



# *Executive Committee Meeting Notice*

**Thursday, April 27, 2023 ♦ 10:45 a.m.**

**Midlands Technical College – Harbison Campus (in person)**

**7300 College Street, Irmo, SC 29063**

**Continuing Education Center, Room 113 and Zoom Meeting (Virtual)**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620144439?pwd=SUJTSnczVGpXemM2dWlMNURZLzdYZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 846 2014 4439 ♦ Passcode: 534977 ♦ Dial-In Number (929) 205-6099**

**DATE: April 20, 2023**

**TO: CMCOG Executive Board Members:**

Vina Abrams, Newberry County  
Will Brennan, City of Columbia  
Todd Cullum, Lexington County  
Smokey Davis, Lexington County  
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County  
Paul Livingston, Richland County  
Steve MacDougall, Immediate Past Chairman  
Walt McLeod, Newberry County  
John McMeekin, Town of Winnsboro  
Chakisse Newton, Richland County  
Elise Partin, City of Cayce

**FROM: Foster Senn, CMCOG Board Chair**

**SUBJECT: *Executive Committee Meeting – April 27, 2023 at 10:45 A.M***

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The meeting will start promptly at 10:45 A.M., so please connect to the call early so we can start the meeting on time.

Please remember if we do not hear from you, we expect that you will be attending the meeting.

Enclosures

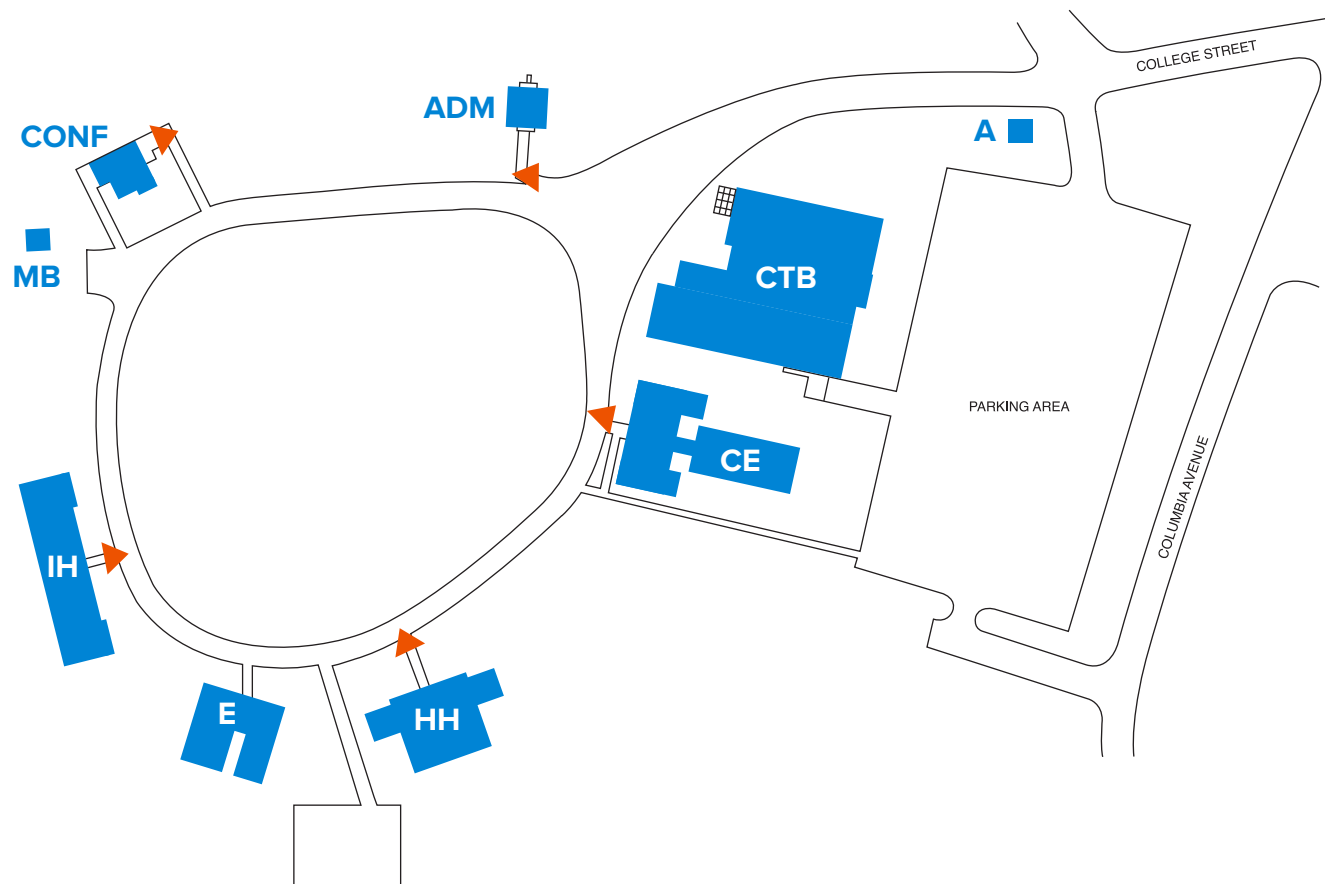
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## BUILDING LOCATION MAP HARBISON CAMPUS



