FY 2014 Carryover Funding (Approx.)		$ 37,000.00
Surplus/(Shortage)		**$ 554,253.00**

Enclosure 4

CENTRAL MIDLANDS Council of Governments

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Transportation Subcommittee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 11, 2015

SUBJECT: **Section 5310 Projects**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests a recommendation of approval to amend the 2013-2019 TIP and the Human Services Coordination Plan to add the Section 5310 Projects for the Large Urban Area.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

On June 6, 2014, the Final FTA Circular FTA C 9070.1G was published, incorporating project types, from the repealed New Freedom program into the new Section 5310 Program. The vehicle projects and related equipment under the previous 5310 program are now called Traditional 5310 Projects and comprise at least 55% of the available funding; the former New Freedom projects are called Expanded 5310 Projects and comprise up to 45% of available funding.

The goal of the new 5310 Program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The FTA 5310 Program provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

This program provides grant funds for capital, mobility management, and operating expenses for:

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities and with transportation.

On May 6, 2015, staff released a call for projects for the FFY 2013 & 2014 funding cycles. Staff will present those requests for inclusion in the Human Services Coordination Plan and the 2013-2019 TIP.

Enclosure 4

Senior Resources

Empowering seniors to remain healthy & independent

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May 12, 2015

Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Please see the attached Letter of Intent information from Senior Resources, Inc. to apply for Section 5310 large urban funding.

Please feel free to contact me at (803) 252-7734, ext. 261 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this funding.

Sincerely,

Pamela M Dukes

Pamela M. Dukes
Executive Director

T (803) 252-7734 F (803) 929-0349 2817 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205 W seniorresourcesinc.org

Letter of Intent to Apply
Large Urban Section 5310

Name of Agency: Senior Resources, Inc.

Contact Person: Pamela M. Dukes, Executive Director
Senior Resources, Inc.
2817 Millwood Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 2523-7734, ext. 261
pdukes@seniorresourcesinc.org

Amount of Request: $53,125

Local Match: Senior Resources, Inc. has the ability to provide the required local match. This match will be met through funding provided to Senior Resources from Richland County, South Carolina.

Project Category: Capital

Project Type: Purchase of Vehicle
- 14 Passenger cut-a-way

Project Scope:

Senior Resources, Inc. has been providing services to the frail and elderly in the Midlands for over 46 years, and has provided transportation services since 1976. We are a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide coordinated services, resources and personal choices to promote healthy, independent living through the support of staff and volunteers. Our goal is to allow seniors to remain in their own homes as long as possible. The programs we provide are in-home and community-based and can be delivered at a fraction of the cost of institutional care. National surveys indicate that seniors want to remain in their own homes and in their own communities as they age. Without the support of in-home and community-based services, this goal would be impossible for many of our seniors.

The Transportation Program of Senior Resources provides door-to-door transportation for congregate meal clients throughout Richland County, South Carolina to one of our four Wellness Centers, located throughout the County. In the year ended June 30, 2014, Senior Resources provided 365,461 passenger miles to 159 clients through our Transportation program. This project will allow us to replace a leased vehicle with a vehicle that we purchase and own. A vehicle that we own can be operated more economically than leasing a vehicle. The savings realized from purchasing this vehicle will allow us to provide more transportation services to more seniors.

Through vehicles purchased with 5310 funds, Senior Resources provides seniors in Richland County, South Carolina, access to Wellness Centers, where they are able to receive a hot, nutritionally balanced

meal, participate in exercise and various planned activities, and receive education on health and nutrition. In addition, clients receive transportation to grocery stores, pharmacies and other locations, which allow them to maintain independence. Attendance at wellness centers decreases isolation and provides opportunities for socialization and participation in physical and other activities, all of which are critical in helping seniors maintain their health as they age.

