



Executive Committee Meeting Notice

Thursday, June 22, 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/85107758876?pwd=WE9YaUtNNzdxRERMUGhLWUtodkVBdz09>

Meeting ID: 851 0775 8876 ♦ Passcode: 380827 ♦ Dial-In Number (929) 205-6099

DATE: June 16, 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 – June 22, 2023 at 10:45 A.M

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of Central Midlands Council of Governments will be held on **Thursday, June 22, 2023 at Midlands Technical College Harbison Campus, Continuing Education Center, Room 113. See attached map of the campus for additional information.**

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.

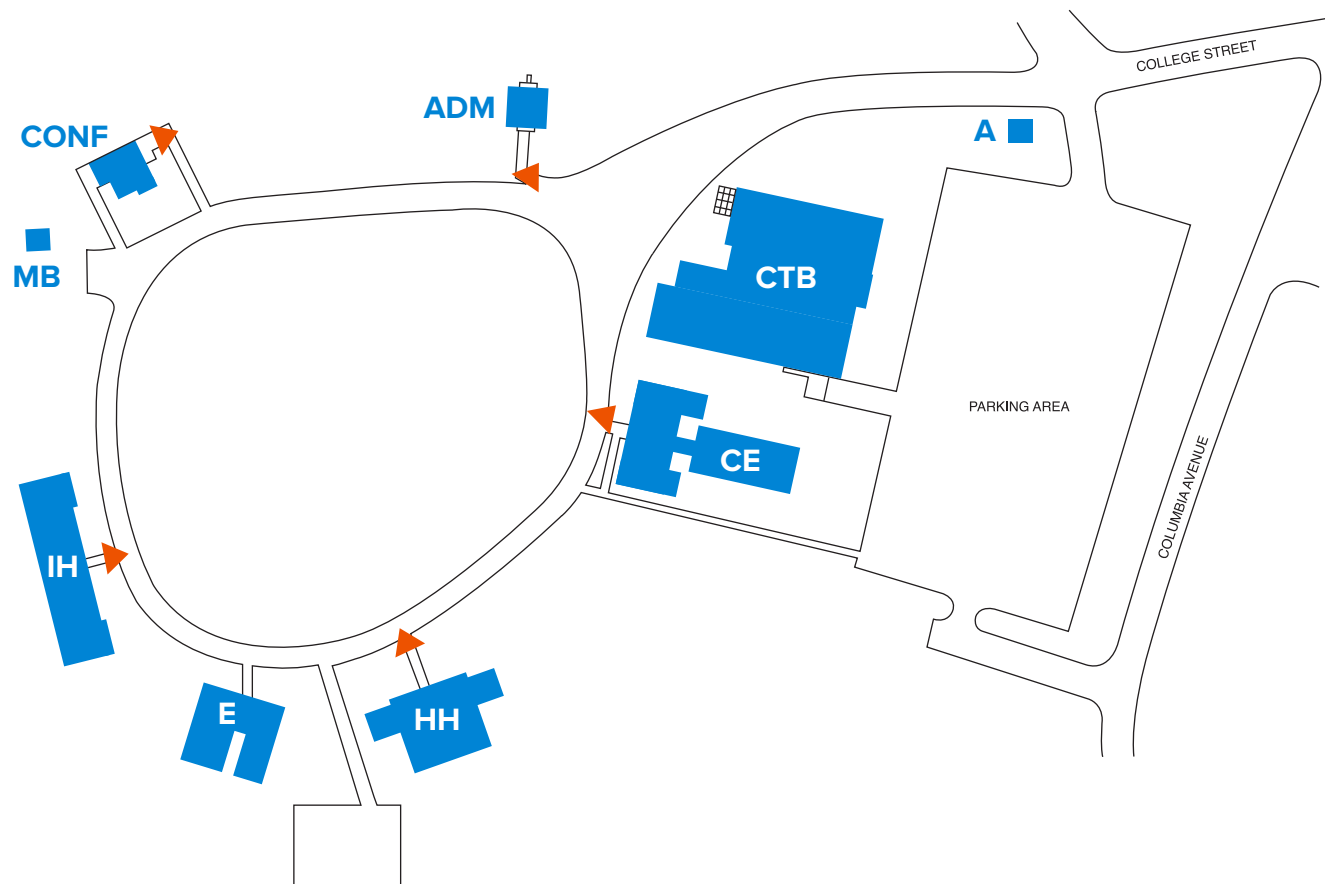
Please remember if we do not hear from you, we expect that you will be attending the meeting.

Enclosures

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 **** (Please note that action may be taken after the Executive Session)

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the June 1, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (**Attachment 1**)
2. *CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds (**Enclosure 2**)
3. *CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds (**Enclosure 3**)
4. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Transportation Alternatives Projects (TAP) (**Enclosure 4**)
5. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Lower Saluda Greenway (**Enclosure 5**)
6. *FY 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (**Enclosure 6**)
7. FY 2024 & 2025 Rural Planning Work Program (**Enclosure 7**)

C. Regular Agenda

1. FY 2024 CMCOG Annual Budget and Work Program (**Enclosure 8**) **Melissa Labbe**
2. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – SC 6 Corridor Feasibility Study (**Enclosure 9**) **Reginald Simmons**
3. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Section 5310 Projects (**Enclosure 10**) **Reginald Simmons**
4. *Census 2020 – New MPO Boundary (**Enclosure 11**) **Reginald Simmons**

INFORMATION

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

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

E. Old/New Business

1. Monthly Dashboard Overview – June 2023 (**Enclosure 12**) **Will be emailed later** **Melissa Labbe**

F. Other Business

G. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 24, 2023**

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

***Denotes item is an Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Urbanized Area Request**



**Executive Committee Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Thursday, June 1, 2023 ♦ 10:45 a.m. ♦ Midlands Technical College
Harbison Campus – 7300 College Street, Irmo, SC 29063
Continuing Education Center, Room 113 and via Zoom (Virtual)
Meeting ID: 816 0171 4658 ♦ Passcode: 984561 ♦ Dial-In Number (929) 205-6099**

Executive Committee Members Present:

Vina Abrams, Newberry County
Will Brennan, Columbia City Council
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington, Mayor
Walt McLeod, Newberry County
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
Missi Labbe, Financial Director
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
Gregory Sprouse, Director, Planning and Research Development
Rebecca Vance, Interim Executive Director

Guests:

Freeman Belser, Esq.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

******Executive Session******

- A1.** Chairman Foster Senn called the meeting to order at 11:27 a.m. on June 1, 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

Chairman Foster Senn asked that the committee make a motion to approve the order and contents for the overall agenda to add under, "New Business," Executive Director's Contract to the agenda.

MOTION, approved

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

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- B1.** Approval of the April 27, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION, approved

Walton McLeod moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to approve Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

- C1. Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023)**

Missi Labbe gave a presentation on the Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023). She noted the corrections that were requested from the last meeting have been completed. A brief discussion took place after the presentation.

MOTION, approved

Will Brennan moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to approve the Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023). The motion was approved unanimously.

- C2. Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022**

Missi Labbe gave a briefing on the FY 2022 Financial and Compliance Report. She noted that the full audit is not complete, but the draft audit report looks good. She stated that Michael Slapnik, CPA from Scott and Company will be at the full board meeting to provide a presentation. It's expected that the audit will provide an unmodified opinion. A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Will Brennan moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to approve the Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022 for Information ONLY at this time. The motion was approved unanimously.

C3. *CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds

Reginald Simmons requested approval to transfer \$7,143,850 in FY 2022 Section 5307 funds to CMRTA. CMCOG is the designated recipient of the Section 5307 Program Funds. These funds can be used for capital, planning, administration, and limited operating assistance. Due to a Memorandum of Understanding, CMCOG determines how much Section 5307 that the public transit providers will receive on an annual basis. Historically, CMCOG has reserved funding for planning purposes, but due to reserve funds from previous years, CMCOG proposed to transfer the entire FY 2022 apportionment to CMRTA. Santee Wateree RTA has not requested any funding.

Once CMRTA determines how they will use these funds, those projects will need to be provided to CMCOG to be included in the TIP. Staff included a split letter in the agenda packet for the Board to review.

MOTION, approved

Paul Livingston moved for approval, seconded by Walt McLeod to transfer \$7,143,850 in FY 2022 Section 5307 funds to CMRTA. The motion was approved unanimously.

C4. *CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds

Reginald Simmons requested a recommendation of approval to transfer \$568,918 in FY 2022 FTA Section 5339 funds to CMRTA. CMCOG is the designated recipient for the Columbia Urbanized Area. As the designated recipient, CMCOG is responsible for coordinating federal grant programs to assist in improving the urban transit system. These programs include Sections 5310, 5307, 5339. The Section 5339 Grant Program provides funding to replace, rehab, and purchase bus and bus related facilities.

In FY 2022, CMCOG received a total of \$568,918 in Section 5339 funds. Under the IIJA, CMCOG can make these funds available to a public transit provider. As a direct recipient of federal funds, CMRTA can apply directly to FTA. The required match for this federal program is twenty percent (20%).

Once CMRTA determines how they will use these funds, those projects will need to be provided to CMCOG to be included in the TIP. Staff included a split letter in the agenda packet for the Board to review. Santee Wateree RTA has not requested any funding.

MOTION, approved

Paul Livingston moved for approval, seconded by Walt McLeod to transfer \$568,918 in FY 2022 FTA Section 5339 funds to CMRTA. The motion was approved unanimously.

C5. Election of New CMCOG Officers

Chairman Foster Senn announced that the Committee has appointed Councilman Will Brennan as the New Chairman and Representative Annie McDaniel as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors.

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

D1. Executive Directors Report

Rebecca Vance will present the Executive's Report at the full Board of Directors' meeting. Ms. Vance also mentioned that Gregory Sprouse has agreed and will be the designated person to draw down funds for EDA funds.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

E1. Monthly Dashboard Overview – May 2023

Missi Labbe presented the Monthly Dashboard for May. A brief discussion took place after the presentation.

E2. Executive Director's Contract - **Executive Session******

MOTION, approved

Will Brennan moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to come out of Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Foster Senn stated that there would be a Moment of Silence for the Fallen Irmo Firefighter James Michael Muller who lost his life in May 2023 while battling an apartment fire.

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Rebecca Vance, Secretary-Treasurer

Foster Senn, Chairman



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FROM: Foster Senn, CMCOG Board Chair

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

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	4. Introduction of Guests and New Board Members	
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	1. Executive Director’s Report	Rebecca Vance
	2. Recognition of Outgoing Chair and Committee Chairpersons	Rebecca Vance
	3. Recognition of Incoming Chair	Foster Senn
	4. Recognition of Incoming Executive Director	Will Brennan
	E. <u>Old/New Business</u>	
	1. Monthly Dashboard Overview – June 2023 (<i>Enclosure 12</i>) <i>Will be emailed</i>	Melissa Labbe
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Continuing Education Center, Room 113 and Zoom Meeting (Virtual)

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vina Abrams, Newberry County
Will Brennan, Vice-Chair, Columbia City Council
Peter Brown, Richland County Council
Larry Brigham, Lexington County Council
Brian Carter, City of West Columbia
Kyle Crager, Fairfield County
Rebecca Connally, Lexington County
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
William “Rusty” DePass, City of Columbia
Howard Duvall, City of Columbia
Amadeo Geere, City of Columbia
Clarence Gilbert, Fairfield County Council
Shaun Greenwood, Forest Acres
Sloan Griffin III, Town of Blythewood
Bob Hall, Batesburg-Leesville
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council
Robert Liming, City of Columbia
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington
Yvonne McBride, Richland County Council
Annie McDaniel, Fairfield County Del.
Walton McLeod, Newberry County
Joe Mergo, Lexington County
Chakisse Newton, Richland County Council
Elise Partin, City of Cayce, Mayor
Ron Rhames, Midlands Technical College
Foster Senn, Chair, Mayor, City of Newberry
Nick Shealy, Newberry County
Lindsey Yarborough, Lexington County Council

GUESTS PRESENT:

Britt Poole, Town of Lexington
Freeman Belser, Esq.
Bill Jordan, AECOM
Joey Riddle, AECOM
Angie Connor, Fairfield County Council on Aging
Michael Slapnik, CPA
Dave Bodiford, CPA
Diane Lackey, SCDOT
Christina Lewis, SCDOT
Lynda Christison
LTC. Kendall Adams
Lynn Stockman, NCCOA
Lakesha Dunbar, Toole Design Group

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fretria Addison, LTC Ombudsman Volunteer
Coordinator/Information Support Specialist
Roland Bart, Senior Planner
Tammy Beagen, Workforce
LaToya Buggs-Williams, Ombudsman
Investigator
Aleigha Chee-You, Ombudsman Assistant
Anna Harmon, Director, LTCOP
Jessica Kelly, Associate Ombudsman
Missi Labbe, Finance Director
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/
Transportation Director
Sherry Sheppard, Ombudsman Assistant
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 June 1, 2023.

There was a moment of silence in honor of the fallen firefighter, James Michael Muller, who lost his life on May 26, 2023, in the line of duty.

A2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

Chairman Senn stated that a quorum was present.

MOTION, approved

Robert Liming moved for approval, seconded by Walton McLeod to approve the Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

A3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Vina Abrams.

A4. Introduction of Guests

Chairman Senn welcomed and introduced the 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:

- The Dales Biergarten and Bottle Shoppe, which is a local gathering spot, has opened in the Town of Springdale.
- A total of \$20 million was awarded to the Town of Winnsboro and the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System as part of \$1.369 billion in grant funding awarded to communities across the state to assist with improvements for clean drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm water resilience.
- Southeast Columbia is undergoing a transformation with new developments and relocations such as a veterinarian clinic, a Mexican restaurant, and the debut of a hot chicken chain.
- Army Veteran Buddy Kundle Sr. at 106 years old is recognized as the oldest veteran in South Carolina.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

B1. Approval of the April 27, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION, approved

Smokey Davis moved for approval, seconded by Walton McLeod to approve Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

C1. Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023)

Missi Labbe gave a presentation on the Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023). She noted the corrections that were requested from the last meeting have been completed. A brief discussion took place after the presentation.

MOTION, approved

Nick Shealy moved for approval, seconded by Smokey Davis to approve the Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023). The motion was approved unanimously.

C2. Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022

Missi Labbe introduced Michael Slapnik, CPA from Scott and Company, who gave a briefing on the FY 2022 Financial and Compliance Report. Mr. Slapnik noted that the full audit is not complete, but the draft audit report looks good. It's expected that the audit will provide an unmodified opinion. A brief discussion took place.

The draft report was accepted as information until the full audit report is finalized.

MOTION, approved

Nick Shealy made a motion to accept the draft report as information until the full audit report is finalized. Motion was seconded by Lindsey Yarborough. The motion was approved unanimously.

C3. *CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds

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MOTION, approved

Yvonne McBride moved for approval, seconded by Walton McLeod to transfer \$7,143,850 in FY 2022 Section 5307 funds to CMRTA. The motion was approved unanimously.

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MOTION, approved

Nick Shealy moved for approval, seconded by Yvonne McBride to transfer \$568,918 in FY 2022 FTA Section 5339 funds to CMRTA. The motion was approved unanimously.

C5. *Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study

Reginald Simmons requested approval to adopt the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study. Lakesha Dunbar, from the Toole Design Group, provided the presentation. Sponsored by the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG), the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study presents a financial analysis for the expansion of the Blue Bike SC program within the City of Columbia and new expansion for service in the combined area of the City of Cayce, the City of West Columbia, and the Town of Springdale (West Metro). It considers the cost of expanding service into the West Metro and making Blue Bike SC a regional system, but also considers ways that the program can enhance ridership, increase its presence in these communities, be more cost-effective, increase revenues, and leverage the skills of its various partners.

The existing program is overseen by the City of Columbia with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina (BCBS) sponsoring the system with initial capital for the purchase of stations and bikes and ongoing funding for program operations. The COMET provided additional capital through an FTA grant to add docks to stations that were virtual at launch. Operation, maintenance, and promotion of the program is conducted by Bewegen, who is also the equipment provider, under a 5-year contract that ends June 2023.

MOTION, approved

Brian Carter moved for approval, seconded by Nick Shealy to adopt the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study. The motion was approved unanimously.

C6. Election of New CMCOG Officers

Chairman Foster Senn announced that the nominating committee has voted Councilman Will Brennan as the new Board of Directors' Chairman and Representative Annie McDaniel as the Vice-Chair.

C7. *Executive Session*** - New Executive Director Search (1:05 pm)**

Britt Poole was announced as the New Executive Director.

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Robert Liming to approve the hiring and contract of the New Executive Director, Mr. Britt Poole. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

D1. Executive Directors Report

Rebecca Vance gave the following report:

Ombudsmen

The Volunteer Ombudsman Program held a Volunteer Recruitment event on May 24th. The event was well attended, and we have gained approximately 5 or 6 potential volunteers from this event. We are in the process of locating places to hold recruitment events in Newberry and Fairfield counties. We may be in contact with the Board Members for suggestions on places to hold these events.

Regional Planning

- On May 31, CMCOG staff submitted an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application on behalf of the seven counties and municipalities that make up the combined Columbia - Newberry Metropolitan Statistical Area. The purpose of this \$1 million planning grant is to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and develop a priority greenhouse gas reduction action plan. This plan, once complete and adopted by our local governments, will satisfy eligibility requirements for an estimated \$4.6 billion in future competitive grant funding for implementation projects. CMCOG worked in close partnership with the City of Columbia, Richland County, Lexington County, the Town of Lexington, and USC to prepare the grant application and submit it on an expedited timeline.

Transportation

- A Groundbreaking Ceremony was held for Exit 119 on May 5th. The COATS MPO will invest \$62 million in the development of a new interstate interchange.
- A Groundbreaking Ceremony was held in February for the South Main Street Streetscape Project. The COATS MPO will invest \$8 million in the redevelopment of South Main Street.
- The Work Programs for urban and rural have been submitted to SCDOT and our federal partners.
- The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be accepting Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) applications in order to develop a multi-year program of projects for Federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 through FY 2026. All final project

approvals will be contingent upon the availability of funds in the year for which they are being requested. The Call for Projects application period opens June 1, 2023 and runs through September 29, 2023. An estimated total of \$8.2M will be available for programming for South Carolina.

Workforce Development

- Tammy Beagen has been officially appointed as the Director of the Workforce Development Department.

AAA

- Service Provider contracts for all counties have been executed and submitted to the State Office.
- 2023 – 2025 Area Plan has been updated as requested by the SCDOA and re-submitted.
- A public hearing for the Area Plan is planned for the week of June 19th. More details will be provided to the Board when available.
- The Corrective Action Plan for the Family Caregiver program has been submitted.
- Staff will be meeting with SCDOA Program Directors to get approval for implementation of programs to utilize ARP Funds such as; projects to assist seniors with hearing aids, vision care, pest control, and dental care.
- CMCOG has distributed 900 hurricane guides to seniors in preparation for hurricane season.

Administration/ Finance

- IT Assessment was completed, and IT projects have been initiated including the purchase of a new server and switches and the installation of antivirus programs on all CMCOG computers.
- The 2024 Budget will be presented at the June 22nd meeting.
- Staff will be utilizing the Budget Module of our finance software this year, which should make monthly reporting to the Board easier.
- ED Search – Approximately 40 applicants, 22 sent to the Executive Committee, 7 interviewed and 2 were brought back for second interviews.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

E1. Monthly Dashboard Overview – May 2023

Missi Labbe gave an overview of the Monthly Dashboard – May 2023. It was a brief discussion that took place.

E2. Executive Director's Contract **Executive Session******

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting is scheduled for June 22nd.