7300 College Street  
Irmo, SC 29063



### Building Legend Harbison Campus

- A - Guard Station
- ADM - Administration
- CONF - Conference Center
- IH - Irmo Hall
- E - Storage
- HH - Harbison Hall
- CE - Continuing Education Center
- MB - Maintenance Building
- CTB - Classroom and Theatre Building

▲ Curb access ramps for students with disabilities



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**OVERALL AGENDA**

**ACTION**

**A. Call to Order and Introductions**

**Foster Senn, Chair**

1. Determination of a Quorum
2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda
3. **\*\* Executive Session \*\*** - Hiring Process for the New Executive Director

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the March 30, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (**Attachment 1**)

**C. Regular Agenda**

1. Monthly Dashboard Overview – April 2023 (**Enclosure 2**) (**Will be emailed**) **Melissa Labbe**
2. Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023) (**Enclosure 3**) (**Will be emailed**) **Melissa Labbe**
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4. \*2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Lower Saluda Greenway (**Enclosure 5**) **Reginald Simmons**
5. \*FY 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (**Enclosure 6**) **Reginald Simmons**
6. FY 2024 & 2025 Rural Planning Work Program (**Enclosure 7**) **Reginald Simmons**
7. CMCOG Officers Selection Committee **Foster Senn**

**INFORMATION**

**D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences**

1. Executive Director's Report **Rebecca Vance**

**E. Old/New Business**

**F. Other Business**

**G. Adjourn**

**REMINDER: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 1, 2023****

**Note: Full Agenda packets can be found on the CMCOG website at [www.cmcog.org](http://www.cmcog.org).**

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Meeting ID: 812 7719 3468 ♦ Passcode: 298999 ♦ Dial-In Number (929) 205-6099**

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**Executive Committee Members Present:**

Vina Abrams, Newberry County  
Will Brennan, Columbia City Council  
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council  
Smokey Davis, Lexington County  
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council  
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council  
Walt McLeod, Newberry County  
John McMeekin, Mayor, Town of Winnsboro  
Chakisse Newton, Richland County Council  
Elise Partin, City of Cayce, Mayor  
Foster Senn, **CHAIR**, Town of Newberry Mayor

**Staff Members Present:**

Fretoria Addison, LTC Ombudsman Volunteer Coordinator/Information Support Specialist  
Anna Harmon, Director, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program  
Jason Kent, GIS Manager  
Missi Labbe, Financial Director  
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director  
Gregory Sprouse, Director, Planning and Research Development  
Rebecca Vance, Interim Executive Director

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- A1.** Chairman Foster Senn called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. on March 30, 2023. Chairman Senn stated that a quorum was present at the time meeting was called to order.

**A2. APPROVE ORDER AND CONTENTS FOR THE OVERALL AGENDA**

**MOTION, approved**

**John McMeekin moved for approval, seconded by Paul Livingston to approve the Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.**

- A3. \*\*\*Executive Session\*\*\* - Hiring Process for the New Executive Director**

**B. CONSENT AGENDA**

- B1.** Approval of the February 23, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION, approved**

**John McMeekin moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to approve Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**C. REGULAR AGENDA**

- C1. Hiring Process for the New Executive Director**

Chairman Foster Senn gave a brief overview of the hiring process for the New Executive Director. He referred to a handout that was provided to the Committee which outlined the schedule for the hiring process. A brief discussion took place after the presentation.

**MOTION, approved**

**Smokey Davis moved for approval, seconded by Elise Partin to approve the Hiring Process for the New Executive Director. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences**

- D1. Executive Directors Report**

Rebecca Vance gave the following report:

Ombudsman

- The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program will be having an Advance Directives Lunch and Learn session on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the COG. A Lunch and Learn session will be held from 10:00am to 2:00 pm.
- April is National Healthcare Decisions Month and we are planning this session to educate the community, facility staff and other agencies on the importance of having these documents.

- April is also Volunteer Appreciation Month. A Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 2:00 p.m. to honor our volunteers for their advocacy and dedication to our residents in long-term care facilities.

#### Workforce Development

- Local Area Designation Petition - The Governor must designate local workforce areas in the State to receive adult, dislocated worker, and youth funding under WIOA Title I. Local areas and the associated counties may request subsequent designation if the local area met or exceeded performance measures, sustained fiscal integrity, and meet the regional planning requirements.
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#### Planning

- The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) agree to combine their mutual interest to collaborate on the execution of specific activities related to the Initial Planning Phase of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.
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#### Aging

- The AAA Program is not in danger of losing any state aging funds.
- Staff have responded to the Fiscal Monitoring report with a Corrective Action Plan and are working closely with the SCDOA staff to make necessary corrections and to find pathways forward for the challenges presented in the report.
- CMCOG has hired an Aging Finance Manager.
- The AAA Program is currently under staff. After surveying the staffing levels at the other AAAs across the state, the CMCOG AAA is tied with the lowest number of staff members to implement the services on the aging side of the program.
- The AAA has coordinated with the SCDOA and received approved contracts. Those contracts have been sent to the regional providers.
- The AAA is coordinating with the SCDOA to determine how the ARP funds can be spent. A budget revision was sent to the SCDOA for their review.
- The AAA is receiving feedback on the Area Plan and is preparing to make a presentation to the SCDOA.