During the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, 99% of the clients served in our Transportation Program were classified as elderly and/or disabled. Almost 88% of the clients served were considered low income, being below 200% of poverty level, with almost half were at or below poverty level, as described in the Federal Poverty Level guidelines. The most common types of disabilities among the clients are ambulatory and mental capacity challenges, loss of hearing and loss of sight. These conditions create difficulty with access to public transportation. Without this door-to-door transportation program for the elderly and disabled, particularly in the rural areas of the county, our 159 elderly and disabled transportation clients would be unable to access Wellness Center programs and receive a hot, nutritionally balanced meal at the Senior Center, due to the unavailability of daily door-to-door transportation services through our public transportation system for those with ambulatory challenges. This vehicle will be assigned to our Blythewood Wellness Center, which served 41 unduplicated clients during the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

Project Budget:

Please see the attached budget form.

Senior Resources, Inc. has the ability to provide the required local match. This match will be met through funding provided to Senior Resources from Richland County, South Carolina.

Signature:

Pamela M Dukes 5/12/15

Pamela M. Dukes, Executive Director Date

Enclosure 4

SCDOT FTA, Large Urban Section 5310
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
(Federal Fiscal years 2013 & 2014)

LETTER OF INTENT

Agency Name: Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. (MIRCI)
Contact Name: Julie Ann Avin, Executive Director
PO Box 4246
Columbia, SC 29240
803-786-1844 x110
Amount of Request: $112,000
Local Match: MIRCI plans to use general operating funds for the local match based on projected cash flows
Project Category: Capital
Project Type: Purchase of 2 vehicles, 14 passenger minibus
Replacement of the following vehicle:

a. VIN#1FDWE35L97DA20620
2007 Ford Minibus
91,251 miles
SCDOT contract ended 6/30/2013

Additional vehicle needed for 2 additional housing programs (our current 14 passenger vans are not considered safe for transport)

Project Scope: MIRCI is a nonprofit organization that assists individuals with mental illness to recover in the areas of their lives impacted by their illness through housing, behavioral healthcare, and assistance with obtaining and managing their disability income. In connection with its exempt purpose, MIRCI, among other things, provides community based services to individuals recovering from mental illness or emotional disorders in South Carolina.

MIRCI programs include:

Supportive Living Program: Permanent housing program for individuals with mental illness, with on-site supportive and clinical services.

Benefits Assistance: Provides assistance to individuals in applying for and maintaining disability benefits.

Community Housing Program: Housing program for homeless individuals and families who need intensive therapeutic services.

Homeless Outreach Program: Provides access to behavioral healthcare and entry into Shelter Plus Care and SHP Homeless Housing Programs.

Community Integration: Behavioral Healthcare, Psychiatrist and ACT Team Services.

The purchase of two (2) 14 passenger minibus vehicles will enable our agency to continue to serve, and expand services to our clients. These vehicles will provide demand response service as well as regularly scheduled transportation services to clients in all of MIRCI's programs. Transportation purposes include medical appointments, pharmacy assistance, rehabilitative services, psychiatric clinics, and other personal trips to the bank, grocery store, and social activities. MIRCI has experienced rapid growth in the Community Housing Program in Richland County and is transporting an increased number of individuals each year.

MIRCI operates programs Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm in Richland and Lexington Counties. The TLC program operates from 5:30pm to 10pm Monday through Friday, 8am through 5pm on Saturday, and 1pm through 10pm on Sunday. The Supportive Living Program (MIRCI Group Homes) operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

CMRTA operates in limited areas of Richland and Lexington Counties, and many clients are incapable of understand bus routes or do not live near bus routes. Bus routes do not always coincide with doctors' appointments and, in many cases, are not running at the specified appointment time. Many times CMRTA drop off points are not located near the facilities clients need and requires blocks of walking or an alternate means of transportation to the facilities.

Project Budget: (please see attached)

Julie Ann Avin

Julie Ann Avin, Executive Director

5/13/15

Date

Enclosure 4

IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION

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Columbia, SC 29212
(803) 772-1228

Crooked Creek Park
1098 Old Lexington Hwy.
Chapin, SC 29036
(803) 345-6181

Saluda Shoals Park
5605 Bush River Road
Columbia, SC 29212
(803) 772-1228

Seven Oaks Park
200 Leisure Lane
Columbia, SC 29210
(803) 772-3336

Letter of Intent

Large Urban Section 5310

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Date: May 13, 2015

Name of Agency: Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission (ICRC)

Contact Person: Kim Bowers

200 Leisure Lane, Columbia, SC 29210

803.772.3336

kbowers@icrc.net

Amount of Request: $65,000

Local Match: ICRC has appropriate match to cover the total cost of the project requested.