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Rebecca Vance, Secretary-Treasurer

Foster Senn, Chairman



June 23, 2023

Mrs. Yvette G. Taylor
Region IV Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
230 Peachtree, NW
Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) has a Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) that describes the cooperative working relationship with the following two organizations, the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) and the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority (SWRTA). These MOUs recognize that each year most of the FTA grant dollars that are received by CMCOG as the designated recipient, will be required by the direct recipients, for the provision of public transit services. CMCOG will require some continuing FTA funding to meet our responsibilities under the FAST Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act as a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Each direct recipient may be preparing grant applications for Section 5307 funds for their maintenance, administration and capital needs. We are providing this letter to authorize the amount of formula funding that each direct recipient may apply for prior to formally submitting their grant applications. We authorize the following Section 5307 funding amount for the purpose of direct recipients grant applications:

FY 2022 - \$7,143,850 of \$7,143,850

Please be advised that as identified in this Split Letter, the CMCOG, as the Designated Recipient, authorizes the assignment/allocation of Section 5307 to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient. Please be advised that the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient has declined funding for this fiscal year. The undersigned agree to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the Federal Transit Administration to receive Section 5307 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds.

We fully support the Direct Recipient(s) application(s) for the amount stated above. Please feel free to contact me at 803-376-5390 if you need any additional information or if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Vance
Interim Executive Director

cc: Reginald Simmons
Leroy Deschamps
Lottie Jones



June 23, 2023

Mrs. Yvette G. Taylor
Region IV Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
230 Peachtree, NW
Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) has a Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) that describes the cooperative working relationship with the following two organizations, the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) and the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority (SWRTA). These MOUs recognize that each year most of the FTA grant dollars that are received by CMCOG as the designated recipient, will be required by the direct recipients, for the provision of public transit services. CMCOG will require some continuing FTA funding to meet our responsibilities under the FAST Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act as a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Each direct recipient may be preparing grant applications for Section 5339 funds for their capital needs. We are providing this letter to authorize the amount of formula funding that each direct recipient may apply for prior to formally submitting their grant applications. We authorize the following Section 5339 funding amount for the purpose of direct recipients grant applications:

FY 2022 - \$568,918 of \$568,918

Please be advised that as identified in this Split Letter, the CMCOG, as the Designated Recipient, authorizes the assignment/allocation of Section 5339 to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient. Please be advised that the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient has declined funding for this fiscal year. The undersigned agree to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the Federal Transit Administration to receive Section 5339 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds.

We fully support the Direct Recipient(s) application(s) for the amount stated above. Please feel free to contact me at 803-744-5133 if you need any additional information or if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Vance
Interim Executive Director

cc: Reginald Simmons
Leroy Deschamps
Lottie Jones



Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on April 27th

Public comment period ends on July 12th.

Approval based on any public comments that are received.

Memorandum

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**

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 22nd. 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
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Assistant City Manager
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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 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 name "Tracy" and last name "Hegler" clearly distinguishable.

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.

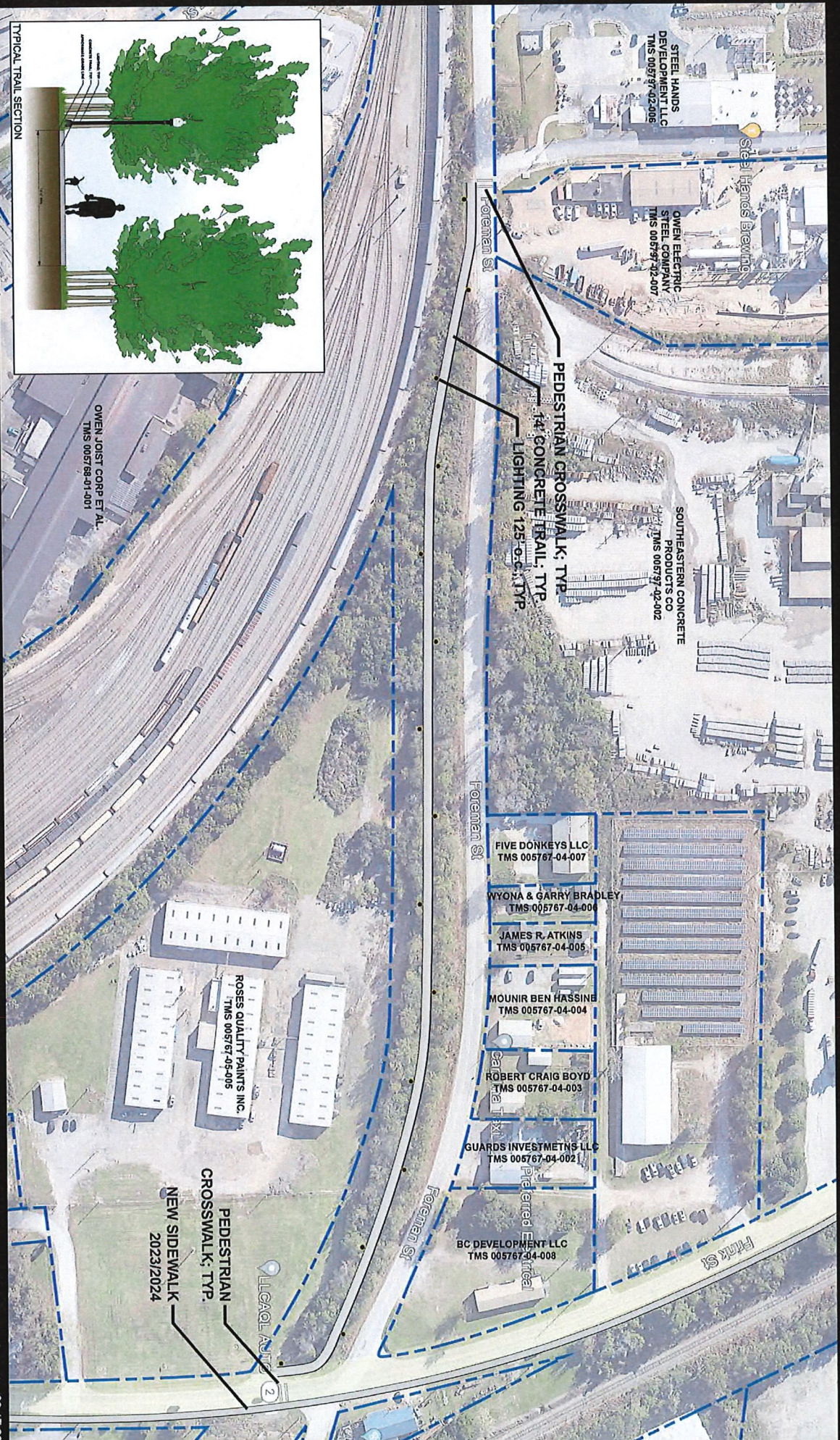
This project includes the construction of an ADA compliant, concrete multiuse trail beginning at 2350 Foreman Street, Cayce and ending at the intersection of Frink Street and Foreman Street

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.

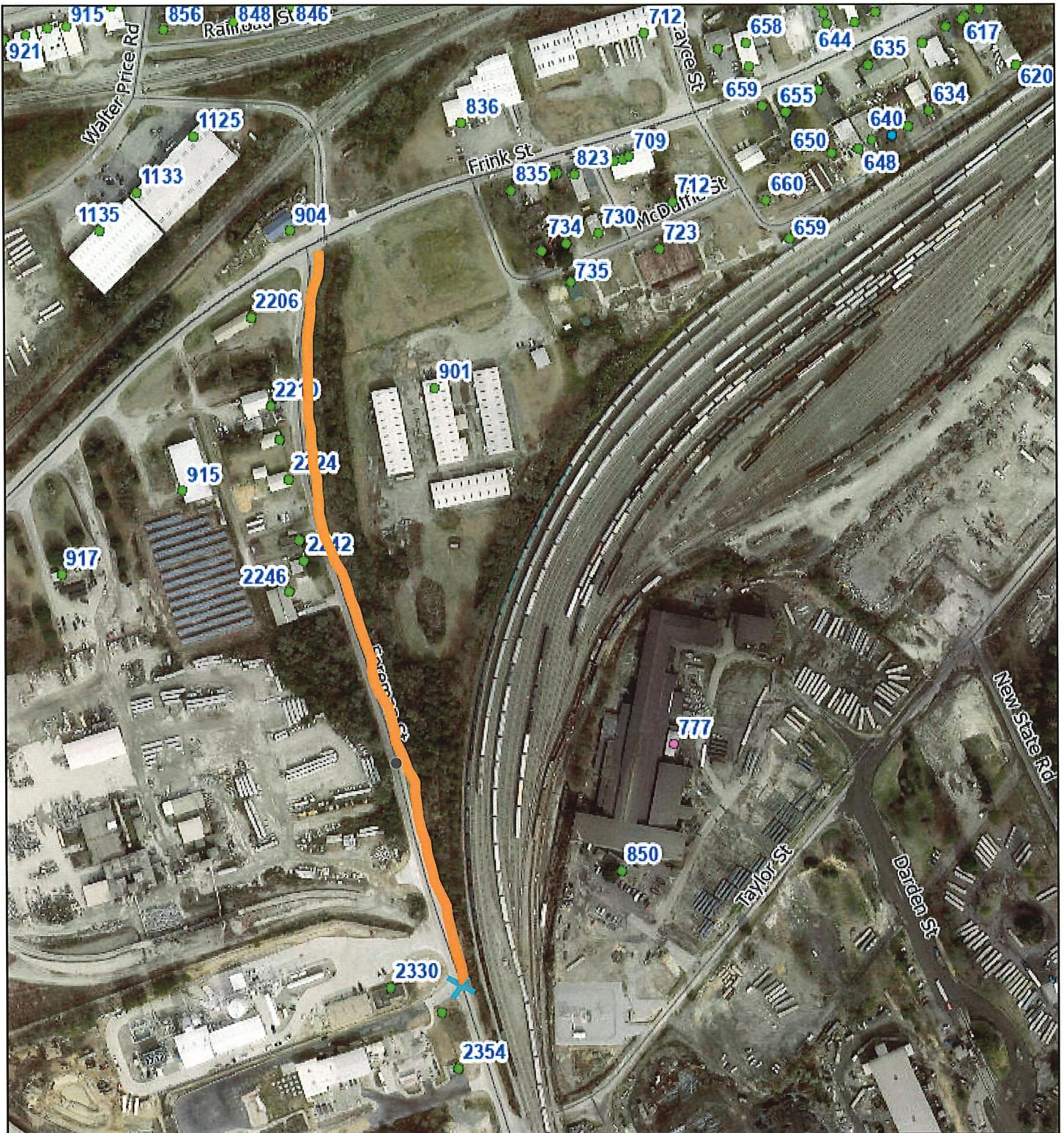
This project will ensure a complete ADA compliant multiuse trail for citizens of Cayce. This trail will ensure a safe non-motorized transportation network on a street currently lacking such network. The project will encourage safe pedestrian access through an area in dire need of pedestrian improvements. 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



TAP Rails to Trails



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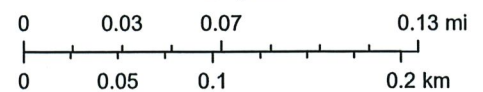
Address Points

- Existing
- To Be Placed
- Nonstandard

Roads

- Arterial
- Collector
- Local

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Taylor Gray



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

D 803.737.0208 | O 803.737.6660

1400 Shop Road - Columbia, SC 29201

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

***** This is an EXTERNAL email. Please do not click on a link or open any attachments unless you are confident it is from a trusted source. *****

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

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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West Columbia, SC 29171

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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



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
SC Department of Transportation
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1400 Shop Road - Columbia, SC 29201

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



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Policy Committee on April 27th

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comments that are received.

Memorandum

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

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

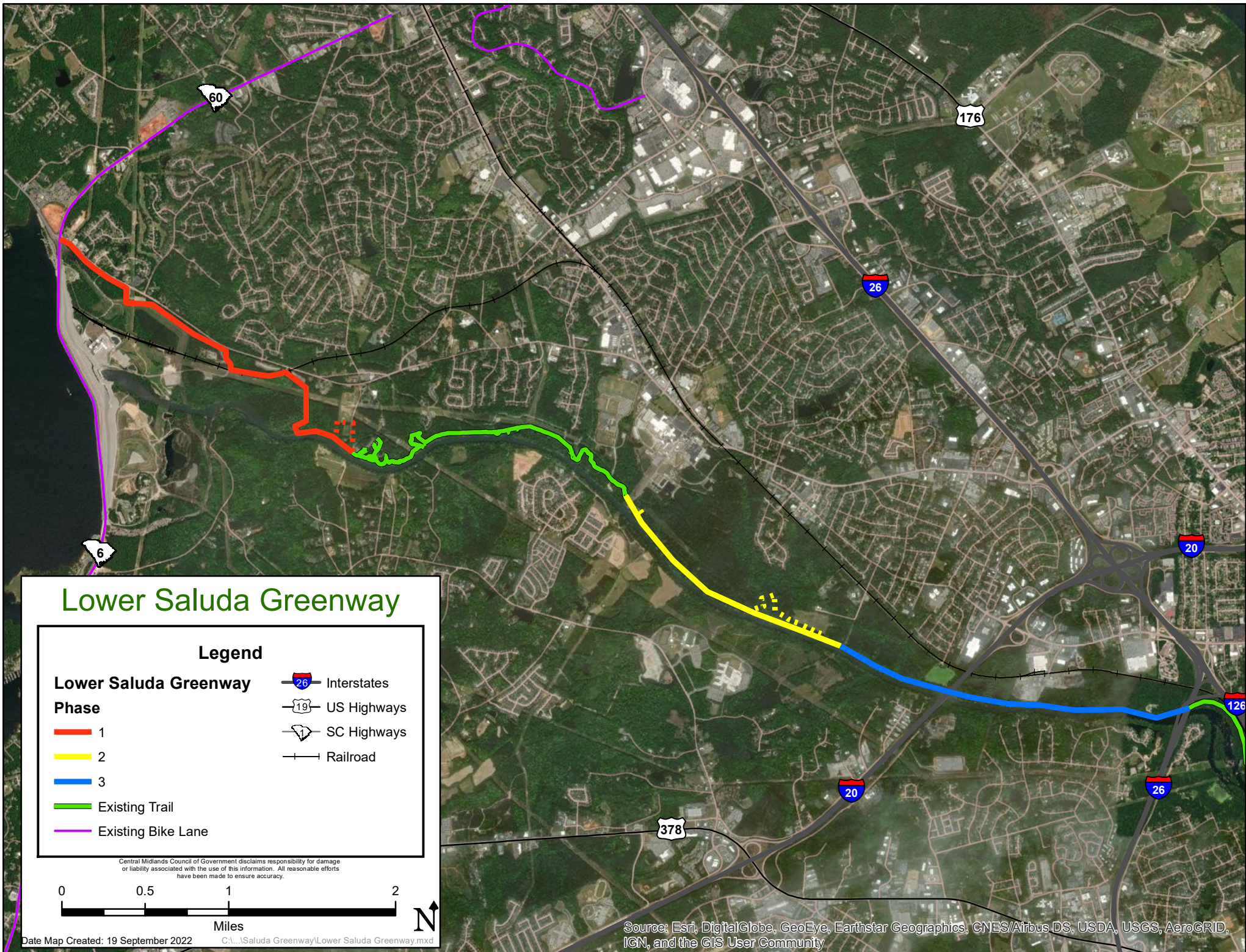
The purpose of the Lower Saluda Greenway, a proposed 10.5-mile multi-use paved path along the north side of the Lower Saluda River, is to increase safe access to nearby parks, trails, and destinations, aid in short-trip multimodal travel, and increase regional connectivity and unity between the Lexington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





Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on April 27th

Public comment period ends on July 19th.

Approval based on any public comments that are received.

Memorandum

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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The COATS MPO in partnership with SCDOT will implement the Complete Streets Initiative to further community goals, including economic development. This project will explore indicators of economic development activity before SCDOT implements Complete Streets projects. The findings of this project will inform future data collection and management, policy development, selection of corridors, and implementation of future Complete Streets projects.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

Regional Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

The COATS MPO in partnership with SCDOT will develop a Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan for the entire CMCOG and COATS MPO Planning Areas. The overall transportation goal is to develop a complete mobility system of transportation modes by building and upgrading the quality of transportation infrastructure through an equitable, functional, accessible, and sustainable balance of an interconnectivity of transportation modes thus improving the quality of life and movement for all residents.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2024



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FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: April 20, 2023

SUBJECT: **FY 2024 & 2025 RPWP**

REQUESTED ACTION

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

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In partnership with the CMCOG & COATS MPO, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) intends to pilot a data driven and performance-based analysis of congested corridors in the CMCOG & 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/CMCOG/COATS MPO Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

Regional Freight Plan

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Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: October 2024

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: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

E. 5th Street/Redmond Mill Road Corridor Feasibility Study

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

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

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

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.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: October 2024

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Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

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Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

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The CMCOG in partnership with SCDOT will develop a Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan for the entire CMCOG and COATS MPO Planning Areas. The overall transportation goal is to develop a complete mobility system of transportation modes by building and upgrading the quality of transportation infrastructure through an equitable, functional, accessible, and sustainable balance of an interconnectivity of transportation modes thus improving the quality of life and movement for all residents.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

FY 2024

CMCOG Budget & Work Program



Foster Senn, Chairperson

Rebecca Vance, Interim Executive Director
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Mission Statement

To provide the highest quality of planning, technical assistance and services to local governments, businesses and citizens in the Central Midlands region.

Guiding Principles

- Provide a regional forum where any local government can have issues heard and needs addressed.
- Advocate on behalf of regional governments, businesses and citizens.
- Provide planning and technical assistance with current and future needs of the region in mind.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



LETTER TO CMCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 13, 2023

To the CMCOG Board of Directors:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments budget is comprised of local member contributions, state aid to subdivision and funding from state and federal grant programs. The budget process was delayed this year because of the transition in leadership but largely resembled the process used in past years. After the transition, Department Directors worked diligently with the Finance Director to create a balanced budget that efficiently and effectively provides our services to the midlands region.

As in prior years, CMCOG's process began with the development of a preliminary budget by each department. These preliminary budgets are developed based on contracts and grants that have already been received, or those that have been submitted to appropriate federal and state agencies and which management believes will be funded based on experience and contact with the various agencies. The membership dues that CMCOG receives from our member governments and state aid revenues serve as matching funds.

The COG is primarily a grant-funded agency and the funding can fluctuate from year to year based on changes in state and local funds and opportunities. Once we determine the funding available for staffing our core programs, we determine the funds available for other expenses, such as, supplies, travel, equipment, etc. These preliminary department budgets are compiled and balanced between departments by the Finance Director and the COG budget is then developed into a proposed operating budget, which is discussed with the COG's Executive Committee (which serves as the Budget Committee).

The budget committee discusses any significant changes from the previous year, accomplishments from the current fiscal year, and goals and new projects for the upcoming year. Once adopted, the budget can be amended at the approval of the Board to address any fluctuation in revenues or expenditures as a result of receiving or not receiving grant funds. There may also be proposed budget amendments during the year because the new Executive Director does not take the position until after this budget is adopted.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the midlands region as your Interim Executive Director.

Best Regards,

Rebecca Vance

Rebecca Vance
Interim Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The CMCOG budget reflects existing and anticipated federal and state grants, fees for service work, partnership agreements, and local membership dues. Because of the COVID pandemic and the subsequent American Rescue Plan funding, some federal and state grant programs have received more funding. These funds are largely for one-time programs or projects and the majority of these funds must be expended by the end of 2026.

Particular attention should be paid to each grant-funded program to ensure that newly implemented programs or projects are completed within the guidelines for their expenditures and within the 2026 timeline. These funds should not be used to fund regular operations or expand existing programs to an extent that makes these programs unsustainable once ARP funds have been exhausted.

BUDGET PROCESS

The budget schedule for FY 2024 was as follows:

April	CMCOG Director's submit budget requests / Work Programs.
April	Executive Director and Finance Director review budgets with Directors
May	Proposed Draft Budget is developed by Finance Director
May	Executive Director and Finance Director Finalizes Proposed Draft Budget.
June	CMCOG Executive Committee approves budget. Final budget approval by full CMCOG Board, including Work program and Policy Manual Revisions.