#### Transportation

- Items that were presented as part of the consent agenda will serve as the report for transportation.

**E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS**

There were no old/new business.

**F. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**G. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

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Rebecca Vance, Secretary-Treasurer

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Foster Senn, Chairman



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**DATE: April 20, 2023**

**TO: CMCOG Board of Directors**

**FROM: Foster Senn, CMCOG Board Chair**

**SUBJECT: CMCOG Board Meeting – April 27, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.**

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**You may also join by Zoom (please join the meeting 10 minutes prior to the 12:00 P.M.).**

The meeting will start promptly at 12:00 P.M., so please arrive on time. We need a quorum to conduct business, so it is very important for you to plan to attend each meeting. The meeting packet has been mailed and emailed to you.

I thank you for your time and service to the Central Midlands Council of Governments.

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**Foster Senn, Chair**

1. Determination of a Quorum
2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda
3. Invocation
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Chairman's Introduction
  - Good News from CMCOG – Around the Region

**Foster Senn  
Rebecca Vance**

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**Melissa Labbe  
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Reginald Simmons  
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**INFORMATION**

**D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences**

1. Transportation Project Updates
2. Regional Bike and Pedestrian Master Plans Overview
3. Executive Director's Report

**Darren Ledbetter  
Guillermo Espinosa  
Rebecca Vance**

**E. Old/New Business**

**F. Other Business**

**G. Adjourn**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vina Abrams, Newberry County  
Todd Beasley, Richland County  
***Will Brennan, Vice-Chair, Columbia City Council***  
Larry Brigham, Lexington County Council  
Davis Busby, Lexington County  
John Carrigg, Lexington County  
Brian Carter, City of West Columbia  
Kyle Crager, Fairfield County  
Rebecca Connally, Lexington County  
Glen Conwell, Lexington County Council  
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council  
Smokey Davis, Lexington County  
William “Rusty” DePass, City of Columbia  
Amadeo Geere, City of Columbia  
Shaun Greenwood, City of Forest Acres  
Bob Hall, Batesburg-Leesville  
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council  
Robert Liming, City of Columbia  
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council  
Annie McDaniel, Fairfield County Del.  
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***Foster Senn, Chair, Mayor, City of Newberry***  
Charli Wessinger, Lexington County Council

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Joey Riddle, AECOM  
Angie Connor, Fairfield County Council on Aging  
Lynn Stockman, Newberry County Council on Aging  
Ron Mitchum, Berkley Charleston Dorchester COG  
Lynda Christison, Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission  
Andrew Boozer, Senior Resources  
Roland Bart, CMCOG Contractor

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fretria Addison, LTC Ombudsman Volunteer  
Coordinator/Information Support Specialist  
Roland Bart, Senior Planner  
Tammy Beagan, Workforce  
Anna Harmon, Director, LTCOP  
Candice Holloway, Director, Area Agency on Aging  
Jason Kent, GIS Manager  
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Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/  
Transportation Director  
Ed “Rocky” Simmons, CDBG Planner  
Gregory Sprouse, Director, Planning, Research  
Rebecca Vance, Interim Executive Director

**A1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Foster Senn called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. on March 30, 2023.

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

Chairman Senn stated that a quorum was present at the time meeting was called to order.

**MOTION, approved**

**Walt McLeod moved for approval, seconded by Elise Partin to approve the Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**A3. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Smokey Davis.

**A4. Introduction of Guests**

Chairman Senn welcomed and introduced our guests for today's meeting.

**A5. Chairman's Introduction**

- **Good News from CMCOG – Around the Region and Regional Spotlight**

Chairman Foster Senn mentioned good news from around the region to include:

- Cirba Solutions, a comprehensive battery management and materials company, has plans to build a new state-of-the-art flagship operation in Richland County at an investment of over \$300 million and will create 300 new jobs.
- Scout Motors, a next generation all-electric truck and SUV maker, has plans to invest \$2 billion and create potentially over 4,000 jobs in Blythewood
- Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits is relocating its operations with a new distribution facility in Lexington County. This will be an \$80 million investment.
- Mattress Warehouse is establishing a new distribution center in Lexington County. This will create 108 new jobs.
- Riverbanks Zoo new Aquarium and Reptile Conservation Center has attracted over 100,000 visitors in less than a month.
- Lizard's Thicket has been voted as one of the Top 5 local restaurants by Southern Living.
- No 1. USC Gamecocks have advanced to the 2023 Final Four and will play Iowa.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA**

**B1. Approval of the February 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION, approved**

**Nick Shealy moved for approval, seconded by Robert Liming to approve Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.**

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Chairman Foster Senn gave a brief overview of the hiring process for the New Executive Director. He referred to a handout that was provided to the Board which outlined the schedule for the hiring process. A brief discussion took place after the presentation.