Project Category: Capital

Project Type: Purchase of Vehicle

14 Passenger cut-a-way

Replacement

Vin:	1FDEE35L99DA92481
Make:	2009 Ford
Model:	E-350 Cutaway
Mileage:	87,414

Project Scope:

The Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission (ICRC) is a special purpose district formed in 1969 to serve community members living in the Lexington county portion of School District Five. ICRC exists to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of the district through the development of recreation programs that promote a lifestyle of wellness, physical activities and cultural experiences for all ages. It is the Goal of the Senior Services Department to assist older adults within our district in ways that enable them to live happy, productive, independent lives. Programs offered by the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission are support services that foster independent living, enhance quality of life and help older adults meet their needs to remain active and in their own homes for as long as possible.

The main challenges facing the seniors we serve are transportation, utility assistance and medication assistance, as well as assistance paying for hearing aids, dentures and glasses. ICRC's needs reflect those needs, with a lack of available public transportation the top cause of increased social isolation for many seniors. Both Richland and Lexington Counties have cut back public transportation in recent years. The rising cost of living and poor economy also impact senior quality of life.

ICRC provides transportation to the senior center for meals and programs and to medical appointments. In fiscal year 2013/2014, Seven Oaks Park provided nearly 70,000 miles in transportation assistance to senior centers and over 250 trips for medical appointments. ICRC has anticipated a need to for a 14 passenger cut-a-way.

The Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission has provided services for older adults in Lexington County since 1980. The agency also serves as the Focal Point for Senior Services as designated by Central Midland's Area Agency on Aging. The proposed vehicles will enable ICRC to continue serve clients in the Lexington County portion of Lexington Richland 5chool District 5 with a wheel chair accessible vehicle.

ICRC has appropriate local match to cover the total cost of the project requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Taylor

Elizabeth Taylor

Executive Director

Enclosure 4

Letter of Intent

Name of Agency: Babcock Center, Inc.

Contact Person: Phillip Powell, Director of Support Services

2725 Banny Jones Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29170

Phone: 803-608-8085 Fax: 803-799-3418

Amount of Request: $53,125

Local Match: Total revenue for the Babcock Center for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 was $29,692,179. Revenue from state agencies (primarily the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs) totaled $26,192,487. None of these funds were provided by the SCDOT. All revenue (unless otherwise restricted) is pooled together for the operations of the agency, including transportation needs. The total cost for a replacement Goshen van is $62,500. Babcock Center will secure the $9,375 in match through funds obtained from the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Project Category: Capital

- 14 Passenger cut-away
  - Replacement
    - Vin #: 1FDWE35L53HA41984
    - Make: Ford
    - Model: Goshen ADA
    - Mileage: 124,884
    - SCDOT Owned: No

Project Scope: Babcock Center currently serves residents with intellectual disabilities, autism, head and spinal cord injuries and related disabilities within Richland and Lexington counties in South Carolina. Our mission is to empower people with lifelong disabilities to enjoy life by promoting abilities and respecting choice.

Babcock Center currently provides transportation services to approximately 730 individuals with disabilities in the urban and rural areas of Richland and Lexington counties. Of these individuals, 321 reside within Babcock Center residential programs and receive care 24 hours per day, 7 days a week and 409 are individuals we provide transportation to and from our Work Activity Centers five days per week during working hours.

Our fleet is composed of (143) vehicles, (4) of which are owned by Babcock Center. All of these (4) vehicles have high mileage, costly repairs and are no longer dependable for our consumers.

Our request is to replace one of these vehicles with one that will better meet the needs of our consumers. The vehicle for which we are requesting replacement has a history of costly repairs and is no longer reliable in the transport of the people we support. The replacement Goshen van would benefit the overall fleet as there are many times when we have utilized all available Goshen vans and are forced to utilize other vehicles that are not optimal for the transportation of individuals with physical disabilities. This vehicle will be used to provide transportation for (10) individuals with disabilities in the Northeast area of Columbia in Richland County. This route originates at 7817 Parklane Road Columbia, SC and travels through the Northeast area of Columbia.