FY 2023 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CMCOG is committed to providing high quality services and is dedicated to sustaining and improving the quality of life for the region. Some successful highlights of this past fiscal year are:

Workforce Development

- ✓ Increased services to job seekers over last year's numbers (15% increase in Youth Work Experience and Internships; 37% increase in classroom-based occupational skills training and 120% increase in On-the-Job Training placements)
- ✓ Execution of a Youth Career Exploration pilot project to enhance K-12 counselor services. Served 10 high school seniors at Midlands Middle College with career exploration activities including interactive cluster-based games, virtual reality career exploration, entrepreneurship exploration, and a worksite tour at Lexington Medical Center.
- ✓ Secured an additional \$333,000 in grant funds to support SC Works operations, front-line staff career development, and job seeker training services.
- ✓ Secured \$306,000 in grant funds to develop Advanced Manufacturing sector strategies across a three local area region
- ✓ Secured block of *Grow with Google* scholarships to further career path training in the Information Technology sector for WIOA participants beyond the ability of WIOA funds.

Long-Term Care Ombudsmen Program

- ✓ Providing quality and compassionate services to our Seniors through the Ombudsmen Department and providing training including, three Advance Directive Awareness Trainings, Four Volunteer Certification Trainings and two Elder Abuse Trainings
- ✓ Developed a tool for families to use when searching for long-term care facilities
- ✓ Developed an Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Test for facility staff that will allow them to get two hours of training from the Ombudsmen Program. This test will be given at the 2023 World Elder Abuse Awareness training. A copy of the test is on the website.
- ✓ The Ombudsmen Department has visited approximately 268 onsite facility visits this year

Transportation

- ✓ Groundbreaking Ceremony to begin construction of the South Main Street Streetscape Project
- ✓ Groundbreaking Ceremony to begin construction on Exit 119 Interstate Interchange Project
- ✓ Completion of the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study
- ✓ Completion of the a Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP), Origin, Destination and Demographic Survey and a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Study (a.k.a Reimagine the Comet)
- ✓ Funding obligation of \$9.5 million for Phase III of the Lower Saluda Greenway Project
- ✓ Funding obligation of \$7 million for the Longtown Road Resurfacing Project
- ✓ Funding obligation of \$6.8 million for the Macedonia Church Road Resurfacing Project
- ✓ Funding obligation of \$475K for the Regional Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan
- ✓ Completion of the 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program
- ✓ Completion of the 2024 & 2025 Rural Planning Work Program

Aging

- ✓ Completed updates on Service Provider contracts
- ✓ Completed the updated for the 2023 – 2025 Area Plan
- ✓ Completed monitoring updates for all aging services
- ✓ Distributed 900 hurricane guides to seniors in preparation for hurricane season.
- ✓ Updated the Emergency Preparedness Plan
- ✓ Participated in a roundtable on Aging Issues with Senator Tim Scott
- ✓ Hired Nakayla Pickett as a new Aging Services Assessor
- ✓ Performed a Needs Assessment Survey and received over 500 responses

Regional Planning

Over the last FY RPD staff assisted our local governments and community partners with applying for over \$7,000,000 in federal grant funding for construction and planning projects. These include grant awards for water and sewer improvements in the Town of Whitmire, a sidewalk project in Newberry County, interior renovations at the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center in West Columbia, and water and sewer utility assessments for Eastover and Swansea. RPD staff also closed four CDBG construction projects; completed three major regional planning projects including the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the Three Rivers Watershed Based Plan; and continued to provide planning and zoning technical assistance to many of our local governments.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the FY 2024 Proposed Budget are:

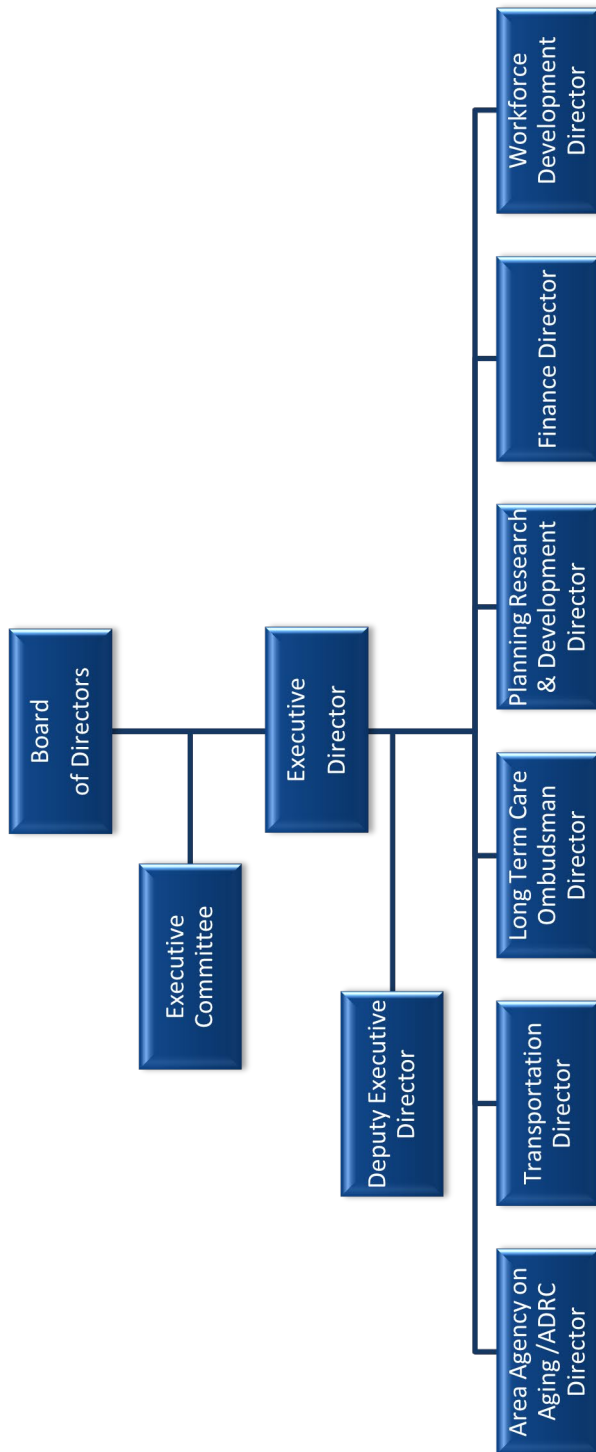
The total recommended budget for the 2023-2024 budget is \$15,023,701. This includes pass-thru dollars.

- The Local membership dues were calculated based on the .87 cents per capita formula in the CMCOG bylaws. The per capita rate remains unchanged from FY2023; however, the population has been updated with the 2020 census.
- State Aid to Subdivision funding for the CMCOG was increased by the State Legislature 78% in FY2023, from \$70,407 per year to \$125,102. This rate will remain the same for FY2024.
- This budget includes a 5% COLA increase for all employees.
- In anticipation of potential renovation projects to the current building, this budget includes an allocation of \$223,449 to a Capital Reserve Fund.

CONCLUSION

The proposed budget for FY 2024 has been prepared with the assistance of the Finance Director, the Deputy Director and the other Department Directors. This budget is balanced and provides funds to begin a Capital Reserve Fund for potential building improvements. The budget and the subsequent Work Programs may be amended with the new Executive Director.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



CMCOG STAFF MEMBERS

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Reginald Simmons
*Deputy Executive Director /
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING/AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

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LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

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MIDLANDS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

Fairfield County	
Newberry County	
Lexington County	
Richland County	
Batesburg-Leesville	
Blythewood	
Columbia	
Irmo	
Newberry, City	
West Columbia	
Cayce	
Forest Acres	
Lexington, Town	
Springdale	
Winnsboro	

Central Midlands Council of Governments
FY2023-24 Budget

	<u>FY2024 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>FY2023 Prior year Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget of Change</u>
Revenue			
Local Revenue			
Member Governments	863,744	700,353	23.33%
State Aid	125,102	70,407	77.68%
Interest Income	150	75	100.00%
Fringe Recovery	1,227,820	1,090,327	12.61%
Indirect Cost Recovery	481,885	965,310	-50.08%
Total Local Revenue	2,698,701	2,826,471	-4.52%
Programs			
Aging Planning & Administration	4,824,168	4,956,261	-2.67%
Ombudsman Program	572,127	482,574	18.56%
Midlands Workforce Development Board	3,751,750	3,350,147	11.99%
Transportation	1,983,665	2,226,858	-10.92%
Regional Planning	120,000	120,000	0.00%
Economic Development	287,625	290,000	-0.82%
Community Development Block Grant Admin	183,000	183,000	0.00%
Local Technical Assistance Contracts	35,500	35,500	0.00%
Total Regional Programs	11,757,835	11,644,340	0.97%
Transfer From Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	567,166	481,641	17.76%
Total Revenue	15,023,701	14,952,452	0.48%
Expenses			
Personnel Costs	3,404,431	3,343,133	1.83%
Fringe & Indirect Cost Allocation	1,709,705	2,055,637	-16.83%
Operations and Maintenance	870,964	988,754	-11.91%
Employee Development & Training	76,200	83,050	-8.25%
Travel & Transportation	108,400	164,476	-34.09%
Consultants & Contracts	2,216,678	1,468,340	50.96%
Capital Outlays	83,383	284,000	-70.64%
Transfer To Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	567,166	481,641	17.76%
Total Operating Expenses	9,036,926	8,869,030	1.89%
Contracted Services Expenses			
Aging	3,395,068	3,673,468	-7.58%
MWDB Contractors	2,368,258	2,409,953	-1.73%
Total Contracted Services Expenses	5,763,326	6,083,422	-5.26%
Capital Reserve			
Capital Reserve Funds	198,449	0	
Investment Pool Funds	25,000	0	
Total Capital Reserve Funds	223,449	0	
Total Expenses	15,023,701	14,952,452	0.48%
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses	(0)	0	

FY2024 WORK PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR: Rebecca Vance

OBJECTIVES: To provide coordinated support for the Board of Directors and its committees; to interact and coordinate with outside partners and agencies; to analyze, comment, and offer recommendations on legislation and to provide to regional public outreach related to CMCOG activities and issues. The administration department is also responsible for providing support and supervision of the agency daily operations, all accounting functions including maintaining accurate and current financial records for the operating, capital, and pass-through funds in accordance with Council policy, state, federal and grantors' regulations.

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	Staff Supervision
2	Board of Directors support and liaison
3	Promote awareness of Council's work progress among member governments and community organizations
4	Maintain and manage all accounting functions
5	Prepare internal and external financial reports
6	Prepare financial reports as required by grantor agencies
7	Assist management staff with budget preparation & monitor department budgets
8	Ensure building, vehicles, and grounds are properly maintained and in good repair
9	Oversee maintenance and upkeep of office equipment
10	Provide Information Technology services to the Agency
11	Maintain the Council's Capital Improvement Program
12	Provide Human Resource services
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024	
1	Update CMCOG Strategic Plan
2	Update / Implement Capital Improvements Plan
3	Develop funding and service objectives/strategies for the CM Development Corp.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING / AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

DIRECTOR: Reginald Simmons

OBJECTIVES: A majority of aging services are federally funded through the 1965 Older Americans Act. This law requires that planning and service districts be designated to plan and implement aging services. The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging has divided the state into ten planning and service districts. Central Midlands Council of Governments was designated as the midlands' Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in 1976. The major component of Aging Services is ADRC Administration.

ADRC ADMINISTRATION: The mission of the Area Agency on Aging is to plan programs and services for the growing population of older people and people with disabilities in Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry and Richland Counties. The agency subcontracts with local providers for delivery of many services. The Regional Aging and Disability Advisory Committee, the majority of whom are older individuals or individuals who are eligible to participate in Older Americans Act programs, or representatives of older persons and the general public, assists the Council of Governments in fulfilling the responsibilities of the Area Agency on Aging.

The department provides and/or supports the following services:

Community Services:

- Adult Day Care Services
- Insurance Counseling (I-CARE)
- Group Dining
- Health and Wellness
- Information and Referral
- Legal Assistance
- Nutrition Education and Screening
- Transportation
- Volunteer Opportunities

In-Home Services:

- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Care
- Respite Care

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	Plan and implement the Medicaid Managed Care program
2	Continue to implement the ADRC
3	Continue to plan and implement Client selection portion of direct services
4	Implement distribution of the Alzheimer's Association vouchers
5	Revamp the FCSP to meet the LGOA documentation requirements
6	Plan and implement the SHIP training
7	Continue to pursue non -traditional venues for Outreach
8	Attend training as required at the SCDOA and continue cross training the staff
9	Advocacy at the state and national levels will continue
10	Continue training on Elder Abuse through Department of Justice grant
11	Outreach to immigrant populations continues
12	Grandparent Support group continues
13	Continue to offer Advance Directives training
14	Attendance at Community Collaborative Response team will continue
15	Revamp the Assessment Program to meet the LGOA documentation requirements
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS- FY 2024	
1.	Implement Area Plan
2.	Update and distribute Agency Resource Guide
3.	Hire staffing to support AAA Programs
4	Update and Implement the CMCOG AAA Policy and Procedure Document
5.	Continue ARP Programs and Services

LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

DIRECTOR: Anna Harmon

OBJECTIVES: The Central Midlands Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program receives complaints/concerns on behalf of residents in long-term care facilities. Long-term care facilities include licensed facilities such as nursing homes, community residential care and assisted living facilities. Complaints range from abuse, neglect, exploitation (ANE) to quality of care issues, improper discharges, falls and resident rights related concerns. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is governed by the federal Older Americans Act and by South Carolina State Law (Omnibus Adult Protection Act). As noted in the Omnibus Adult Protection Act (OAPA), the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program shall investigate or cause to be investigated reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults occurring in facilities. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program investigates, mediates and/or advocates on behalf of residents in order to resolve their concerns. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program also uses advocacy in effort to protect residents and resolve complaints/concerns. As a resident advocate, the Ombudsman is dedicated to improving the quality of care of residents. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman will continue to provide consultations in effort to promote quality care.

The following summarize the duties of the Ombudsman Program:

- Investigates and works to resolve concerns or complaints affecting long term care residents.
- Identifies problem areas in long-term care and advocates and/or mediates for change.
- Provides guidance as related to facility related concerns and related services.
- Promotes resident, families, and community involvement in long-term care.
- Educate the community about the needs and challenges of long-term care residents.
- Coordinates efforts with other agencies in efforts to protect residents and ensure their safety.
- Conduct Routine Visits to long term care facilities to talk to residents and monitor conditions.
- Provide education about resident rights, the OAPA and other long-term care mandates.
- Provide consultations in effort to promote quality care, understanding, guidance and education.
- Promote the Volunteer Ombudsman Program.
- Promote the understanding of Advance Directives, education and assistance as needed.
- Create materials that will educate facilities, families and the community about abuse and neglect.
- Monitor, address and bring COVID related concerns to the SC Department on Aging.
- Encourage Resident and Family Councils.
- Provide and distribute Prime Program information

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS FY 2024	
1	Investigate complaints (abuse and neglect complaints being a priority) .
2	Provide educational information re: Resident Rights/ OAPA/ANE/Prime to facilities and the community.
3	Provide information and coordinate with other agencies on behalf of residents.
4	Serve as a resident advocate and increase advocacy efforts.
5	Recruit, train, and monitor volunteer related activities.
6	Provide Advance Directive education.
7	Encourage Resident and Family Councils.
8	Expand the Volunteer Ombudsman Program.
9	Conduct Routine Visits to long-term care facilities.
10	Provide residents and families with advocacy information and materials.
11	Address/remedy any Conflict of Interest that is identified.

II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024	
1	Distribute materials related to long-term care, elder abuse, Advance Directives, Resident Bill of Rights, Prime Program, Elder Justice Act.
2	Events related to volunteers, advance directives, abuse, neglect & exploitation at least twice yearly.
3	Recruit at least 5 additional volunteers for the region.

RESEARCH, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: Gregory Sprouse

OBJECTIVES:

Local Government Planning and Technical Assistance: Since the agency's creation in 1969, CMCOG has provided land use planning and general technical administrative support to its member local governments in the form of staff support and individual project efforts. Today, CMCOG continues to provide technical assistance to area and local governments on land development matters including, but not limited to, the preparation of land use plans, fringe area studies, zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations or other specialized planning studies. This service is extended to any local governments in the region and is paid for on an individual project basis

Environmental Planning: Environmental activities of Central Midlands Council of Governments include water and air quality planning and regional open space planning. The COG is the designated water quality management agency for the Central Midlands region. As such, CMCOG works closely with state agencies such as the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, municipal and county government groups and public interest groups such as the Sierra Club, the League of Women Voters and the River Alliance to protect the quality of area waterways both for current and future use.

Geographic Information System (GIS): The CMCOG Geographic Information System (GIS) program provides a variety of digital mapping solutions and geo-spatial data services for member governments, municipalities, and the general public. Since 1994 GIS has played an active role in regional transportation, environmental, and land-use planning initiatives. In addition, the GIS department continues to provide technical services, such as zoning and parcel mapping, for some of the smaller municipalities within our region. Other responsibilities undertaken by the GIS division include: providing agency wide analysis and cartographic support, hazard mitigation planning, transportation modeling, environmental mapping, and regional demographic analysis.

Research: Research staff provides data support services for all the council's planning programs. They monitor the region's growth through its original research, and by conducting a number of ongoing surveys. The Research program also offers a comprehensive site analysis and site selection mapping and reporting tool. Features include maps areas showing land and water areas, roads, county and city boundaries and zip codes. Demographic profiles can be generated on points, zip codes, counties, places, or custom areas.

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	Transportation Planning Program Support
2	Local Government Technical Service Contract Administration
3	208 Water Quality Program Management
4	Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Management
5	Graphic/Cartographic Design Support
6	Grant/Contract Development Activities
7	Socio-economic Research Activities
8	Hazard Mitigation Planning
9	Joint Land Use Military Planning
10	Local and Regional Food System Planning
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024	
1	Local government GIS base mapping
2	GIS Database Maintenance

3	Growth and Development Tracking
4	Economic Indicators
5	ACCRA - quarterly Cost of Living Survey
6	Demographic Database Updates
7	Employment Database Updates
8	Regional Population and Employment Projections
9	Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption and Amendments
10	Joint Land Use/Sentinel Landscape Coordination
11	Local Food Policy Council Development and Planning
14	208 Conformance Reviews and Plan Amendments
15	208 Water Quality Management Plan Update
16	Midlands Rivers Coalition Coordination
17	Three Rivers Watershed Based Plan Coordination and Implementation
18	Town of Pine Ridge Planning and Zoning Technical Assistance
19	Town of South Congaree Comprehensive Plan Update
20	Town of Batesburg-Leesville Comprehensive Plan Update
21	Fairfield County Comprehensive Plan Update
23	Central Midlands Development Corporation (CMDCC) Support
24	Congaree Biosphere Advisory Council

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: Gregory Sprouse

OBJECTIVE: Community and economic development (CED) comprises a key element of the work of Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG). Working as part of an economic development network in the Central Midlands region, CED staff assists local governments in obtaining grants and loans for businesses from a variety of sources. Planning for economic development occurs through the use of ongoing EDA and CDBG funded planning grants to identify goals and objectives for economic development, and to identify projects and rational economic development.

In addition to economic development related activity, CED staff assists local governments in applying for and in the administration of, CDBG grants for community development and infrastructure projects which benefit low and moderate income communities.

Since Central Midlands was founded, staff has successfully obtained an estimated \$10-20+M in CDBG and EDA funds to undertake a variety of projects around the region to benefit low and moderate income citizens and distressed communities.