**MOTION, approved**

**Robert Liming moved for approval, seconded by Nick Shealy to approve the new hiring process for the Executive Director. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences**

**D1. What makes an effective COG by Ron Mitchum**

Ron Mitchum provided a wonderful presentation on what makes an effective COG. He surveyed the board members who were in person to get a range on the years of board service each member has. He shared many of his experience of being a COG Director. He highlighted the following:

- COGs are a partnering agency that supports its member governments while partnering with State, Federal and other agencies to assist in providing services within its planning area.
- Experience COG staff is a value that must be held on to as they often have the knowledge to implement complicated state and federal programs.
- The State and Federal Programs implemented by COGs present many challenges that can delay the spending of funds, but unspent funds are not lost, they will carryover.
- COGs often carry core programs such as CDBG, Transportation, Planning, etc... but will often take on new programs if asked to fill a gap in order to make sure that services get provided effectively.

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**E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS**

There were no old/new business.

**F. OTHER BUSINESS**

The May 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting has been postponed to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**G. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.

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Rebecca Vance, Secretary-Treasurer

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Foster Senn, Chairman



## Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

**DATE:** April 20, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **COATS Transportation Alternatives Projects**

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### REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 -2027 TIP to add two (2) transportation alternatives projects to the COATS Transportation Alternatives Program contingent upon funding availability and project eligibility.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As part of the Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant 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 enhance 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 two (2) transportation alternatives projects for the COATS Transportation Alternatives Program. These projects were received by the deadline of 2:00 p.m. on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Through our evaluation and review, it has been determined that these two (2) projects are eligible for funding. Staff will request to amend the 2020 - 2027 TIP to include these projects in the COATS MPO TAP Program. Attached, please find the list of transportation alternatives projects recommended for funding.

### ATTACHMENT

N. Lucas Street TAP Project  
Foreman Street TAP Project

Mayor  
Elise Partin

Mayor Pro-Tem  
James E. Jenkins

Council Members  
Phil Carter  
Tim James  
Hunter Sox

City Manager  
Tracy Hegler

Deputy City Manager  
Jim Crosland  
Assistant City Manager  
Michael Conley



March 20, 2023

Central Midlands Council of Governments  
Attn: Reginald E. Simmons  
236 Stonehenge Drive  
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: FY23 COATS MPO TAP Application – Foreman Street Multiuse Trail Project

The City of Cayce is pleased to submit its 2023 Transportation Alternatives project – Foreman Street Multiuse Trail. This “Rails to Trails” project aims to increase the walkability of the City of Cayce and provide safe, reliable transportation to our citizens accessing our growing River Arts District and adjacent destinations.

This project meets a specific need of our community, increases access and connectivity and aligns with the City of Cayce’s vision, “to collaborate with our citizens, business leaders, and community groups to deliver excellent services, and plan for our future generations, all while preserving, protecting and enhancing the quality of life.” It also builds upon prior and existing Transportation Alternatives projects to expand pedestrian connectivity through improved sidewalks along Frink Street.

The City of Cayce is committing a 20% match to cover construction costs required to complete this multiuse trail project, in compliance with TAP guidelines. Please feel free to contact me at [thegler@caycesc.gov](mailto:thegler@caycesc.gov) or 803-550-9522 should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy Hegler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Tracy Hegler, AICP  
City Manager



**A. ELIGIBILITY DEMONSTRATION: "SEE ATTACHED" IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

1. Does the project meet the requirements outlined in the FAST Act?

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✓ YES

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NO

2. Does project conform to applicable requirements of Americans with Disabilities Act and any other state or federal laws concurring accessibility?

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✓ YES

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NO

Explain how the project meets the eligibility requirements:

The Foreman Street Multiuse Trail project meets the requirements outlined in the FAST Act. The focus for this project is safety and accessibility for the citizens of Cayce.

This project includes the construction of an ADA compliant, concrete multiuse trail beginning at 2350 Foreman Street, Cayce and ending at the intersection of Frink Street and Foreman Street

This project aims to increase the walkability of the City of Cayce and provide safe, reliable transportation to our citizens accessing our growing River Arts District. Frink Street connects to 12th Street, where many up and coming businesses are located. This corridor also leads directly to the Lyles Street entrance of our Riverwalk Park.

This project will ensure a complete ADA compliant multiuse trail for citizens of Cayce. This trail will ensure a safe non-motorized transportation network on a street currently lacking such network. The project will encourage safe pedestrian access through an area in dire need of pedestrian improvements. In return, creating a less hazardous environment in which increased pedestrian activity will be encouraged due to the growing commercial corridor.

Over one thousand residents would have convenient access to the multiuse trail once completed. Currently, there is no existing accessible/ADA compliant trail along this roadway, and we have pedestrians regularly on the roadways in these areas trying to reach their destinations. This multiuse trail will provide a safe walkway for pedestrians following the guidance of the SCDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan. Further, this project would build upon and connect to prior Transportation Alternatives projects improving sidewalks along Frink Street. Expanding our walkability network is vital for the accessibility and safety of our residents and those on the roadways and is in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