Project Budget: See attached.

- Statement of Match: Babcock Center, Inc. has within our organizations' financial capacity the appropriate local match for this project in the amount $9375.

Executive Director Signature: _____ **Date:** May 12, 2015

Judith E. Johnson, Ed.D.

Enclosure 5

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Transportation Subcommittee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 11, 2015

SUBJECT: TIP Amendment – US 378 @ Fairlane Drive / Summer Place Drive

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests a recommendation of approval to amend the 2013 – 2019 TIP to add $425K to the US 378 @ Fairlane Drive / Summer Place Drive Intersection Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND

The US 378 @ Fairlane Drive / Summer Place Drive Intersection Improvement Project was approved in FY 2011 to add a right turn lane on Fairlane Drive and to made several signal modifications. The original construction budget to complete this project was approved at $300K. SCDOT has recently received bids at an estimated project cost of $715K. The project is currently scheduled for construction during the summer and early fall of 2015. In order to address this increase in funding, staff is proposing to add an additional $425K to this project. SCDOT will continue to review the received bids pending the approval of this request.

ATTACHMENT

US 378 @ Fairlane Drive / Summer Place Drive Photo Map

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US 378 @ Fairlane Drive / Summer Place Drive Intersection Improvement Project

Project Prioritization #5

Provide right turn lane on Fairlane Drive and signal modification

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Enclosure 6

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Transportation Subcommittee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 11, 2015

SUBJECT: Section 5307 Projects

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests a recommendation of approval to add $500,000 in Section 5307 funds to the 2013-2019 TIP.

BACKGROUND

CMCOG and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET) are seeking a Federal Transit Administration grant to develop a Low Income Pass Program, grant management and procurement procedures, and the triennial update to the COATS MPO Transportation Improvement Program. A description of each project is shown below:

Low Income Pass Program

The Comet (CMRTA) will subsidize 20% of the fare costs with the remaining 80% being provided from the Section 5307 grant to provide transportation passes for low-income job seekers. Agencies such as the United Way, Midlands Technical College, Transitions, etc., who currently provide assistance to low-income individuals will be able to qualify their clients to receive this service. Transit passes will be provided to individuals in certified training programs such as welding, HVAC, nursing, pharmacy technician, etc. for the duration of the training program and the first six months of employment.

TIP Update

Every three years in coordination with SCDOT, the COATS MPO updates its Transportation Improvement Program. Based on the program years established by SCDOT, the COATS MPO will begin to update its projects and funding for a seven (7) year Transportation Improvement Program.

Grant Management and Procurement Procedures

The COATS MPO will review and update its grant management policies and procedures in accordance with FTA Circular C 5010.1D for post-award grant administration and project management activities for all applicable Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs.

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Enclosure 7

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Transportation Subcommittee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 11, 2015

SUBJECT: **2035 LRTP Amendment – Intersection Improvements**

REQUESTED ACTION
The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests a recommendation of approval to add the Barr Road @ Wildlife Road and Barr Road @ Rawl Road intersections to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
SCDOT has recently completed two traffic studies at intersections located on Barr Road. The results of those studies are shown below. SCDOT has requested for the COATS MPO to consider these projects for future funding. In order for the COATS MPO to consider these projects, they must first be added to the 2035 LRTP.

- Barr Road @ Wildlife Road Intersection
  - Based on the results of our findings, 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. SCDOT does not currently have the necessary funding for the construction of left turn lanes. Therefore, by copy of this email, we will request 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.

- Barr Road @ Rawl Road Intersection
  - Based on the results of previous and recent studies concerning the intersection of Barr Road at Rawl Road, 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. SCDOT does not currently have the necessary funding for the construction of left turn lanes. Therefore, we have previously 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. However, funding for turn lanes at this intersection are not available at this time.

ATTACHMENT
Intersection Maps

Barr Road @ Wildlife Road Intersection Improvement Project

Proposed to be added to the 2035 Intersection Improvement Prioritized List

Proposed improvement is to add a left turn lanes on each approach and a traffic signal

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