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	CDBG Project Administration through end of grant period
2	CDBG, EDA & Related Training
3	CDBG Project Development and Outreach
4	EDA Regional Planning Grant Administration
5	CDBG Regional Planning Grant Administration
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024	
1	Whitmire – Simms Street Sewer Upgrade (Project Administration)
2	Newberry County – (Project Development – Fall)
3	Eastover – Old Elementary School Demolition (Project Administration – Closeout)
4	Eastover – (Project Development – Fall/Spring)
5	Fairfield County/Winnsboro – Zion Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Project (Project Administration)
6	Fairfield County/Ridgeway/Winnsboro (Project Development – Fall/Spring)
7	Fairfield County/Newberry County – CDBG CV (Project Administration)
8	Winnsboro/Fairfield County – WWTP Generator - (Project Administration)
9	City of Newberry – West End Blight Removal Community Enrichment Project (Project Administration)
10	City of Newberry – (Project Development – Fall)
11	Brookland Center for Community Economic Change – BLEC Bathroom/Gym Renovations (Project Administration)
12	Brookland Center for Community Economic Change – NPS Civil Rights Grants (Project Administration)
13	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update
14	Alianza Latina – Grow Local SC USDA Grant (Project Administration)

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

DIRECTOR: Reginald Simmons

OBJECTIVES:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning process for the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS). The COATS MPO study area boundary includes large portions of Richland and Lexington Counties and small portions of Newberry, Fairfield, Calhoun and Kershaw Counties. The primary responsibilities of the MPO is to: 1) develop a Long Range Transportation Plan, which is, at a minimum, a 25-year transportation vision for the metropolitan area; 2) develop a Transportation Improvement Program, which is the agreed-upon list of specific projects for which federal funds are anticipated; and 3) develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which identifies in a single document the annual transportation planning activities that are to be undertaken in support of the goals, objectives and actions established in the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) is also designated as the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) responsible for carrying out the rural transportation planning process for the Central Midlands region. The CMCOG RPO study area boundary includes the non-urbanized areas of Richland and Lexington, Newberry and Fairfield Counties. The primary responsibilities of the RPO is to: 1) develop a Rural Long Range Transportation Plan, which is the 25-year transportation vision for the rural area; 2) develop a Rural Transportation Improvement Program, which is the agreed-upon list of specific projects for which federal funds are anticipated; and 3) develop a Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP), which identifies in a single document the annual transportation planning activities that are to be undertaken in support of the goals, objectives and actions established in the Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan. As the MPO & the RPO, CMCOG provides the forum for cooperative decision making in developing regional transportation plans and programs to meet changing needs. It is composed of elected and appointed officials representing local, state and federal governments or agencies having interest or responsibility in comprehensive transportation planning.

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	Implementation of the Lower Richland Sub-Area Plan
2	Implementation of the Regional Freight Mobility Transportation Plan
3	Implementation of the Regional Congestion Management Plan
4	Implementation of the Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan Update
5	Implementation of the White Knoll Sub-Area Plan
6	Implementation of the Blythewood Traffic Improvement Area Plan
7	Implementation of the FTA Sections 5316 & 5317 Program Management Plan
8	Implementation of the 2045 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, Regional Travel Demand Model, & Regional Congestion Management Plan
9	Implementation of the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study
10	Implementation of the Blythewood Traffic Improvement Area Plan
11	Implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Plan
12	Implementation of the West Metro Bicycle Master Plan & Bike Share Plan
13	Implementation of the Short Range Transit Plan, Origin, Destination, & Demographic Survey & Comprehensive Operational Analysis
14	Implementation of the Irmo/Dutch Fork Sub-Area Plan
15	Implementation of the Elgin/Richland Northeast Sub-Area Plan
16	Implementation of the Batesburg-Leesville/Columbia Transit Feasibility Study
17	Implementation of the Camden/Columbia Alternative Analysis

18	Implementation of the Broad River Road Corridor & Community Study
19	Implementation of Air Quality and Conformity Analysis
20	Implementation of Rail, Truck, and Transit Planning
21	Implementation of Sustainable Community Initiatives
22	Implementation of Environmental Mitigation
23	Implementation of Safety & Security Planning Analysis
24	Implementation of the 2020 Title VI Plan and Language Assistance Plan
25	Implementation of the 2020 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program
26	Implementation of the Newberry/Columbia Alternative Analysis Phase I
27	Implementation of the Section 5339 Program
28	Implementation of the Transit Site Selection Study
29	Implementation of the City of Columbia Bike/Ped Master Plan & Bike Share Plan
30	Implementation of the Regional Transit Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study
31	Implementation of the 2020-2027 Rural TIP
32	Implementation of the 2020-2027 Urban TIP
33	Implementation of the 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program
34	Implementation of the 2024-2025 Rural Planning Work Program
35	Implementation of the West Wateree Transportation Study
36	Implementation of the 2023-2025 DBE Goal
37	Implementation of the Section 5310 Program
38	Implementation of the COATS MPO Transportation Alternatives Program
39	Implementation of SCDOT Performance Measures
40	Implementation of Scenario Planning Initiatives
41	Implementation of the Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study
42	Implementation of the Public Participation Plan Update
43	Implementation of the Regional Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study

II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024

1	Regional Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan
2	Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
3	Columbia East Traffic Improvement Area Plan
4	Riverbanks Land Use and Transportation Plan
5	Regional Passenger Rail Study
6	Complete Streets Economic Impact Analysis
7	Congestion Management Plan Update
8	US 1 Corridor Feasibility Study
9	Kendall Road Corridor Feasibility Study
10	Corley Mill Road/Andrew Corley Road Corridor Feasibility Study
11	SC 6 Corridor Feasibility Study
12	Regional Freight Plan
13	Regional ITS Architecture
14	Rural Intersection Improvement Feasibility Assessments
15	New MPO Boundary
16	Church Street (US 321) Corridor Feasibility Study
17	Regional Resiliency Plan
18	On Call Public Participation Consultant
19	On Call Translation Services
20	Regional Gateways Project

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: Tammy Beagen

OBJECTIVES: The Central Midlands Council of Governments is the fiscal agent for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Richland, Lexington, and Fairfield Counties, South Carolina. The workforce program is committed to building an integrated workforce development system that effectively pools the resources of many diverse partner agencies and delivers optimal quality customer-focused service. Partner agencies include local area school districts, Adult Education providers, county social service providers, SC Vocational Rehabilitation, technical colleges, the SC Department of Employment and Workforce, local community action councils, private non-profits, and other workforce stakeholders. The workforce system provides services to youth ages 17 to 24, adults, and dislocated workers. Some of these services include job readiness, job search assistance, job placement, job retention services, assessment, and training assistance.

Clients can obtain the following services:

- Career exploration and guidance
- Career Readiness Assessments
- Job readiness skills training
- Occupational skills training
- Job search strategies and job placement, including special services for dislocated workers
- Internet access to employment and training resources
- Information on community resources
- Rapid Response Services to Dislocated Workers
- Labor Market Information and data
- Workshops ranging from PC and software use, essential skills, interviewing, resume creation & career exploration

BUSINESS SERVICES: The Business community is a partner – not just a customer of the public workforce system. The goal of the Midlands System is to provide efficient service to businesses to find well-trained, highly qualified employees. Employers benefit by saving time and money through listing jobs, on-site recruitment events, having applicants prescreening based on specifications, interviewing space for applicants, and access to invaluable labor market information. Assistance with specific training needs and guidance on eligibility for financial incentives for hiring from priority population areas is also available through the workforce centers.

Business services available are:

- Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Funds
- On-the-Job-Training (OJT) Programs
- Interview space and center access
- Labor Market Information (LMI)
- WIN & WorkKeys Career Readiness Assessments
- Candidate recruiting events - in-person & virtual
- Applicant screening and referral
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I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	SC Works Center Virtual service expansion
2	Apprenticeship program expansion and partnerships
3	Operation of the Midlands WIOA system and assessment programs
4	Sector Strategies (Regional Workforce system)

5	Talent Pipeline development and increasing the workforce pool
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS – FY 2024	
1	Evaluation of service delivery options and enhancements
2	Leverage new funding resources & partnerships
3	Regional & Local Area plan enhanced activities
4	Youth Internship and Apprenticeships
5	Create Opportunity Columbia initiative expansion
6	Support to County & State Economic Development programs
7	Digital Literacy expansion
8	Youth Work-Based Learning expansion
9	MWDB Strategic Planning
10	SC Works Centers re-certification
11	Work-based Learning (On-the-Job-Training, Transitional Jobs & Work Experience) host site expansion
12	Rapid Response Team Service Delivery & Orientation
13	Workforce Innovation Grant partnerships to include support to and collaboration with the K-12 system
14	Community, career and resource fair events – in-person & virtual
15	Expansion of demand driven Business Services to include promotion of Apprenticeship programs
16	Expanded partner collaborations
17	Increase services to priority populations
18	SC Works Center Satellite/Access Point expansion opportunities
19	Incumbent Worker Training program & Customized Training expansion
20	Career Readiness system expansion – Job Analysis

CMCOG OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- **Principle 1: Develop Exceptional Staff**
 - a. Hire the best people
 - b. Challenge staff to continuously improve
 - c. Grow effective leaders who live the COG philosophy
 - d. Encourage creativity and think outside the box
- **Principle 2: Share the Burden**
 - a. Level the workload through cross-training and a team approach
- **Principle 3: Prevent Inefficiencies**
 - a. Use all resources (time, labor, and capital) efficiently
- **Principle 4: Maintain Credibility**
 - a. Resolve issues proactively, before they become problems
 - b. Make objective planning recommendations
 - c. Use the best available information
 - d. Use proven analytical tools
 - e. Choose long-term benefits over short-term considerations
- **Principle 5: Build Consensus**
 - a. Listen
 - b. Take the time to plan carefully
 - c. Serve as an honest broker to resolve conflicts
 - d. Educate and achieve consensus
 - e. Keep the public involved and informed
 - f. Implement quickly
- **Principle 6: Remain Flexible**
 - a. Be responsive to our clients / constituents changing needs
- **Principle 7: Help Partners**
 - a. Maintain effective working relationships with public and private partners
 - b. Encourage them to improve
- **Principle 8: Be the Best**
 - a. Be the standard by which other COGs are judged
 - b. Do it right the first time
 - c. Don't cut corners
 - d. Be action oriented

FY24 EMPLOYEE SALARY CLASSIFICATIONS

Central Midlands Council of Governments Employee Salary Classifications FY 2024

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Positions</u>
I	\$23,605 - \$37,922	Accounting Clerk I Administrative Assistant I / Receptionist Ombudsman Program Assistant
II	\$31,200 - \$47,193	Accounting Clerk II Aging Program Coordinator Ombudsman Program Coordinator Operations Coordinator WOIA Assessment Specialist
III	\$36,103 - \$53,108	Accountant Associate Ombudsman Community Development Planner I-CARE Coordinator Information, Referral & Assistance Specialist Ombudsman Investigator Ombudsman Volunteer Program Coordinator WOIA Assessment Supervisor WOIA Business & Industry Consultant WOIA SCWOS Coordinator
IV	\$43,609 - \$66,909	Community Development Manager Family Caregiver Advocate GIS Manager Human Resources / Operations Manager Information Services Manager Senior Ombudsman Investigator Senior Planner WOIA Industry & Partner Liaison Grant Accountant

V	\$53,103	-	\$77,654	WOIA Business & Industry Manager WOIA Program Manager
VI	\$58,654	-	\$83,552	Chief Planner Chief Transportation Planner WOIA Regional Director of Operations
VII	\$64,959		\$94,786	Area Agency on Aging / ADRC Director Assistant Workforce Development Director Director, Research, Planning & Development Finance Director Regional LTC Ombudsman Program Director Transportation Director Workforce Development Director
VIII	Unclassified			Deputy Executive Director Executive Director

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 15, 2023

SUBJECT: Feasibility Study: SC 6

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program to add \$100K to conduct a feasibility analysis for the SC 6 Corridor.

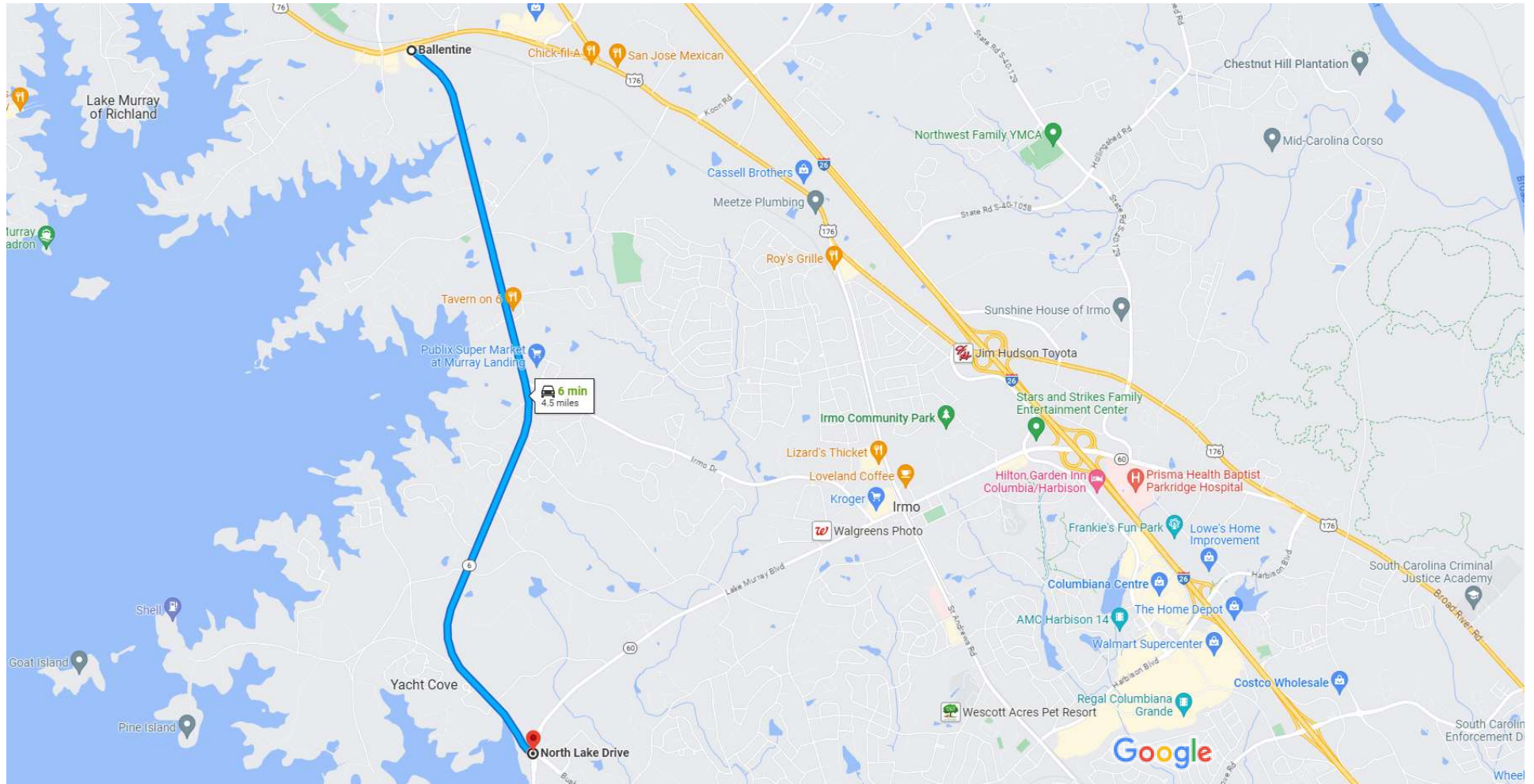
BACKGROUND

The Central Midlands Council of Governments and Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) serves as the comprehensive plan for transportation investment to support the safe and efficient movement of people and goods within the CMCOG region and the Columbia urbanized area through the plan horizon year of 2045. It establishes the purpose and need for major projects included in the federal transportation funding program, identifies activities to address major transportation issues, and prioritizes investments in the transportation system.

Based on this plan, a feasibility study has been requested for the SC 6 corridor. 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.

The following segment have been identified for the feasibility analysis:

- SC 6 from Bush River Road to US 76



via SC-6 E

6 min

Fastest route now due to traffic conditions

4.5 miles



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 15, 2023

SUBJECT: **Section 5310 Projects**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 - 2027 TIP and the Human Services Coordination Plan to add the FY 2024 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 11th staff released a call for projects for the FFY 2021 funding cycle. Staff will present those requests for inclusion in the Human Services Coordination Plan and the 2020 - 2027 TIP.



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May 22, 2023

Reginald Simmons
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
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RE: FY2024 CMCOG Large Urban- Section 5310

Mr. Simmons,

Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (DUNS: 10034618) respectfully request \$138,529 in funding from the Central Midlands Council of Governments to assist homeless persons with disabilities and senior citizens in accessing government resources in the downtown area to include the DMV, Harvest Hope, medical facilities, and banking facilities. The funding will be used to purchase a replacement 14 passenger cut-away that is no longer in service. We are replacing a 2012 Ford Goshen GCII (VIN: IFDEE3FL3CDA29138 mileage 297,000). The vehicle was sold at auction at the motor died. We anticipate serving 450 individuals who are elderly, disabled, or homeless. Our matching funds are from private donations.

Our organization was founded in 2011 and has been serving the homeless of Midlands of South Carolina through our residential program, day services, after care program, and Adult Day Care. We have served over 20,000 unique individuals since our inception. We currently serve the 13 counties of the Midlands region including Richland, Lexington, Newberry, and Fairfield Counties. We are located in downtown Columbia. This bus will make an immediate difference in the lives of our clients who are unable to afford COMET services which are the only form of public transportation in Richland and Lexington County.

We believe this project is aligned with the council goals of enhancing access to food and medical services for unserved or underserved individuals in Richland and Lexington Counties. The contact person for this project is Monica Haddock. My email address is mhaddock@transitionssc.org and my direct line is (803)724-1081.

Please find our completed application attached.

Sincerely,

Monica Haddock
Vice-President of Operations

Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (DUNS:10034618) is requesting funding to support our efforts to end homelessness in the Greater Midlands Area. Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. operates Transitions, whose primary goal is to move people from homelessness to permanent housing. Funds will be used to replace our cut-a-way, the Route to Success, that operates in Richland and Lexington County to serve the elderly and disabled homeless population residing at Transitions. We are replacing a 2012 Ford Goshen GCII (VIN: IFDEE3FL3CDA29138 mileage 297,000). The vehicle was sold at auction after the motor died. This project will serve low-income individuals, the aging population and the disabled. In the fiscal year ending June 2022, we served over 3000 individuals through all of our programs including 180 elderly individuals and 620 individuals with disabilities. In addition, Transitions operates an Adult Day Care which served an additional 34 people. We anticipate serving 450 individuals who are elderly, disabled, or homeless through this project each fiscal year.

The Route to Success (RtS) operates on a primarily fixed schedule each day, connecting the elderly and disabled clients to local and regional service providers (for example, The Department of Social Services, Columbia Area Mental Health, The Department of Motor Vehicles, Richland Primary Care, and Dorn Veterans Hospital). Case Managers will also be able to schedule additional stops as necessary. Clients are offered multiple opportunities to board the bus at our facility to be transported to various community service providers in the urban and rural areas in and around Columbia, SC. Regularly scheduled services/destinations include the bank, pharmacy, grocery stores, post office, medical appointments, and other service providers. Operating hours are from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

The RtS helps to end homelessness in the Midlands by allowing clients to access government resources. Gaining access to the social security office, the DMV, medical care, and other agencies are the foundation to both employment and housing. Additionally, 75% of our clients come to Transitions with no income and are unable to pay for COMET Bus Tickets. Transitions Transport is offered at no cost to the clients and operates daily. Without transportation, clients are unable to access resources in the community to get their lives back.

After we house individuals in permanent housing, food insecurity continues to be an issue for our clients. The average amount of assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is \$121 per month or \$4.00 per day. On Tuesday and Thursday by request, the bus will take after care clients from Lexington and Richland Counties to Harvest Hope food Bank, the grocery store, or other local food banks or feeding sites.