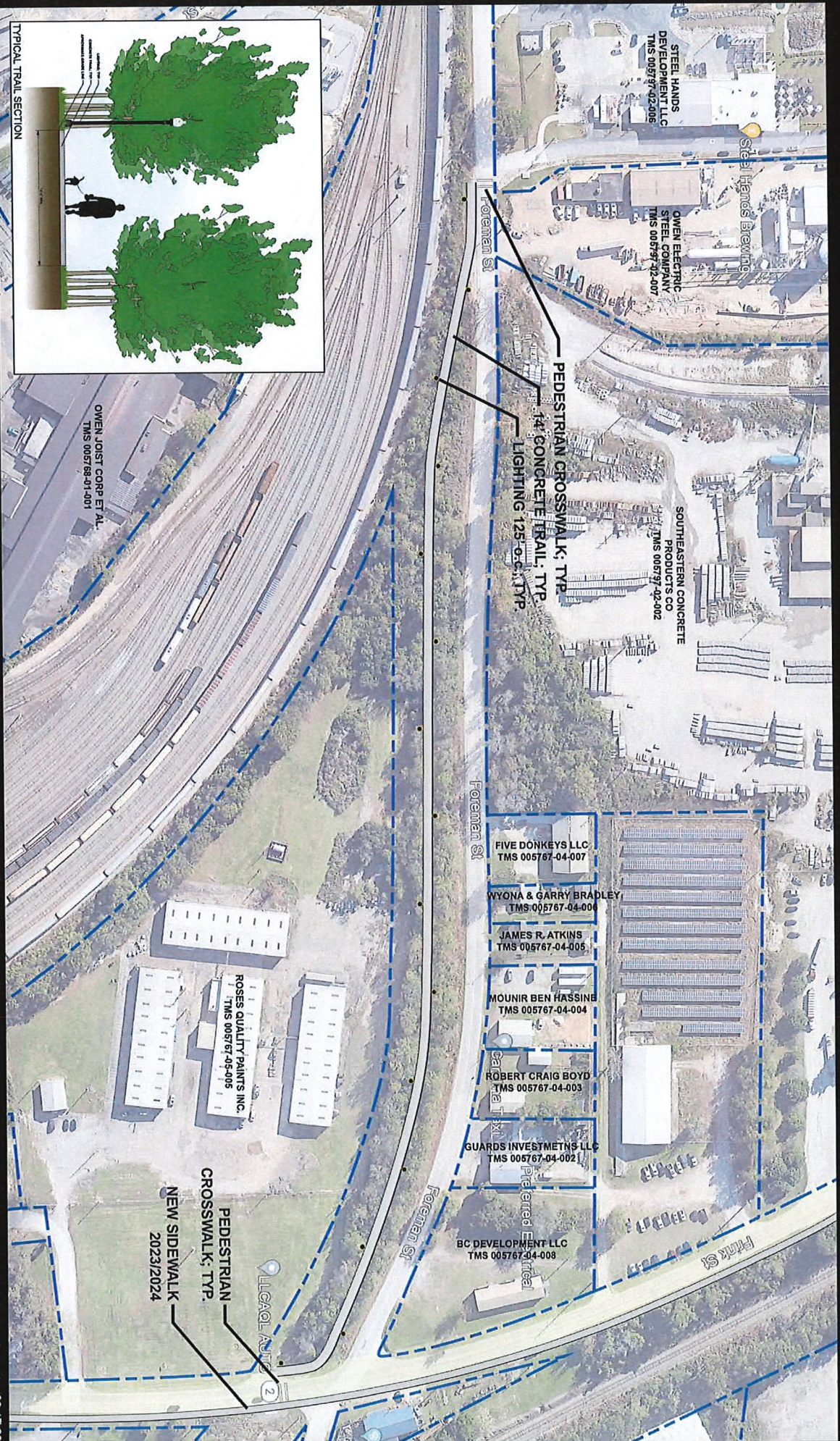


# CAYCE RAILS TO TRAILS FOREMAN ST. TO FRINK ST. CAYCE, SC



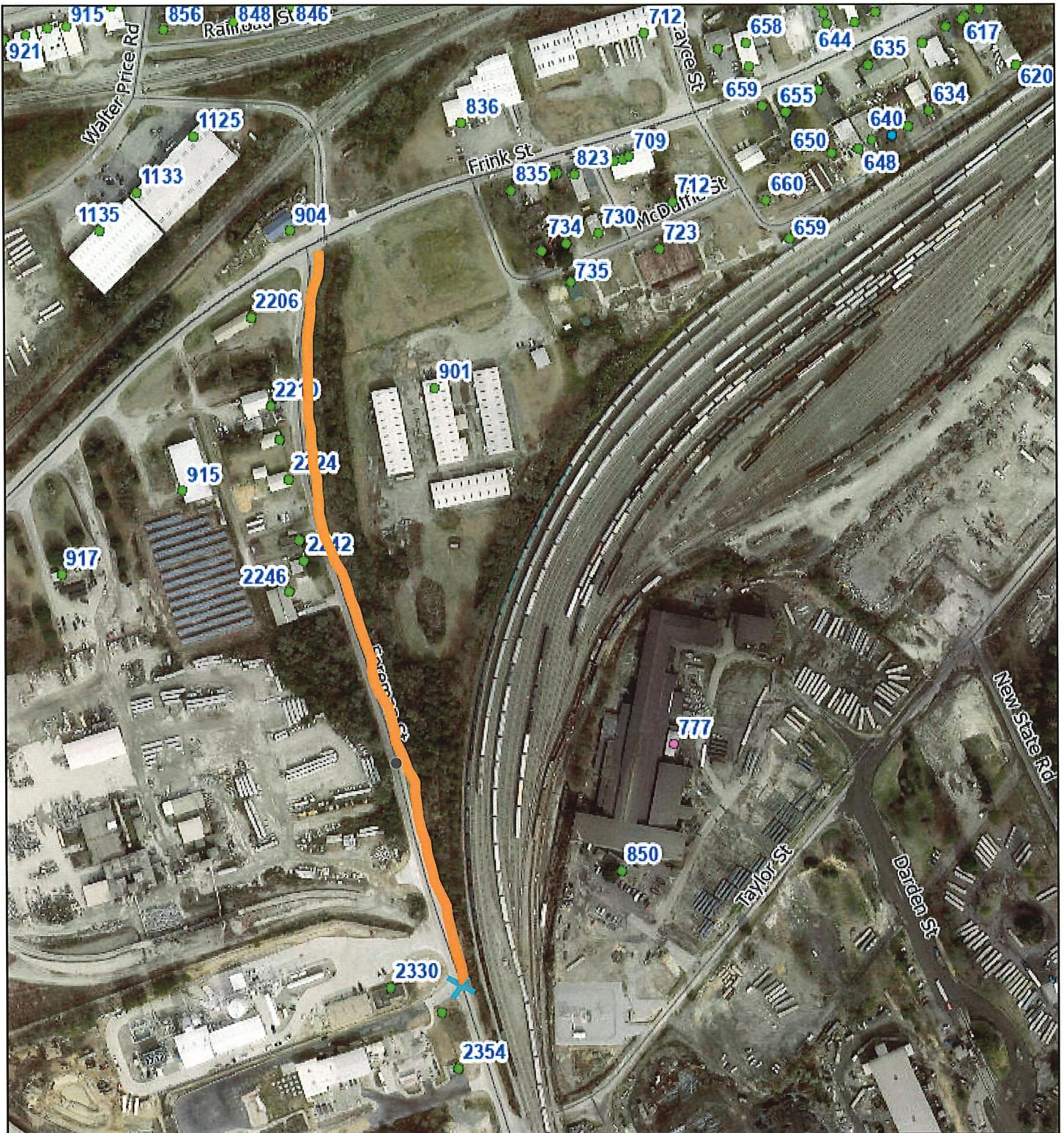
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# TAP Rails to Trails



3/16/2023, 4:23:50 PM

Address Points

Roads

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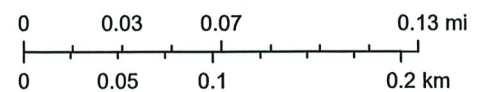
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— Collector

● Nonstandard

— Local

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## Taylor Gray

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**From:**

Fredendall, Joseph D. <FredendallJD@scdot.org>

Thursday, March 16, 2023 2:43 PM

Taylor Gray

RE: TAP Project Feasibility Letter - City of Cayce

Taylor,

There are no objections to the concept of the project provided it can be designed and constructed in accordance with SCDOT standards and specifications. The SCDOT currently references the PROWAG 2005 draft.

**JOSEPH D. FREDENDALL, PE**

District Permit Engineer – District 1

SC Department of Transportation

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**From:** Taylor Gray <TGray@caycesc.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 2:39 PM

**To:** Fredendall, Joseph D. <FredendallJD@scdot.org>

**Subject:** TAP Project Feasibility Letter - City of Cayce

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Good afternoon Joseph,

I am working on our COATS MPO TAP application for the City of Cayce. I need to see who can review our information and provide a feasibility letter or let us know if there would be any roadblocks to this project.