The Route to Success helps the CMCOG achieve the goal of enhancing access to food and medical services in unserved or underserved communities. Transitions serves over 3000 people experiencing homelessness every year. Our minibus will be dedicated to serving this community with daily drop-offs to the Cooperative Health campus on Monticello Rd, Dorn Medical Center, and other medical and mental health providers in Richland and Lexington Counties. The RtS will also serve recently housed individuals with trips to local food banks and grocery shopping.

Transitions coordinates services for the homeless with over 30 partner agencies. We will be coordinating client trips with Cooperative Health, Lexington Richland Drug and Abuse Council, Columbia Area Mental Health, the Richland County Public Library, The Department of Motor Vehicles, and other medical providers. The continued operation of Route to Success is supported through funding from private donations, community foundations and other government grants.

The Route to Success line would be operational immediately after purchase. Our personnel are already in place as the vehicle is a replacement for a vehicle that is no longer operational. This project is crucial to achieving our mission of engaging and equipping the homeless of the Midlands into stability and permanent housing. One of the first steps in that process is getting IDs and social security cards for our clients which has to be applied for in person. Most of our clients lack the monetary resources to ride the existing COMET buses. The Route to Success operates free of charge daily from our facility in downtown Columbia. Even though we are a few blocks away from the Strom Thurmond building, about 30% of our clients identify as elderly or disabled and have difficulty walking to the Social Security office. The bus routes will be posted outside Transitions and on our website. Appointments for the bus can also be made with our receptionist. The route map and times of operation are below.

TRANSITIONS BUS ROUTE

8:00 Transitions Campus 2025 Main St

8:30 DHEC Bull St

8:45 Columbia Area Mental Health/LRADAC Campus

8:50 Department of Social Services/ Wateree Community Action

9:00 AM SC Works

9:15 Cooperative Health Monticello Campus/ Dedicated Senior Care

10:00 Strom Thurmond Building

10:15 Richland County Public Library

10:15 Optus Bank Main St

10:30 Department of Motor Vehicles – Shop Rd

11:00 CAMH/LRADAC

11:15 SC Works

12:00 Transitions Campus

1:30 – 4:30 Pickups by Appointment

We currently employ two full-time drivers, a transportation manager, facilities supervisor, VP of Operations and an Executive Director who are all available to support the project. Our drivers undergo a defensive driving course biannually through 911 driving school. Every driving day, each vehicle undergoes a pre and post trip visual inspection. Our cars received routine maintenance from Firestone and are covered under our fleet maintenance contract. When a particular vehicle is out for maintenance, we attempt to cover the route with a different vehicle. In addition, Midlands Housing Alliance has allocated \$48,000 from our operational budget for fuel, maintenance, and insurance expenditures for the minibus that will be used to transport clients to activities. These funds are

acquired from various funding sources, but not from SCDOT. Midlands Housing Alliance is funded by a diverse base of funding providers. Operational and support services are funded through grants from Housing and Urban Development, an Emergency Shelter Grant, Community Development Block Grant funds, city and county funding, and private donations from individuals and private businesses. Our matching funds for the initial purchase are from private donations.

In 2008, Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (MHA) was formed by a community coalition to help end homelessness in the greater Midlands area. After acquiring land at Main and Elmwood in downtown Columbia, MHA began to build the facilities now known as Transitions. On June 15, 2011, Transitions was opened to provide basic shelter and comprehensive services to individuals, 18 and older, in the Greater Midlands area who were homeless. Clients entered the following week, and supportive services began immediately. When it opened, Transitions had 201 beds (137 emergency shelter beds and 64 transitional housing beds). By June 2012, 59 additional emergency beds had been added, bringing the total number of beds to 260. Transitions' residential programs have maintained that number of bed units today, with 64 emergency beds, 14 convalescent beds, 114 program beds, and 64 extended program beds. Our residential programs maintain a 90% bed utilization rate. Transitions also operates a Day Center which is open 7 days a week 8:30am-5:00pm to provide an alternative to the street during the day and to allow homeless individuals an opportunity to get services, treatment, and lunch. On average, 68 individuals use the Day Center and its services daily. Combining all programs, Transitions serves approximately 325 homeless individuals each day.

Transitions' goal is to assist all of our clients into stable, permanent housing as quickly as possible. To accomplish this goal, we provide levels of services individually tailored to the needs, ability, and commitment level of the client. The benefits include a safe place to sleep, handicap accessible facility, refuge from the weather, meals, showers, laundry, linens and towels, emergency clothing, a quiet library with books, computer lab with Wi-Fi, job training and life skills classes, financial planning and budgeting, legal aid and homeless court, an onsite health clinic, mail delivery, access to a case manager and community resources, and transportation to various agencies. Our case management staff takes a "client-centered" approach, working with clients to help them identify barriers to housing and address those barriers positively through a variety of supportive services and programs. Most of these services are offered at our facility, for accessibility. These services are provided by our professional staff in coordination and collaboration with over 45 Partners in Excellence, area agencies that provide a range of services to homeless individuals on-site at Transitions. Major services include mental health and substance abuse counseling, health care, employment training and job skills, life skills, legal assistance, housing assistance, and veterans' services. In addition, Transitions conducts a monthly Client Advisory Council (CAC) to incorporate lived experience into current policy and procedures.

The contact person for this project is Monica Haddock, VP of Operations. She can be reached at mhaddock@transitionssc.org or via phone at (803) 724-1081. Our address is 2025 Main St, Columbia, SC 29201. We can be reached on the web at www.transitionssc.org.



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People experiencing homelessness have lost the protection of a home and their community. They are often marginalized and isolated within the larger society. Also, people with mental and/or substance use disorders frequently face challenges in building and maintaining social connections. Social inclusion offers opportunities to re-engage with the community and form positive relationships. Helping people experiencing homelessness overcome these beliefs and participate in treatment is a key step in recovery. The KIA minivan will help individuals reengage by taking them to positive activities in the community.

The KIA minivan will take homeless clients and Adult Day Care participants to daily activities in Richland and Lexington County. Having clients reengage in the community is vital to recovery. These trips will help improve cognitive ability, mental function, and physical fitness. Example trips will include trips to Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, exercise classes through the Richland and Lexington Recreation Commission, National Parks, festival and fairs, and shopping trips.

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Executive Director

May 19, 2023

Reginald Simmons

Central Midlands Council of Governments

236 Stoneridge Drive

Columbia, SC 29212

Dear Mr. Simmons:

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

I request a meeting for clarifying on the application process. Please contact me at (803) 252-7734, ext. 261.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this funding.

Sincerely,

Andrew Boozer

Executive Director

Letter of Intent to Apply

Large Urban Section 5310

Name of Agency:

Senior Resources, Inc.

Contact Person:

Andrew Boozer, Executive Director

Senior Resources, Inc.

2817 Millwood Avenue

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 252-7734, ext. 261

aboozer@seniorresourcesinc.org

Amount of Request:

\$110,000.00

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, and privately raised funds from the community.

Project Category:

Capital

Project Type:

Purchase of Vehicle (Replacement) 14 Passenger cut-a-way

Replaces: 1FDEE3FLXCDA29198, 2013 FORD E350, 121,443, SCDOT Owned?: No

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 has traditionally provided 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, 2022, Senior Resources provided 93,148 passenger miles to 99 clients through our Transportation program.

We expect this replacement vehicle to regularly serve our Wellness Center clients to provide roundtrip door to door transportation to 12 seniors, 5 days a week for 50 weeks each year, or the equivalent of 6,000 one way trips per year. Seniors attending this center primarily reside in the city of Columbia and areas within the Columbia Urbanized Area. Our Wellness Centers include an active partnership with Columbia Housing Authority to transport senior public housing residents to the center.

All of the clients served in our Transportation Program are classified as elderly and/or disabled. Almost 88% of the clients served are 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 transportation services, these seniors will not be able to access daily nutrition, exercise, and socialization activities that enable them to remain healthy and independent. The vehicle purchase will meet goal #1 as stated in the Regional Coordination Plan.

Project Budget:

Total Vehicle Purchase:	5310 Request:	Local Match (20%):
\$110,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$22,000.00

Senior Resources, Inc. has the ability to provide the required local match. This match will be met through funding provided to Senior Resources from local appropriations by Richland County Council and privately raised funds from the community.

Signature:



Andrew Boozer, Executive Director

Date: 5/19/23

**Large Urban Section 5310
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and
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(Federal Funding Fiscal Year 2021)**

Application Form

Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Name of Applicant: SENIOR RESOURCES

Amount Requested: \$ 88,000.00

Type of Request: CAPITAL

**Capital
(Purchase of Service or Vehicle)**

County Where Service to be Provided RICHLAND

Agency DUNS Number: 070372099

Return To: Attention: Reginald Simmons
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29212
803-744-5133
www.centralmidlands.org

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Primary Service Area: Large Urban (Please review the Columbia Urbanized Area Map in Appendix C)

1. Agency Name: SENIOR RESOURCES

Agency DUNS: 070372099

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: ANDREW BOOZER

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address: 2817 MILLWOOD AVE

City: COLUMBIA

9-digit Zip Code: 29205

Phone: 803-256-7734

FAX: 803-929-0349

E-mail: ABOOZER@SENIORRESOURCESINC.ORG

Web Site Address (if any): SENIORRESOURCESINC.ORG

2. Agency Type:

- ☒ Private Non-Profit (501(c)(3))
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- Who holds title to vehicle? SENIOR RESOURCES

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_____ TO STAY HEALTHY AND INDEPENDENT.

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

May 23, 2023

Dear Mr. Simmons,

The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET) is submitting this letter of intent to the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) for the pursuit of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. Specifics on The COMET's request is below:

Name of Agency: Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority

Contact Person: Michelle Ransom, Grants and Regional Coordination Manager, 803-255-7134,
MRansom@theCometSC.gov.

Amount of FTA Request: \$363,728

Local Match: Up to \$90,932 in matching funds would be provided Feonix Mobility Rising who will provide the service. Any remaining matching funds will be provided by private partners and/or The COMET from Richland County Transportation Penny. This Transportation Penny is committed to The COMET for 22 years or \$300,991,000, whichever comes first. This is a local option sales tax.

Project Scope: This funding request is to continue the ongoing Access to Care project that resulted from a federal Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (iCAM) grant that was awarded to The COMET and implemented during FY 2022/FY 2023. The project has established best practices in transportation for coordinated care in serving disabled individuals, veterans and seniors with Mobility as a Service. A first and last mile shuttle system was created in hopes of increasing use of the fixed route transit services for accessing medical care as well as a door-to-door shuttle for those needing critical care. The popularity of this project continues to increase which is why The COMET requests funding to continue providing these services to existing and new clientele.

The project will operate within Lexington and Richland Counties.

Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
3613 Lucius Road
Columbia, SC 29201

803.255.7133 - p
803.255.7113 - f
info@TheCOMETSC.gov

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Overall Project Budget: \$454,660

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (803) 255-7081 or email me at LDesChamps@thecometssc.gov.

Sincerely,



LeRoy DesChamps
Interim Executive Director

cc: Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer
Michelle Ransom, Grants and Regional Coordination Manager

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Primary Service Area: Large Urban (Please review the Columbia Urbanized Area Map in Appendix C)

1. Agency Name: Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority - The COMET

Agency DUNS: 148132322

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: Michelle Ransom

Title: Grants & Regional Coordination Manager

Address: 3613 Lucius Road

City: Columbia

9-digit Zip Code: 29201-1108

Phone: 803-255-7134

FAX: 803-255-7113

E-mail: mransom@thecometssc.gov

Web Site Address (if any): catchthecomet.org

2. Agency Type:

- ☐ Private Non-Profit (501(c)(3))
☒ Public
☐ Tribal Government or Community
☐ Other Agency (Specify): _____

3. Applicant Status:

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- Purpose Built \$ _____

☐ Replacement Capital Equipment (Must Complete this information)

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Eligibility: (Briefly describe the individuals the agency serves and whether they are elderly and or have disabilities).

The COMET provides fixed route transit as well as complementary paratransit services within the Midlands of South Carolina. Eligible persons may receive The COMET half-fare ID which are used to purchase Half-Fare passes for the fixed-route transit system. Eligible recipients include veterans, seniors (65+), youth (ages 16-18), Medicare card holders and persons with disabilities. Paratransit riders partake in functional ability testing to determine their eligibility. Once eligibility is established, paratransit customers may ride free on the fixed route transit system.

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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: \$39,691

Local Match: Total revenue for the Babcock Center for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was \$36,248,168. Revenue from state agencies (primarily the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs) totaled \$29,618,158. 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 the requested vehicle is \$49,614. Babcock Center will secure the \$9,923 in match through funds obtained from the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Project Category: Capital Equipment

- Ford Transit ADA Passenger Van

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.

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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 \$16,383.

President/CEO Signature:



Date: ~~June 7, 2022~~

5-19-23

Thoyd B. Warren

Babcock Center Inc.

Large Urban Section 5310

FY 2023 -2024

Budget

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
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Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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Amount Requested: **\$ 39,691**

Type of Request: **Purchase of Vehicle**

Capital

(Purchase of Service or Vehicle)

County Where Service to be Provided: **Lexington**

Agency DUNS Number: **07799840**

Return To: Attention: Reginald Simmons

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Columbia, South Carolina 29212

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1. Agency Name: **Babcock Center, Inc.**

Agency DUNS: **007799840**

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: **Phillip**

Title: **Director, Support Services**

Address: **2725 Banny Jones Ave.**

City: **West Columbia**

9-digit Zip Code: **2917**

Phone: **803-608-8085**

FAX: **803-799-3418**

E-mail: **ppowell@babcockcenter.org**

Web Site Address (if any): **www.babcockcenter.or**

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 15, 2023

SUBJECT: **New MPO Boundary**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to adopt the COATS MPO new metropolitan planning study boundary which is based upon the 2020 US Census.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

On Thursday, December 29, 2022, the US Census Bureau released their new 2020 Urbanized Areas. The release of these new urbanized areas denoted that per federal requirements, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) such as the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) will have to adjust their metropolitan planning area boundary to encompass the contiguous census designated urbanized area and the area projected to be urbanized over the next 20 years. Federal requirements also denoted that the COATS MPO may consider adjusting its Policy Committee composition to ensure that adequate representation for all necessary jurisdictions has been addressed.

The 2020 US Census produced a new census designated urbanized area that receded the existing COATS MPO Boundary in three (3) locations. The nearby municipalities in these reduced areas were the Town of Chapin in Lexington and Newberry Counties, Town of Swansea in Lexington County, and the Lugoff/Elgin Area in Kershaw County. Please be advised that the Lugoff/Elgin area was designated by the Census Bureau as an urban cluster and was not included as part of the census designated urbanized area for Columbia.

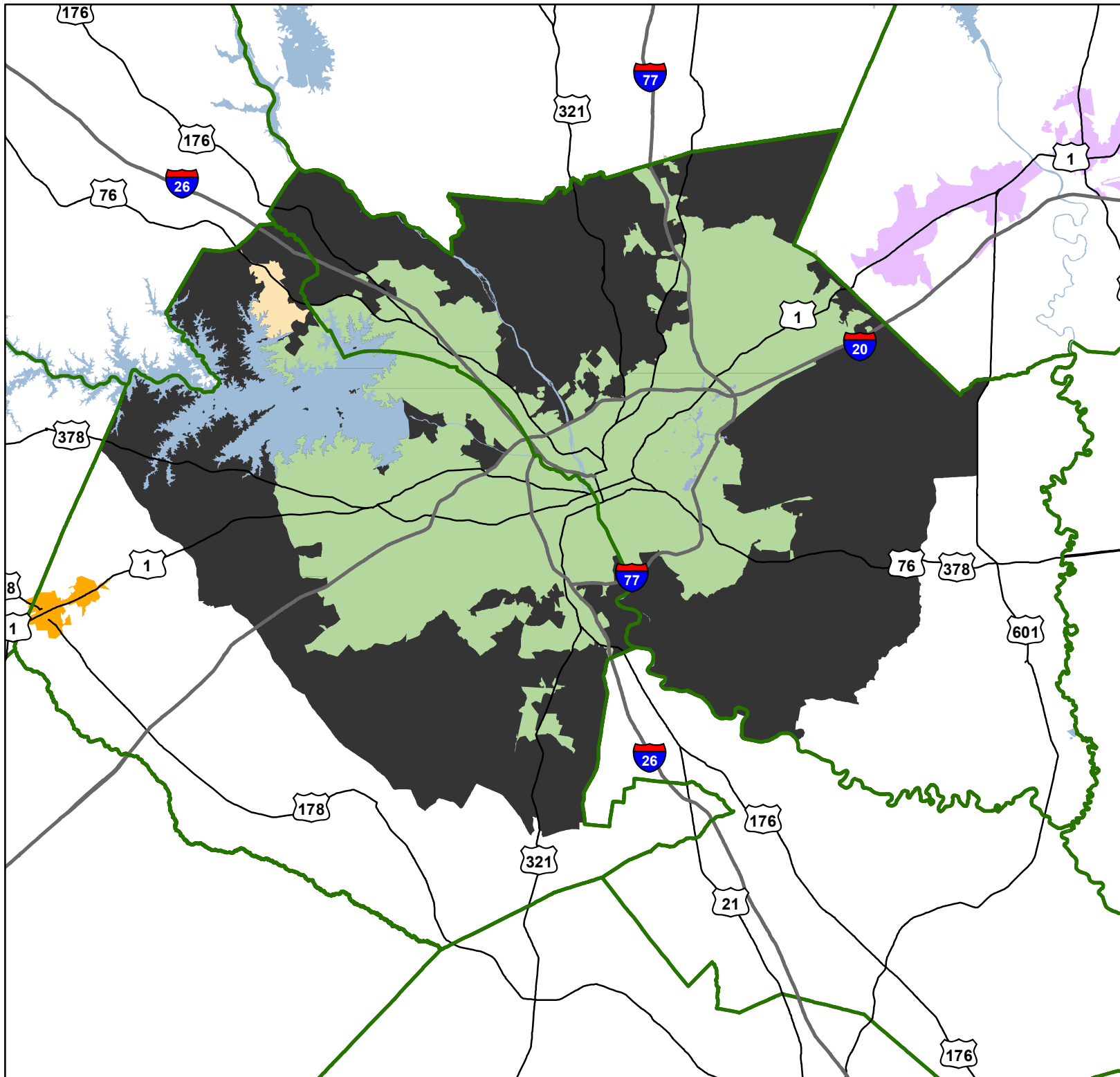
The SCDOT Planning Office has been working with all of the MPOs to discuss changes to the urbanized areas and any resulting changes to the study boundaries. SCDOT has provided a schedule to all COGs and MPOs which outlined SCDOT's accelerated schedule for receiving updates resulting from the 2020 Census. This accelerated schedule will allow the next Regional Mobility Program (RMP) allocation increase to be based on the 2020 Census population rather than the 2010 population numbers. SCDOT has requested for all MPO boundaries to be updated and submitted by August 1st.

The COATS MPO has created an updated MPO Boundary based on the 2020 Census. The new boundary will be present for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT

2010 Urbanized Area and MPO Boundary
2020 Urbanized Area and MPO Boundary

2020 COATS and Urbanized Areas



Legend

COATS 2020

2020 Census

Urbanized Areas

Batesburg-Leesville

Camden-Lugoff

Chapin

Columbia

Interstates

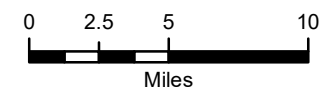
US Highways

Water

County Boundary

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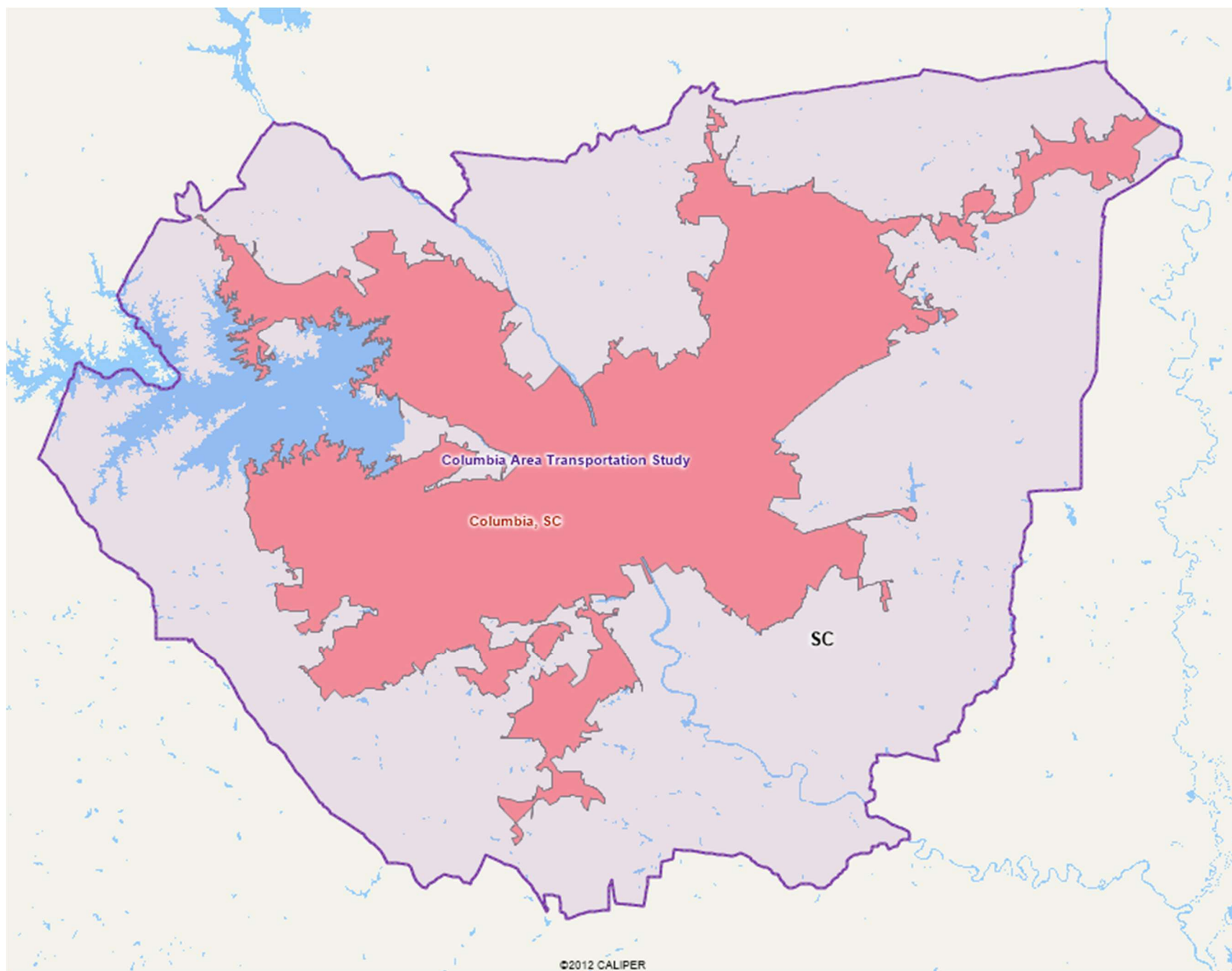


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2010 URBANIZED AREA AND MPO BOUNDARY





CMCOG Meeting Notice

Thursday, June 22, 2023 ♦ 12:00 P.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/84424986547?pwd=UjRDeWU0T3FSZGtYcDg3amdRQnJwdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 2498 6547 ♦ Passcode: 312766 ♦ Dial-In Number (929) 205-6099

DATE: June 16, 2023

TO: CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Foster Senn, CMCOG Board Chair

SUBJECT: CMCOG Board Meeting – June 22, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Central Midlands Council of Governments Board of Directors will be held on **Thursday, June 22, 2023 at Midlands Technical College Harbison Campus, Continuing Education Center, Room 113. See attached map of the campus for additional information.**

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.

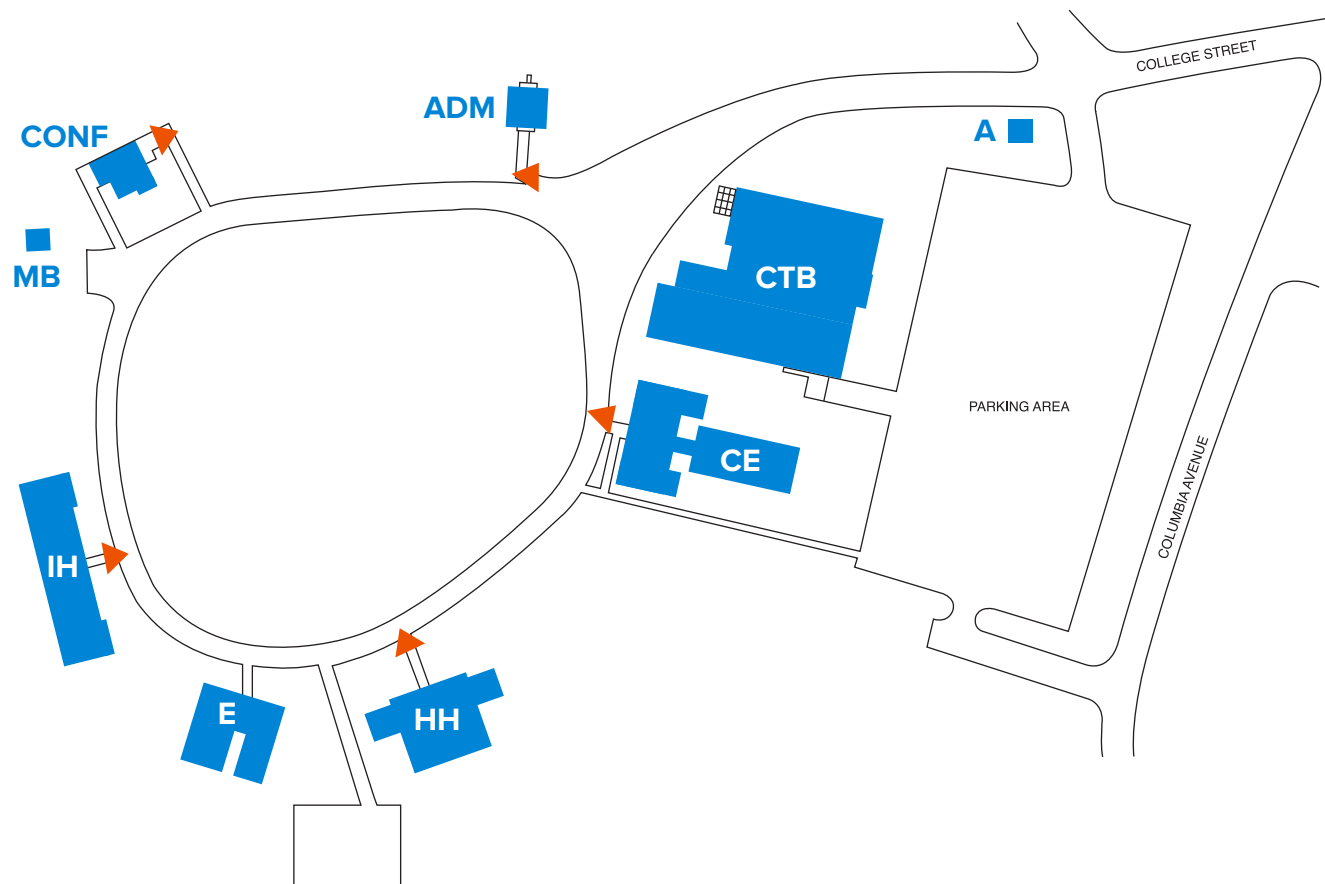
I thank you for your time and service to the Central Midlands Council of Governments.

Enclosures

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



Board of Directors Meeting

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OVERALL AGENDA

ACTION	A. <u>Call to Order and Introductions</u>	Foster Senn, Chair
	1. Determination of a Quorum	
	2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda	
	3. Invocation	
	4. Introduction of Guests and New Board Members	
	B. <u>Consent Agenda</u>	
	1. Approval of the June 1, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes <i>(Enclosure 1)</i>	
	2. *CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds <i>(Enclosure 2)</i>	
	3. *CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds <i>(Enclosure 3)</i>	
	4. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Transportation Alternatives Projects (TAP) <i>(Enclosure 4)</i>	
INFORMATION	5. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Lower Saluda Greenway <i>(Enclosure 5)</i>	
	6. *FY 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program <i>(Enclosure 6)</i>	
	7. FY 2024 & 2025 Rural Planning Work Program <i>(Enclosure 7)</i>	
	C. <u>Regular Agenda</u>	
	1. FY 2024 CMCOG Annual Budget and Work Program <i>(Enclosure 8)</i>	Melissa Labbe
	2. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – SC 6 Corridor Feasibility Study <i>(Enclosure 9)</i>	Reginald Simmons
	3. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Section 5310 Projects <i>(Enclosure 10)</i>	Reginald Simmons
	4. *Census 2020 – New MPO Boundary <i>(Enclosure 11)</i>	Reginald Simmons
	D. <u>Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences</u>	
	1. Executive Director’s Report	Rebecca Vance
	2. Recognition of Outgoing Chair and Committee Chairpersons	Rebecca Vance
	3. Recognition of Incoming Chair	Foster Senn
	4. Recognition of Incoming Executive Director	Will Brennan
	E. <u>Old/New Business</u>	
	1. Monthly Dashboard Overview – June 2023 <i>(Enclosure 12) Will be emailed</i>	Melissa Labbe
	F. <u>Other Business</u>	
	G. <u>Adjourn</u>	

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023

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

**Denotes item is an Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Urbanized Area Request*



**Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments**

Thursday, June 1, 2023 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ Midlands Technical College

Harbison Campus – 7300 College Street, Irmo, SC 29063

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

Meeting ID: 851 9969 0518 ♦ Passcode: 193010 ♦ Dial-In Number (929) 205-6099

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vina Abrams, Newberry County
Will Brennan, Vice-Chair, Columbia City Council
Peter Brown, Richland County Council
Larry Brigham, Lexington County Council
Brian Carter, City of West Columbia
Kyle Crager, Fairfield County
Rebecca Connally, Lexington County
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
William “Rusty” DePass, City of Columbia
Howard Duvall, City of Columbia
Amadeo Geere, City of Columbia
Clarence Gilbert, Fairfield County Council
Shaun Greenwood, Forest Acres
Sloan Griffin III, Town of Blythewood
Bob Hall, Batesburg-Leesville
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council
Robert Liming, City of Columbia
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington
Yvonne McBride, Richland County Council
Annie McDaniel, Fairfield County Del.
Walton McLeod, Newberry County
Joe Mergo, Lexington County
Chakisse Newton, Richland County Council
Elise Partin, City of Cayce, Mayor
Ron Rhames, Midlands Technical College
Foster Senn, Chair, Mayor, City of Newberry
Nick Shealy, Newberry County
Lindsey Yarborough, Lexington County Council

GUESTS PRESENT:

Britt Poole, Town of Lexington
Freeman Belser, Esq.
Bill Jordan, AECOM
Joey Riddle, AECOM
Angie Connor, Fairfield County Council on Aging
Michael Slapnik, CPA
Dave Bodiford, CPA
Diane Lackey, SCDOT
Christina Lewis, SCDOT
Lynda Christison
LTC. Kendall Adams
Lynn Stockman, NCCOA
Lakesha Dunbar, Toole Design Group

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fretria Addison, LTC Ombudsman Volunteer
Coordinator/Information Support Specialist
Roland Bart, Senior Planner
Tammy Beagen, Workforce
LaToya Buggs-Williams, Ombudsman
Investigator
Aleigha Chee-You, Ombudsman Assistant
Anna Harmon, Director, LTCOP
Jessica Kelly, Associate Ombudsman
Missi Labbe, Finance Director
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/
Transportation Director
Sherry Sheppard, Ombudsman Assistant
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 June 1, 2023.

There was a moment of silence in honor of the fallen firefighter, James Michael Muller, who lost his life on May 26, 2023, in the line of duty.

A2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

Chairman Senn stated that a quorum was present.

MOTION, approved

Robert Liming moved for approval, seconded by Walton McLeod to approve the Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

A3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Vina Abrams.

A4. Introduction of Guests

Chairman Senn welcomed and introduced the 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:

- The Dales Biergarten and Bottle Shoppe, which is a local gathering spot, has opened in the Town of Springdale.
- A total of \$20 million was awarded to the Town of Winnsboro and the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System as part of \$1.369 billion in grant funding awarded to communities across the state to assist with improvements for clean drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm water resilience.
- Southeast Columbia is undergoing a transformation with new developments and relocations such as a veterinarian clinic, a Mexican restaurant, and the debut of a hot chicken chain.
- Army Veteran Buddy Kundle Sr. at 106 years old is recognized as the oldest veteran in South Carolina.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

B1. Approval of the April 27, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION, approved

Smokey Davis moved for approval, seconded by Walton McLeod to approve Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

C1. Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023)

Missi Labbe gave a presentation on the Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023). She noted the corrections that were requested from the last meeting have been completed. A brief discussion took place after the presentation.

MOTION, approved

Nick Shealy moved for approval, seconded by Smokey Davis to approve the Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru March 31, 2023). The motion was approved unanimously.

C2. Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022

Missi Labbe introduced Michael Slapnik, CPA from Scott and Company, who gave a briefing on the FY 2022 Financial and Compliance Report. Mr. Slapnik noted that the full audit is not complete, but the draft audit report looks good. It's expected that the audit will provide an unmodified opinion. A brief discussion took place.

The draft report was accepted as information until the full audit report is finalized.

MOTION, approved

Nick Shealy made a motion to accept the draft report as information until the full audit report is finalized. Motion was seconded by Lindsey Yarborough. The motion was approved unanimously.

C3. *CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds

Reginald Simmons requested approval to transfer \$7,143,850 in FY 2022 Section 5307 funds to CMRTA. CMCOG is the designated recipient of the Section 5307 Program Funds. These funds can be used for capital, planning, administration, and limited operating assistance. Due to a Memorandum of Understanding, CMCOG determines how much Section 5307 that the public transit providers will receive on an annual basis. Historically, CMCOG has reserved funding for planning purposes, but due to reserve funds from previous years, CMCOG proposed to transfer the entire FY 2022 apportionment to CMRTA. Santee Wateree RTA has not requested any funding.

Once CMRTA determines how they will use these funds, those projects will need to be provided to CMCOG to be included in the TIP. Staff included a split letter in the agenda packet for the Board to review.

MOTION, approved

Yvonne McBride moved for approval, seconded by Walton McLeod to transfer \$7,143,850 in FY 2022 Section 5307 funds to CMRTA. The motion was approved unanimously.

C4. *CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds

Reginald Simmons requested a recommendation of approval to transfer \$568,918 in FY 2022 FTA Section 5339 funds to CMRTA. CMCOG is the designated recipient for the Columbia Urbanized Area. As the designated recipient, CMCOG is responsible for coordinating federal grant programs to assist in improving the urban transit system. These programs include Sections 5310, 5307, 5339. The Section 5339 Grant Program provides funding to replace, rehab, and purchase bus and bus related facilities.

In FY 2022, CMCOG received a total of \$568,918 in Section 5339 funds. Under the IIJA, CMCOG can make these funds available to a public transit provider. As a direct recipient of federal funds, CMRTA can apply directly to FTA. The required match for this federal program is twenty percent (20%).

Once CMRTA determines how they will use these funds, those projects will need to be provided to CMCOG to be included in the TIP. Staff included a split letter in the agenda packet for the Board to review. Santee Wateree RTA has not requested any funding.

MOTION, approved

Nick Shealy moved for approval, seconded by Yvonne McBride to transfer \$568,918 in FY 2022 FTA Section 5339 funds to CMRTA. The motion was approved unanimously.

C5. *Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study

Reginald Simmons requested approval to adopt the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study. Lakesha Dunbar, from the Toole Design Group, provided the presentation. Sponsored by the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG), the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study presents a financial analysis for the expansion of the Blue Bike SC program within the City of Columbia and new expansion for service in the combined area of the City of Cayce, the City of West Columbia, and the Town of Springdale (West Metro). It considers the cost of expanding service into the West Metro and making Blue Bike SC a regional system, but also considers ways that the program can enhance ridership, increase its presence in these communities, be more cost-effective, increase revenues, and leverage the skills of its various partners.

The existing program is overseen by the City of Columbia with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina (BCBS) sponsoring the system with initial capital for the purchase of stations and bikes and ongoing funding for program operations. The COMET provided additional capital through an FTA grant to add docks to stations that were virtual at launch. Operation, maintenance, and promotion of the program is conducted by Bewegen, who is also the equipment provider, under a 5-year contract that ends June 2023.

MOTION, approved

Brian Carter moved for approval, seconded by Nick Shealy to adopt the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study. The motion was approved unanimously.

C6. Election of New CMCOG Officers

Chairman Foster Senn announced that the nominating committee has voted Councilman Will Brennan as the new Board of Directors' Chairman and Representative Annie McDaniel as the Vice-Chair.

C7. *Executive Session*** - New Executive Director Search (1:05 pm)**

Britt Poole was announced as the New Executive Director.

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Robert Liming to approve the hiring and contract of the New Executive Director, Mr. Britt Poole. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

D1. Executive Directors Report

Rebecca Vance gave the following report:

Ombudsmen

The Volunteer Ombudsman Program held a Volunteer Recruitment event on May 24th. The event was well attended, and we have gained approximately 5 or 6 potential volunteers from this event. We are in the process of locating places to hold recruitment events in Newberry and Fairfield counties. We may be in contact with the Board Members for suggestions on places to hold these events.

Regional Planning

- On May 31, CMCOG staff submitted an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application on behalf of the seven counties and municipalities that make up the combined Columbia - Newberry Metropolitan Statistical Area. The purpose of this \$1 million planning grant is to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and develop a priority greenhouse gas reduction action plan. This plan, once complete and adopted by our local governments, will satisfy eligibility requirements for an estimated \$4.6 billion in future competitive grant funding for implementation projects. CMCOG worked in close partnership with the City of Columbia, Richland County, Lexington County, the Town of Lexington, and USC to prepare the grant application and submit it on an expedited timeline.

Transportation

- A Groundbreaking Ceremony was held for Exit 119 on May 5th. The COATS MPO will invest \$62 million in the development of a new interstate interchange.
- A Groundbreaking Ceremony was held in February for the South Main Street Streetscape Project. The COATS MPO will invest \$8 million in the redevelopment of South Main Street.
- The Work Programs for urban and rural have been submitted to SCDOT and our federal partners.
- The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be accepting Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) applications in order to develop a multi-year program of projects for Federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 through FY 2026. All final project

approvals will be contingent upon the availability of funds in the year for which they are being requested. The Call for Projects application period opens June 1, 2023 and runs through September 29, 2023. An estimated total of \$8.2M will be available for programming for South Carolina.

Workforce Development

- Tammy Beagen has been officially appointed as the Director of the Workforce Development Department.

AAA

- Service Provider contracts for all counties have been executed and submitted to the State Office.
- 2023 – 2025 Area Plan has been updated as requested by the SCDOA and re-submitted.
- A public hearing for the Area Plan is planned for the week of June 19th. More details will be provided to the Board when available.
- The Corrective Action Plan for the Family Caregiver program has been submitted.
- Staff will be meeting with SCDOA Program Directors to get approval for implementation of programs to utilize ARP Funds such as; projects to assist seniors with hearing aids, vision care, pest control, and dental care.
- CMCOG has distributed 900 hurricane guides to seniors in preparation for hurricane season.