The project includes the construction of an ADA-compliant, 2,300 LF of concrete multiuse path beginning at Steel Hands, 2350 Foreman St, Cayce and ending at the intersection of Frink Street and McDuffie.

Attached is our preliminary information. I'm not sure what information is required, but let me know what, if anything, I can provide.

Thank you so much for your time and help with this request!

Taylor Gray

Grants Manager

City of Cayce

[tgray@caycesc.gov](mailto:tgray@caycesc.gov)

March 1, 2023

**WEST**  
**COLUMBIA**  
• HEAD WEST •



Reginald Simmons  
Central Midlands Council of Governments  
236 Stoneridge Drive  
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. Simmons:

The City of West Columbia is pleased to submit its 2023 TAP Application. The project addresses much a much-needed sidewalk addition within the city. To demonstrate our dedication to this project, the City of West Columbia is committing a 20% match to cover construction costs required to complete the project in compliance with TAP guidelines. We look forward to partnering with CMCOG and SC DOT on a successful project.

Please feel free to contact me at 803-791-1880 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

*Tara Greenwood*

Tara Greenwood  
Assistant City Administrator of Development

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**A. ELIGIBILITY DEMONSTRATION: "SEE ATTACHED" IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

1. Does the project meet the requirements outlined in the FAST Act?

☒ YES

☐ NO

2. Does project conform to applicable requirements of Americans with Disabilities Act and any other state or federal laws concurring accessibility?

☒ YES

☐ NO

Explain how the project meets the eligibility requirements:



This project aims to increase the walkability of the City of West Columbia and provide safe, ADA compliant, and reliable transportation to the residents along N. Lucas Street. On North Lucas Street, there is a multitude of mixed-income housing developments, businesses, and it is located a short distance from the entrance to Riverwalk Park.

This sidewalk will provide a safe walkway for pedestrians following the guidance of the SC DOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan. Expanding our sidewalk network is vital for the accessibility and safety of our residents and those on the roadways and is in accordance with the City's Bike and Pedestrian Masterplan.



# N Lucas Street Sidewalk Extension



-  Sidewalk Extension
-  Existing Sidewalks





## Katherine Call

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### Attachments:

Fredendall, Joseph D. <FredendallJD@scdot.org>  
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 9:02 AM  
Katherine Call  
Moore, Harriett; Haggard, Caroline O.; Bailey, Daniel J.  
RE: TAP Project Feasibility Letter- West Columbia  
COATS MPO TAP N.Lucas.pdf

[EXTERNAL]

Katherine,

SCDOT has no objections to the proposed project provided it meets all SCDOT standards, currently SCDOT references the Public Rights-of-Way-Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) 2005 draft for accommodations within the Right-of-Way.

### JOSEPH D. FREDENDALL, PE

District Permit Engineer – District 1  
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**From:** Moore, Harriett <MooreHC@scdot.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:55 AM  
**To:** Katherine Call <kcall@westcolumbiasc.gov>  
**Cc:** Fredendall, Joseph D. <FredendallJD@scdot.org>  
**Subject:** RE: TAP Project Feasibility Letter- West Columbia

Good morning, Katherine,

The County offices are now processing predominantly utility, construction drives, additional drives, etc. within the Contracts/Permit office. Joseph Fredendall is our District Permit Engineer and I have copied him on this email. Joseph is great to work with and I am sure he will be able to help you. We have partnered well with the City of West Columbia in the past and hope to continue. Please tell Tara hello and thanks!

Thanks,  
HC

Harriett (HC) Caldwell-Moore  
Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer  
SCDOT  
Lexington Maintenance  
803-359-4103





## Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

**DATE:** April 20, 2023

**SUBJECT:** 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment - Lower Saluda Greenway

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### REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$656K in TAP funding for the regionally significant Lower Saluda Greenway Phase III.

### BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Lower Saluda Greenway, a proposed 10.5-mile multi-use paved path along the north side of the Lower Saluda River, is to increase safe access to nearby parks, trails, and destinations, aid in short-trip multimodal travel, and increase regional connectivity and unity between the Lexington and Irmo areas with the communities of Columbia, West Columbia, and Cayce.

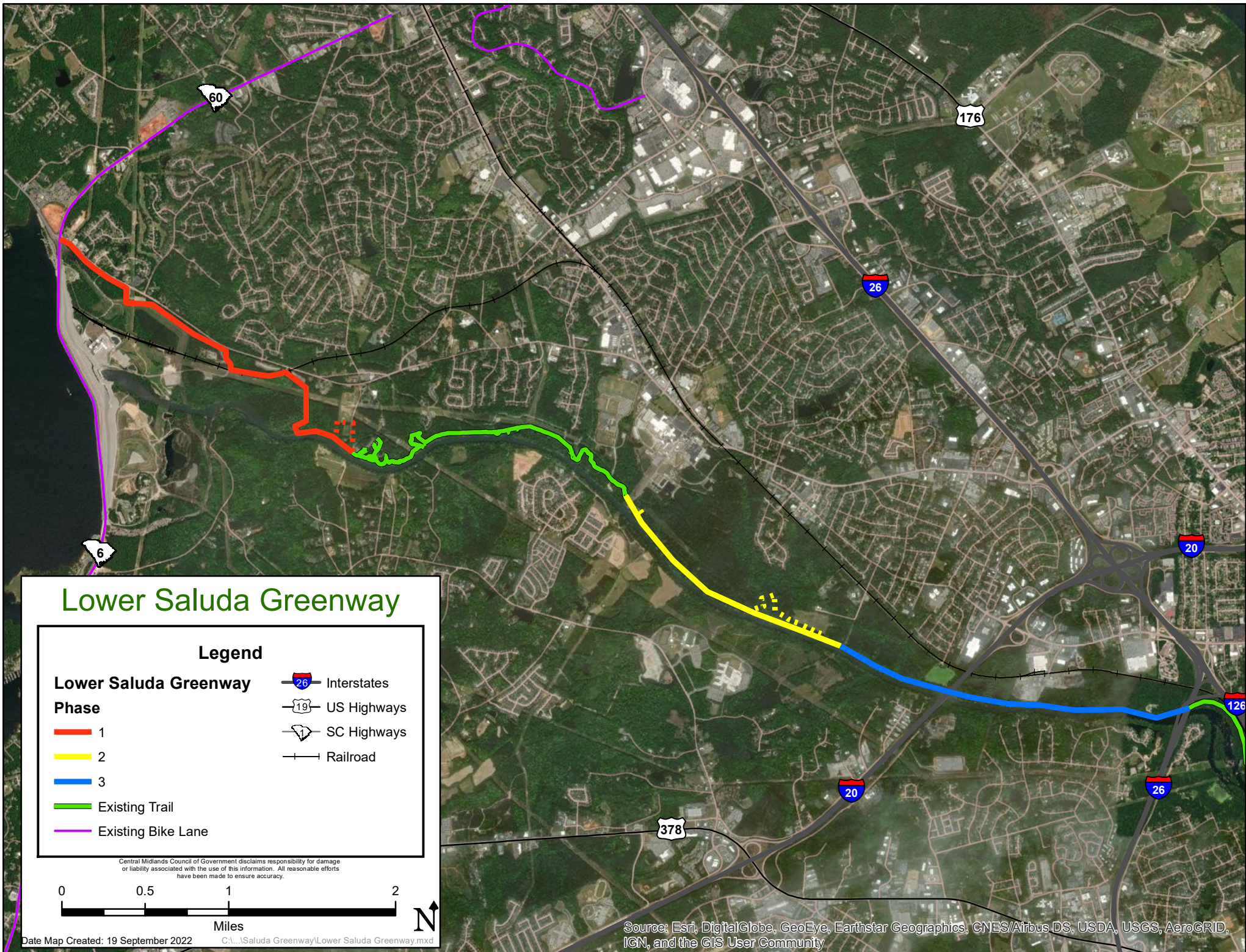
Through high use of existing facilities and advocacy for additional facilities, the community has made it abundantly clear that connected, safe, and comfortable non-motorized transportation and recreational facilities are of paramount importance. The current active transportation network lacks connectivity between communities in Irmo and Lexington and those in Cayce, Columbia, and West Columbia, limiting non-motorized access to critical destinations and recreational amenities. Addressing this lack of connectivity will provide multimodal transportation choices, healthier lifestyles, access to the outdoors, a higher quality of life, and a more vibrant regional character.