Administration/ Finance

- IT Assessment was completed, and IT projects have been initiated including the purchase of a new server and switches and the installation of antivirus programs on all CMCOG computers.
- The 2024 Budget will be presented at the June 22nd meeting.
- Staff will be utilizing the Budget Module of our finance software this year, which should make monthly reporting to the Board easier.
- ED Search – Approximately 40 applicants, 22 sent to the Executive Committee, 7 interviewed and 2 were brought back for second interviews.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

E1. Monthly Dashboard Overview – May 2023

Missi Labbe gave an overview of the Monthly Dashboard – May 2023. It was a brief discussion that took place.

E2. Executive Director's Contract **Executive Session******

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting is scheduled for June 22nd.

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Rebecca Vance, Secretary-Treasurer

Foster Senn, Chairman



June 23, 2023

Mrs. Yvette G. Taylor
Region IV Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
230 Peachtree, NW
Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) has a Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) that describes the cooperative working relationship with the following two organizations, the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) and the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority (SWRTA). These MOUs recognize that each year most of the FTA grant dollars that are received by CMCOG as the designated recipient, will be required by the direct recipients, for the provision of public transit services. CMCOG will require some continuing FTA funding to meet our responsibilities under the FAST Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act as a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Each direct recipient may be preparing grant applications for Section 5307 funds for their maintenance, administration and capital needs. We are providing this letter to authorize the amount of formula funding that each direct recipient may apply for prior to formally submitting their grant applications. We authorize the following Section 5307 funding amount for the purpose of direct recipients grant applications:

FY 2022 - \$7,143,850 of \$7,143,850

Please be advised that as identified in this Split Letter, the CMCOG, as the Designated Recipient, authorizes the assignment/allocation of Section 5307 to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient. Please be advised that the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient has declined funding for this fiscal year. The undersigned agree to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the Federal Transit Administration to receive Section 5307 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds.

We fully support the Direct Recipient(s) application(s) for the amount stated above. Please feel free to contact me at 803-376-5390 if you need any additional information or if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Vance
Interim Executive Director

cc: Reginald Simmons
Leroy Deschamps
Lottie Jones



June 23, 2023

Mrs. Yvette G. Taylor
Region IV Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
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Atlanta, GA 30303

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FY 2022 - \$568,918 of \$568,918

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Vance
Interim Executive Director

cc: Reginald Simmons
Leroy Deschamps
Lottie Jones



Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on April 27th

Public comment period ends on July 12th.

Approval based on any public comments that are received.

Memorandum

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**

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 22nd. 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 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?

☐

✓ 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.

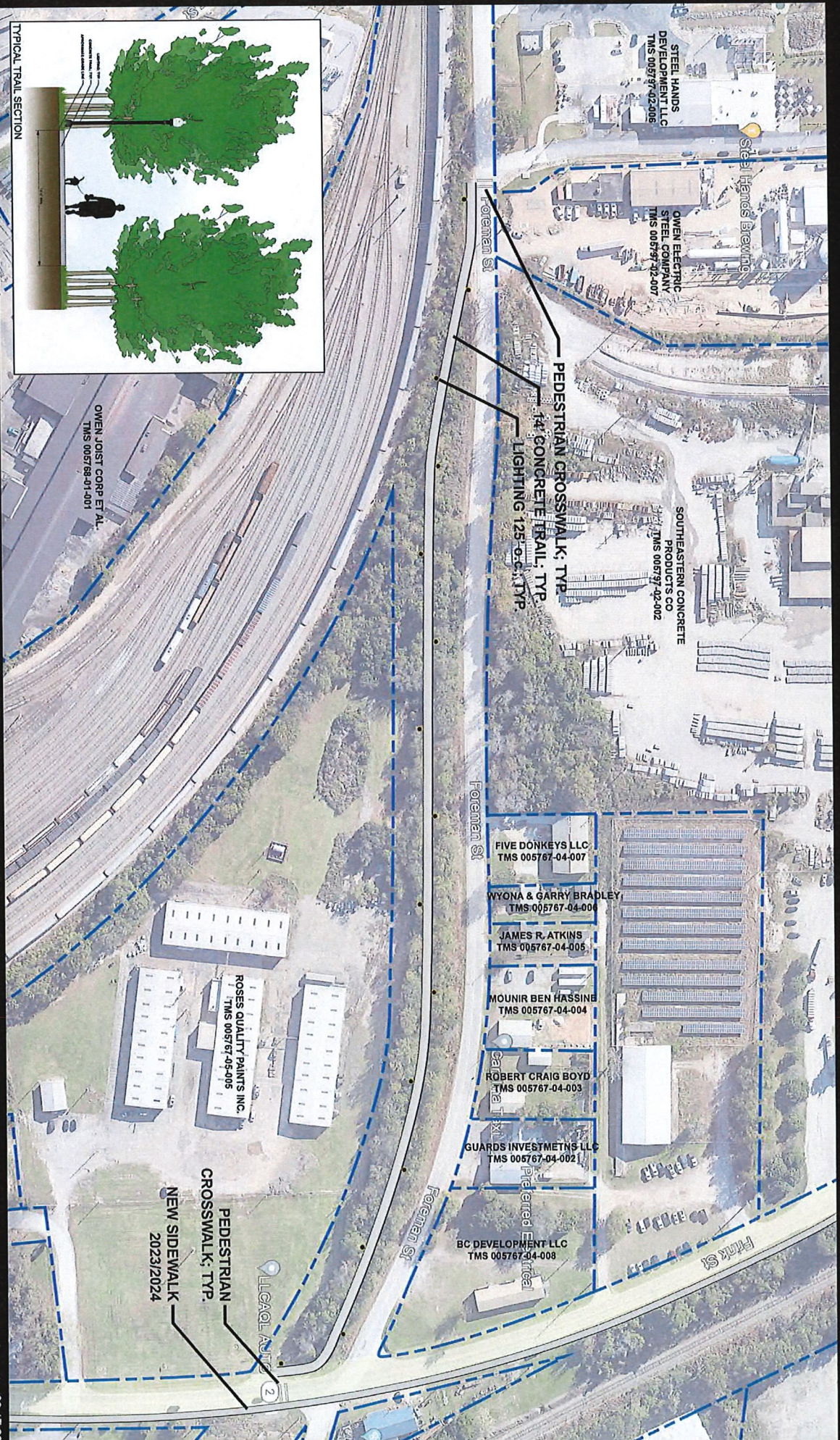
Over one thousand residents would have convenient access to the multiuse trail once completed. Currently, there is no existing accessible/ADA compliant trail along this roadway, and we have pedestrians regularly on the roadways in these areas trying to reach their destinations. This multiuse trail will 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.

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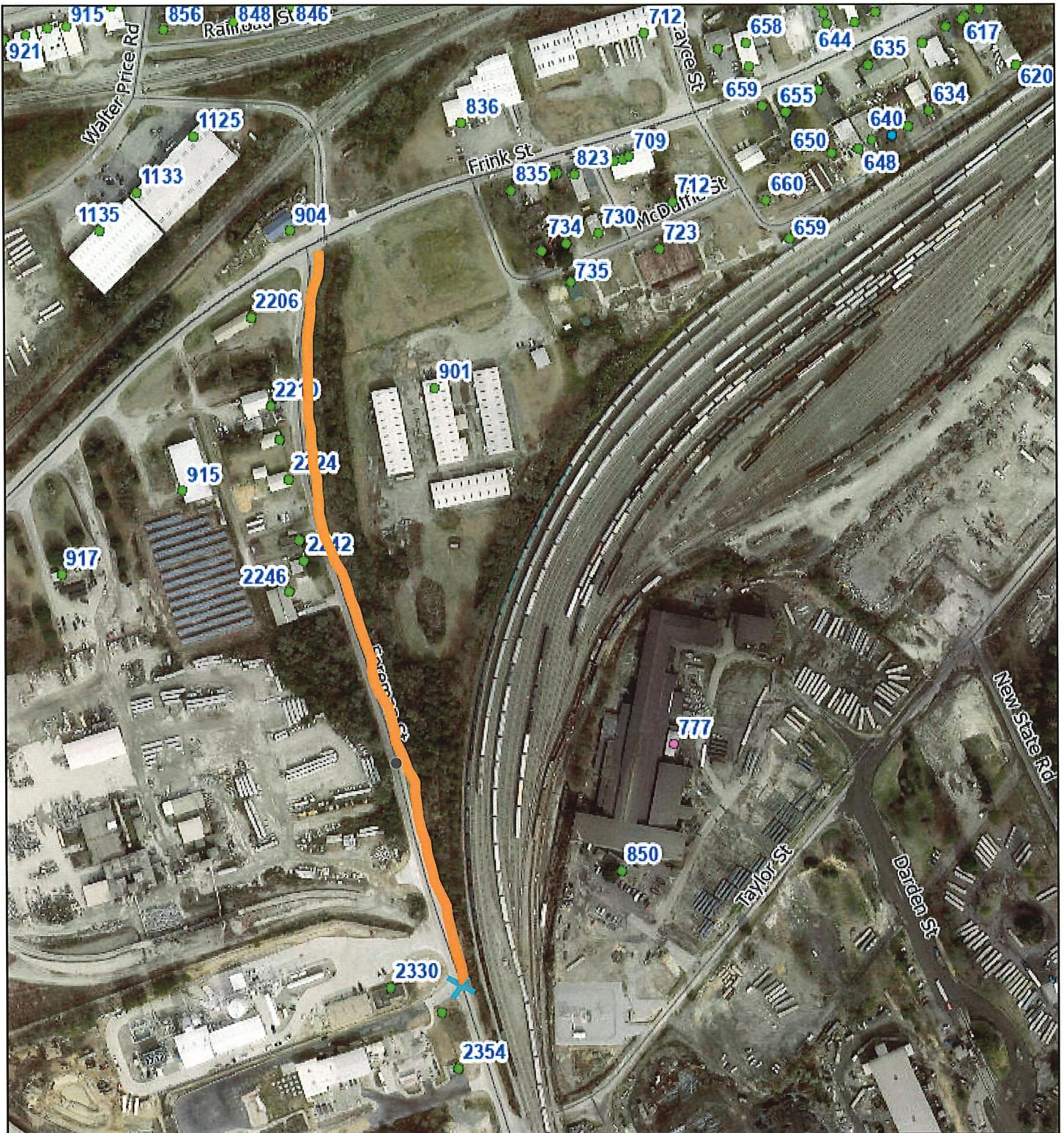


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TAP Rails to Trails



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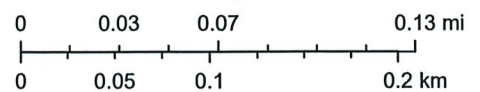
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- Existing
- To Be Placed
- Nonstandard

Roads

- Arterial
- Collector
- Local

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Taylor Gray



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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1400 Shop Road - Columbia, SC 29201

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

March 1, 2023

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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



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

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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



Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO
Policy Committee on April 27th

Public comment period ends on July
12th.

Approval based on any public
comments that are received.

Memorandum

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

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

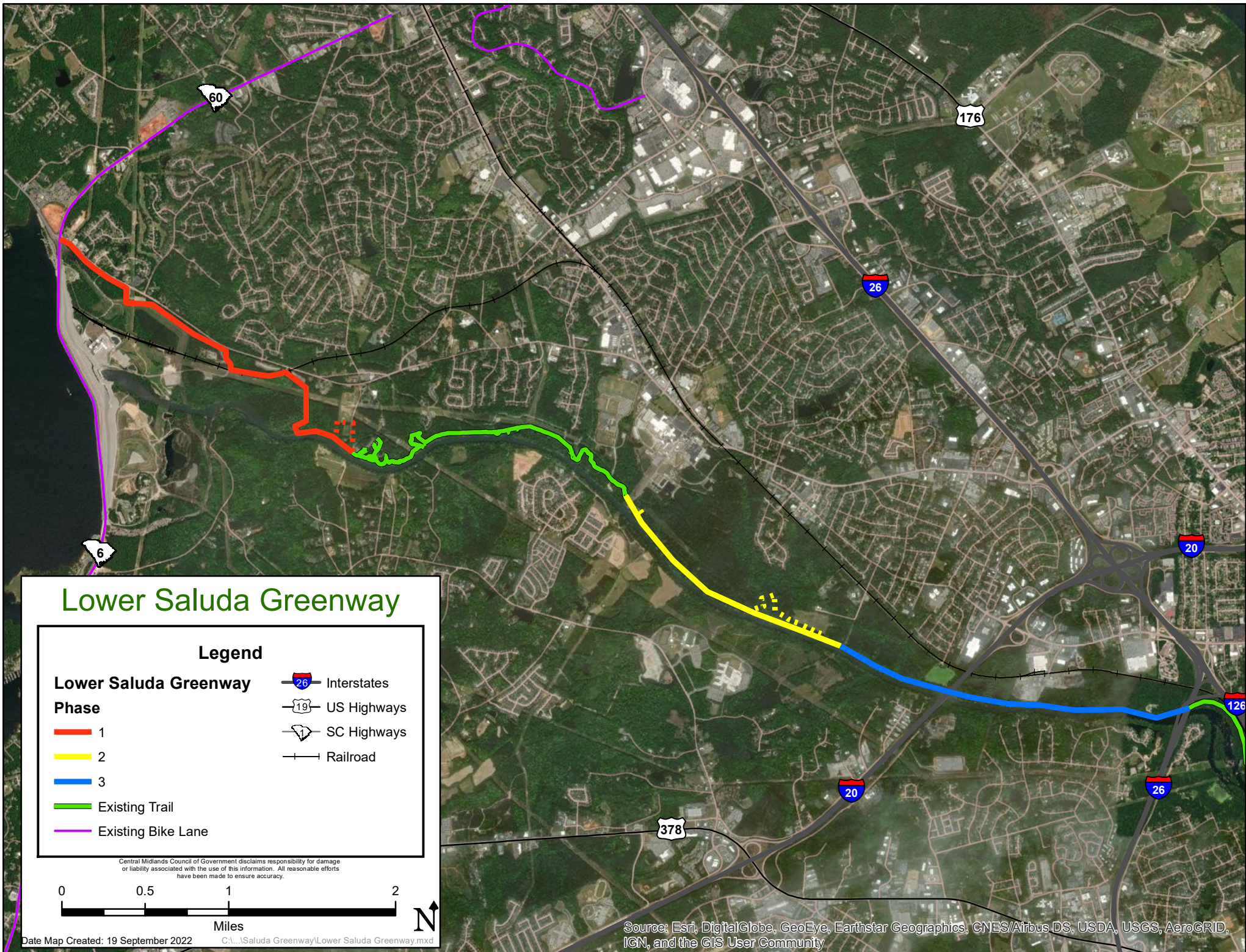
The purpose of the Lower Saluda Greenway, a proposed 10.5-mile multi-use paved path along the north side of the Lower Saluda River, is to increase safe access to nearby parks, trails, and destinations, aid in short-trip multimodal travel, and increase regional connectivity and unity between the Lexington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





Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on April 27th

Public comment period ends on July 19th.

Approval based on any public comments that are received.

Memorandum

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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The COATS MPO in partnership with SCDOT will implement the Complete Streets Initiative to further community goals, including economic development. This project will explore indicators of economic development activity before SCDOT implements Complete Streets projects. The findings of this project will inform future data collection and management, policy development, selection of corridors, and implementation of future Complete Streets projects.

Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

Regional Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

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Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024



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Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

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

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Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

E. 5th Street/Redmond Mill Road Corridor Feasibility Study

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Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

Pine Street Corridor Feasibility Study

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

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

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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Consultant: TBA

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

FY 2024

CMCOG Budget & Work Program



Foster Senn, Chairperson

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Mission Statement

To provide the highest quality of planning, technical assistance and services to local governments, businesses and citizens in the Central Midlands region.

Guiding Principles

- Provide a regional forum where any local government can have issues heard and needs addressed.
- Advocate on behalf of regional governments, businesses and citizens.
- Provide planning and technical assistance with current and future needs of the region in mind.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



LETTER TO CMCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 13, 2023

To the CMCOG Board of Directors:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments budget is comprised of local member contributions, state aid to subdivision and funding from state and federal grant programs. The budget process was delayed this year because of the transition in leadership but largely resembled the process used in past years. After the transition, Department Directors worked diligently with the Finance Director to create a balanced budget that efficiently and effectively provides our services to the midlands region.

As in prior years, CMCOG's process began with the development of a preliminary budget by each department. These preliminary budgets are developed based on contracts and grants that have already been received, or those that have been submitted to appropriate federal and state agencies and which management believes will be funded based on experience and contact with the various agencies. The membership dues that CMCOG receives from our member governments and state aid revenues serve as matching funds.

The COG is primarily a grant-funded agency and the funding can fluctuate from year to year based on changes in state and local funds and opportunities. Once we determine the funding available for staffing our core programs, we determine the funds available for other expenses, such as, supplies, travel, equipment, etc. These preliminary department budgets are compiled and balanced between departments by the Finance Director and the COG budget is then developed into a proposed operating budget, which is discussed with the COG's Executive Committee (which serves as the Budget Committee).

The budget committee discusses any significant changes from the previous year, accomplishments from the current fiscal year, and goals and new projects for the upcoming year. Once adopted, the budget can be amended at the approval of the Board to address any fluctuation in revenues or expenditures as a result of receiving or not receiving grant funds. There may also be proposed budget amendments during the year because the new Executive Director does not take the position until after this budget is adopted.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the midlands region as your Interim Executive Director.

Best Regards,

Rebecca Vance

Rebecca Vance
Interim Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The CMCOG budget reflects existing and anticipated federal and state grants, fees for service work, partnership agreements, and local membership dues. Because of the COVID pandemic and the subsequent American Rescue Plan funding, some federal and state grant programs have received more funding. These funds are largely for one-time programs or projects and the majority of these funds must be expended by the end of 2026.

Particular attention should be paid to each grant-funded program to ensure that newly implemented programs or projects are completed within the guidelines for their expenditures and within the 2026 timeline. These funds should not be used to fund regular operations or expand existing programs to an extent that makes these programs unsustainable once ARP funds have been exhausted.

BUDGET PROCESS

The budget schedule for FY 2024 was as follows:

April	CMCOG Director's submit budget requests / Work Programs.
April	Executive Director and Finance Director review budgets with Directors
May	Proposed Draft Budget is developed by Finance Director
May	Executive Director and Finance Director Finalizes Proposed Draft Budget.
June	CMCOG Executive Committee approves budget. Final budget approval by full CMCOG Board, including Work program and Policy Manual Revisions.

FY 2023 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CMCOG is committed to providing high quality services and is dedicated to sustaining and improving the quality of life for the region. Some successful highlights of this past fiscal year are:

Workforce Development

- ✓ Increased services to job seekers over last year's numbers (15% increase in Youth Work Experience and Internships; 37% increase in classroom-based occupational skills training and 120% increase in On-the-Job Training placements)
- ✓ Execution of a Youth Career Exploration pilot project to enhance K-12 counselor services. Served 10 high school seniors at Midlands Middle College with career exploration activities including interactive cluster-based games, virtual reality career exploration, entrepreneurship exploration, and a worksite tour at Lexington Medical Center.
- ✓ Secured an additional \$333,000 in grant funds to support SC Works operations, front-line staff career development, and job seeker training services.
- ✓ Secured \$306,000 in grant funds to develop Advanced Manufacturing sector strategies across a three local area region
- ✓ Secured block of *Grow with Google* scholarships to further career path training in the Information Technology sector for WIOA participants beyond the ability of WIOA funds.