Please note that phases I & II have been solicited to begin preliminary engineering. They have been fully funded through other sources of funding. Approval of this request will complete funding for all three phases of the project.

### ATTACHMENT

Lower Saluda Greenway Executive Summary









## **Memorandum**

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

**FROM:** Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

**DATE:** April 20, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **FY 2024 & 2025 UPWP**

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### **REQUESTED ACTION**

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to adopt the FY 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The 2024 & 2025 COATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is based on the COATS's 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was updated and approved by the Policy Committee on December 9, 2021. 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 2024 & 2025 UPWP emphasizes activities that promote the implementation of the existing plan. The major projects to be completed in this two year timeframe include:

### **Congestion Management Plan Update**

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In partnership with the COATS MPO, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) intends to pilot an objective-focused and performance-based CMP that can serve as a model process for all MPOs in South Carolina. Through this pilot, a CMP will be developed for the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS).

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

### **Regional Mobility Program**

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In partnership with the COATS MPO, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) intends to pilot a data driven and performance-based analysis of congested corridors in the COATS MPO Planning area to identify the transportation needs and mitigation strategies to address those needs. Through this pilot, the RMP will serve as a model process for all TMAs in South Carolina.

Consultant: SCDOT/COATS MPO Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## **US 1 (Pontiac) Corridor Feasibility Study**

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Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the US 1 Corridor. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. COATS MPO will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: September 2024

## **Regional Freight Plan**

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The purpose of this initiative is to assist CMCOG/COATS MPO, SCDOT and local governments in understanding freight trends and needs in the region. The study will identify potential projects for more detailed analysis and policies for consideration by the MPO Policy Committee and local governments.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: October 2024

## **Regional ITS Architecture**

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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: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

## **SC 6 Corridor Feasibility Study**

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Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the SC 6 Corridor. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. COATS MPO will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## **Corley Mill Road Corridor Feasibility Study**

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Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the Corley Mill Road Corridor. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. COATS MPO will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: September 2024

## **US 76/176 Corridor Feasibility Study**

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Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the US 76/176 Corridor. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. SCDOT will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## **Blythewood Road/US 21 Corridor Feasibility Study**

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Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the Blythewood Road/US 21 Corridor. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. SCDOT will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## **COATS MPO Transportation Planning Initiatives**

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This project consists of updating the COATS MPO Transportation Planning Initiatives based on the 2020 Census data. Changes to the planning initiatives may require approval from SCDOT, FHWA and/or FTA.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

## **Complete Streets Economic Impact Analysis**

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Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

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Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2024



## **Memorandum**

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

**FROM:** Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

**DATE:** April 20, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **FY 2024 & 2025 RPWP**

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### **REQUESTED ACTION**

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to adopt the FY 2024 & 2025 Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP).

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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Consultant: SCDOT/CMCOG/COATS MPO Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

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Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

## **E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street/Redmond Mill Road Corridor Feasibility Study**

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Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the E. 5th Street/Redmond Mill Road (SC 692) Corridor - From Church Street (US 321) to Calhoun Road. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. CMCOG will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## **Pine Street Corridor Feasibility Study**

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Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the Pine Street (SC 302) Corridor - From Fish Hatchery Road to Cedar Creek Road. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. CMCOG will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: November 2024

## **Church Street Corridor Feasibility Study**

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Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the Church Street (US 321) Corridor - From Burton Gunter Road to SC 692. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. CMCOG will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## **Kendall Road Corridor Feasibility Study**

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Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the Kendall Road Corridor – From Boundary Street to Nance Street. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. CMCOG will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

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