Long-Term Care Ombudsmen Program

- ✓ Providing quality and compassionate services to our Seniors through the Ombudsmen Department and providing training including, three Advance Directive Awareness Trainings, Four Volunteer Certification Trainings and two Elder Abuse Trainings
- ✓ Developed a tool for families to use when searching for long-term care facilities
- ✓ Developed an Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Test for facility staff that will allow them to get two hours of training from the Ombudsmen Program. This test will be given at the 2023 World Elder Abuse Awareness training. A copy of the test is on the website.
- ✓ The Ombudsmen Department has visited approximately 268 onsite facility visits this year

Transportation

- ✓ Groundbreaking Ceremony to begin construction of the South Main Street Streetscape Project
- ✓ Groundbreaking Ceremony to begin construction on Exit 119 Interstate Interchange Project
- ✓ Completion of the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study
- ✓ Completion of the a Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP), Origin, Destination and Demographic Survey and a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Study (a.k.a Reimagine the Comet)
- ✓ Funding obligation of \$9.5 million for Phase III of the Lower Saluda Greenway Project
- ✓ Funding obligation of \$7 million for the Longtown Road Resurfacing Project
- ✓ Funding obligation of \$6.8 million for the Macedonia Church Road Resurfacing Project
- ✓ Funding obligation of \$475K for the Regional Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan
- ✓ Completion of the 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program
- ✓ Completion of the 2024 & 2025 Rural Planning Work Program

Aging

- ✓ Completed updates on Service Provider contracts
- ✓ Completed the updated for the 2023 – 2025 Area Plan
- ✓ Completed monitoring updates for all aging services
- ✓ Distributed 900 hurricane guides to seniors in preparation for hurricane season.
- ✓ Updated the Emergency Preparedness Plan
- ✓ Participated in a roundtable on Aging Issues with Senator Tim Scott
- ✓ Hired Nakayla Pickett as a new Aging Services Assessor
- ✓ Performed a Needs Assessment Survey and received over 500 responses

Regional Planning

Over the last FY RPD staff assisted our local governments and community partners with applying for over \$7,000,000 in federal grant funding for construction and planning projects. These include grant awards for water and sewer improvements in the Town of Whitmire, a sidewalk project in Newberry County, interior renovations at the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center in West Columbia, and water and sewer utility assessments for Eastover and Swansea. RPD staff also closed four CDBG construction projects; completed three major regional planning projects including the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the Three Rivers Watershed Based Plan; and continued to provide planning and zoning technical assistance to many of our local governments.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the FY 2024 Proposed Budget are:

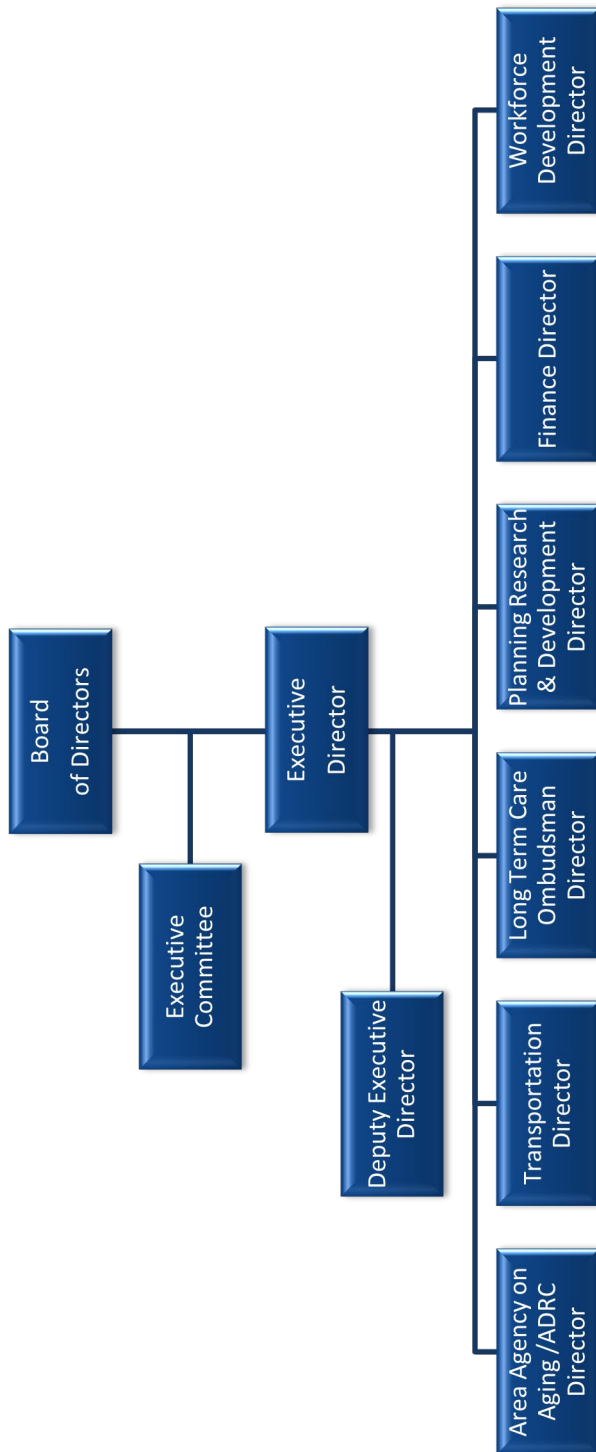
The total recommended budget for the 2023-2024 budget is \$15,023,701. This includes pass-thru dollars.

- The Local membership dues were calculated based on the .87 cents per capita formula in the CMCOG bylaws. The per capita rate remains unchanged from FY2023; however, the population has been updated with the 2020 census.
- State Aid to Subdivision funding for the CMCOG was increased by the State Legislature 78% in FY2023, from \$70,407 per year to \$125,102. This rate will remain the same for FY2024.
- This budget includes a 5% COLA increase for all employees.
- In anticipation of potential renovation projects to the current building, this budget includes an allocation of \$223,449 to a Capital Reserve Fund.

CONCLUSION

The proposed budget for FY 2024 has been prepared with the assistance of the Finance Director, the Deputy Director and the other Department Directors. This budget is balanced and provides funds to begin a Capital Reserve Fund for potential building improvements. The budget and the subsequent Work Programs may be amended with the new Executive Director.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



CMCOG STAFF MEMBERS

ADMINISTRATION

Rebecca Vance
Interim Executive Director

Reginald Simmons
*Deputy Executive Director /
Director of Transportation*

Lindsey Woolley
Receptionist

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Hope McFadden
Accounting Specialist

AREA AGENCY ON AGING/AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Reginald Simmons
*Acting Director of Area Agency on
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JaJuana Davis
Aging Program Coordinator

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*Consumer Choice
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LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

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CDBG/EDA Planner

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Reginald Simmons

*Deputy Executive Director /
Director of Transportation*

MIDLANDS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Development*

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Kynshari Smith

SCWOS Coordinator

Vacant

*Assistant Director, Workforce
Development*

Caroline Jewette

Workforce Coordinator

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WIOA Assessment Manager

Dwayne McLean

WIOA Assessment Coordinator

Brooke Seaton

SCWOS Coordinator

MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

Fairfield County	
Newberry County	
Lexington County	
Richland County	
Batesburg-Leesville	
Blythewood	
Columbia	
Irmo	
Newberry, City	
West Columbia	
Cayce	
Forest Acres	
Lexington, Town	
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Central Midlands Council of Governments
FY2023-24 Budget

	<u>FY2024 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>FY2023 Prior year Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget of Change</u>
Revenue			
Local Revenue			
Member Governments	863,744	700,353	23.33%
State Aid	125,102	70,407	77.68%
Interest Income	150	75	100.00%
Fringe Recovery	1,227,820	1,090,327	12.61%
Indirect Cost Recovery	481,885	965,310	-50.08%
Total Local Revenue	2,698,701	2,826,471	-4.52%
Programs			
Aging Planning & Administration	4,824,168	4,956,261	-2.67%
Ombudsman Program	572,127	482,574	18.56%
Midlands Workforce Development Board	3,751,750	3,350,147	11.99%
Transportation	1,983,665	2,226,858	-10.92%
Regional Planning	120,000	120,000	0.00%
Economic Development	287,625	290,000	-0.82%
Community Development Block Grant Admin	183,000	183,000	0.00%
Local Technical Assistance Contracts	35,500	35,500	0.00%
Total Regional Programs	11,757,835	11,644,340	0.97%
Transfer From Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	567,166	481,641	17.76%
Total Revenue	15,023,701	14,952,452	0.48%
Expenses			
Personnel Costs	3,404,431	3,343,133	1.83%
Fringe & Indirect Cost Allocation	1,709,705	2,055,637	-16.83%
Operations and Maintenance	870,964	988,754	-11.91%
Employee Development & Training	76,200	83,050	-8.25%
Travel & Transportation	108,400	164,476	-34.09%
Consultants & Contracts	2,216,678	1,468,340	50.96%
Capital Outlays	83,383	284,000	-70.64%
Transfer To Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	567,166	481,641	17.76%
Total Operating Expenses	9,036,926	8,869,030	1.89%
Contracted Services Expenses			
Aging	3,395,068	3,673,468	-7.58%
MWDB Contractors	2,368,258	2,409,953	-1.73%
Total Contracted Services Expenses	5,763,326	6,083,422	-5.26%
Capital Reserve			
Capital Reserve Funds	198,449	0	
Investment Pool Funds	25,000	0	
Total Capital Reserve Funds	223,449	0	
Total Expenses	15,023,701	14,952,452	0.48%
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses	(0)	0	

FY2024 WORK PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR: Rebecca Vance

OBJECTIVES: To provide coordinated support for the Board of Directors and its committees; to interact and coordinate with outside partners and agencies; to analyze, comment, and offer recommendations on legislation and to provide to regional public outreach related to CMCOG activities and issues. The administration department is also responsible for providing support and supervision of the agency daily operations, all accounting functions including maintaining accurate and current financial records for the operating, capital, and pass-through funds in accordance with Council policy, state, federal and grantors' regulations.

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	Staff Supervision
2	Board of Directors support and liaison
3	Promote awareness of Council's work progress among member governments and community organizations
4	Maintain and manage all accounting functions
5	Prepare internal and external financial reports
6	Prepare financial reports as required by grantor agencies
7	Assist management staff with budget preparation & monitor department budgets
8	Ensure building, vehicles, and grounds are properly maintained and in good repair
9	Oversee maintenance and upkeep of office equipment
10	Provide Information Technology services to the Agency
11	Maintain the Council's Capital Improvement Program
12	Provide Human Resource services
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024	
1	Update CMCOG Strategic Plan
2	Update / Implement Capital Improvements Plan
3	Develop funding and service objectives/strategies for the CM Development Corp.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING / AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

DIRECTOR: Reginald Simmons

OBJECTIVES: A majority of aging services are federally funded through the 1965 Older Americans Act. This law requires that planning and service districts be designated to plan and implement aging services. The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging has divided the state into ten planning and service districts. Central Midlands Council of Governments was designated as the midlands' Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in 1976. The major component of Aging Services is ADRC Administration.

ADRC ADMINISTRATION: The mission of the Area Agency on Aging is to plan programs and services for the growing population of older people and people with disabilities in Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry and Richland Counties. The agency subcontracts with local providers for delivery of many services. The Regional Aging and Disability Advisory Committee, the majority of whom are older individuals or individuals who are eligible to participate in Older Americans Act programs, or representatives of older persons and the general public, assists the Council of Governments in fulfilling the responsibilities of the Area Agency on Aging.

The department provides and/or supports the following services:

Community Services:

- Adult Day Care Services
- Insurance Counseling (I-CARE)
- Group Dining
- Health and Wellness
- Information and Referral
- Legal Assistance
- Nutrition Education and Screening
- Transportation
- Volunteer Opportunities

In-Home Services:

- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Care
- Respite Care

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	Plan and implement the Medicaid Managed Care program
2	Continue to implement the ADRC
3	Continue to plan and implement Client selection portion of direct services
4	Implement distribution of the Alzheimer's Association vouchers
5	Revamp the FCSP to meet the LGOA documentation requirements
6	Plan and implement the SHIP training
7	Continue to pursue non -traditional venues for Outreach
8	Attend training as required at the SCDOA and continue cross training the staff
9	Advocacy at the state and national levels will continue
10	Continue training on Elder Abuse through Department of Justice grant
11	Outreach to immigrant populations continues
12	Grandparent Support group continues
13	Continue to offer Advance Directives training
14	Attendance at Community Collaborative Response team will continue
15	Revamp the Assessment Program to meet the LGOA documentation requirements
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS- FY 2024	
1.	Implement Area Plan
2.	Update and distribute Agency Resource Guide
3.	Hire staffing to support AAA Programs
4	Update and Implement the CMCOG AAA Policy and Procedure Document
5.	Continue ARP Programs and Services

LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

DIRECTOR: Anna Harmon

OBJECTIVES: The Central Midlands Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program receives complaints/concerns on behalf of residents in long-term care facilities. Long-term care facilities include licensed facilities such as nursing homes, community residential care and assisted living facilities. Complaints range from abuse, neglect, exploitation (ANE) to quality of care issues, improper discharges, falls and resident rights related concerns. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is governed by the federal Older Americans Act and by South Carolina State Law (Omnibus Adult Protection Act). As noted in the Omnibus Adult Protection Act (OAPA), the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program shall investigate or cause to be investigated reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults occurring in facilities. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program investigates, mediates and/or advocates on behalf of residents in order to resolve their concerns. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program also uses advocacy in effort to protect residents and resolve complaints/concerns. As a resident advocate, the Ombudsman is dedicated to improving the quality of care of residents. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman will continue to provide consultations in effort to promote quality care.

The following summarize the duties of the Ombudsman Program:

- Investigates and works to resolve concerns or complaints affecting long term care residents.
- Identifies problem areas in long-term care and advocates and/or mediates for change.
- Provides guidance as related to facility related concerns and related services.
- Promotes resident, families, and community involvement in long-term care.
- Educate the community about the needs and challenges of long-term care residents.
- Coordinates efforts with other agencies in efforts to protect residents and ensure their safety.
- Conduct Routine Visits to long term care facilities to talk to residents and monitor conditions.
- Provide education about resident rights, the OAPA and other long-term care mandates.
- Provide consultations in effort to promote quality care, understanding, guidance and education.
- Promote the Volunteer Ombudsman Program.
- Promote the understanding of Advance Directives, education and assistance as needed.
- Create materials that will educate facilities, families and the community about abuse and neglect.
- Monitor, address and bring COVID related concerns to the SC Department on Aging.
- Encourage Resident and Family Councils.
- Provide and distribute Prime Program information

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS FY 2024	
1	Investigate complaints (abuse and neglect complaints being a priority) .
2	Provide educational information re: Resident Rights/ OAPA/ANE/Prime to facilities and the community.
3	Provide information and coordinate with other agencies on behalf of residents.
4	Serve as a resident advocate and increase advocacy efforts.
5	Recruit, train, and monitor volunteer related activities.
6	Provide Advance Directive education.
7	Encourage Resident and Family Councils.
8	Expand the Volunteer Ombudsman Program.
9	Conduct Routine Visits to long-term care facilities.
10	Provide residents and families with advocacy information and materials.
11	Address/remedy any Conflict of Interest that is identified.

II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024	
1	Distribute materials related to long-term care, elder abuse, Advance Directives, Resident Bill of Rights, Prime Program, Elder Justice Act.
2	Events related to volunteers, advance directives, abuse, neglect & exploitation at least twice yearly.
3	Recruit at least 5 additional volunteers for the region.

RESEARCH, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: Gregory Sprouse

OBJECTIVES:

Local Government Planning and Technical Assistance: Since the agency's creation in 1969, CMCOG has provided land use planning and general technical administrative support to its member local governments in the form of staff support and individual project efforts. Today, CMCOG continues to provide technical assistance to area and local governments on land development matters including, but not limited to, the preparation of land use plans, fringe area studies, zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations or other specialized planning studies. This service is extended to any local governments in the region and is paid for on an individual project basis

Environmental Planning: Environmental activities of Central Midlands Council of Governments include water and air quality planning and regional open space planning. The COG is the designated water quality management agency for the Central Midlands region. As such, CMCOG works closely with state agencies such as the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, municipal and county government groups and public interest groups such as the Sierra Club, the League of Women Voters and the River Alliance to protect the quality of area waterways both for current and future use.

Geographic Information System (GIS): The CMCOG Geographic Information System (GIS) program provides a variety of digital mapping solutions and geo-spatial data services for member governments, municipalities, and the general public. Since 1994 GIS has played an active role in regional transportation, environmental, and land-use planning initiatives. In addition, the GIS department continues to provide technical services, such as zoning and parcel mapping, for some of the smaller municipalities within our region. Other responsibilities undertaken by the GIS division include: providing agency wide analysis and cartographic support, hazard mitigation planning, transportation modeling, environmental mapping, and regional demographic analysis.

Research: Research staff provides data support services for all the council's planning programs. They monitor the region's growth through its original research, and by conducting a number of ongoing surveys. The Research program also offers a comprehensive site analysis and site selection mapping and reporting tool. Features include maps areas showing land and water areas, roads, county and city boundaries and zip codes. Demographic profiles can be generated on points, zip codes, counties, places, or custom areas.

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	Transportation Planning Program Support
2	Local Government Technical Service Contract Administration
3	208 Water Quality Program Management
4	Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Management
5	Graphic/Cartographic Design Support
6	Grant/Contract Development Activities
7	Socio-economic Research Activities
8	Hazard Mitigation Planning
9	Joint Land Use Military Planning
10	Local and Regional Food System Planning
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024	
1	Local government GIS base mapping
2	GIS Database Maintenance

3	Growth and Development Tracking
4	Economic Indicators
5	ACCRA - quarterly Cost of Living Survey
6	Demographic Database Updates
7	Employment Database Updates
8	Regional Population and Employment Projections
9	Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption and Amendments
10	Joint Land Use/Sentinel Landscape Coordination
11	Local Food Policy Council Development and Planning
14	208 Conformance Reviews and Plan Amendments
15	208 Water Quality Management Plan Update
16	Midlands Rivers Coalition Coordination
17	Three Rivers Watershed Based Plan Coordination and Implementation
18	Town of Pine Ridge Planning and Zoning Technical Assistance
19	Town of South Congaree Comprehensive Plan Update
20	Town of Batesburg-Leesville Comprehensive Plan Update
21	Fairfield County Comprehensive Plan Update
23	Central Midlands Development Corporation (CMDC) Support
24	Congaree Biosphere Advisory Council

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: Gregory Sprouse

OBJECTIVE: Community and economic development (CED) comprises a key element of the work of Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG). Working as part of an economic development network in the Central Midlands region, CED staff assists local governments in obtaining grants and loans for businesses from a variety of sources. Planning for economic development occurs through the use of ongoing EDA and CDBG funded planning grants to identify goals and objectives for economic development, and to identify projects and rational economic development.

In addition to economic development related activity, CED staff assists local governments in applying for and in the administration of, CDBG grants for community development and infrastructure projects which benefit low and moderate income communities.

Since Central Midlands was founded, staff has successfully obtained an estimated \$10-20+M in CDBG and EDA funds to undertake a variety of projects around the region to benefit low and moderate income citizens and distressed communities.

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	CDBG Project Administration through end of grant period
2	CDBG, EDA & Related Training
3	CDBG Project Development and Outreach
4	EDA Regional Planning Grant Administration
5	CDBG Regional Planning Grant Administration
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024	
1	Whitmire – Simms Street Sewer Upgrade (Project Administration)
2	Newberry County – (Project Development – Fall)
3	Eastover – Old Elementary School Demolition (Project Administration – Closeout)
4	Eastover – (Project Development – Fall/Spring)
5	Fairfield County/Winnsboro – Zion Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Project (Project Administration)
6	Fairfield County/Ridgeway/Winnsboro (Project Development – Fall/Spring)
7	Fairfield County/Newberry County – CDBG CV (Project Administration)
8	Winnsboro/Fairfield County – WWTP Generator - (Project Administration)
9	City of Newberry – West End Blight Removal Community Enrichment Project (Project Administration)
10	City of Newberry – (Project Development – Fall)
11	Brookland Center for Community Economic Change – BLEC Bathroom/Gym Renovations (Project Administration)
12	Brookland Center for Community Economic Change – NPS Civil Rights Grants (Project Administration)
13	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update
14	Alianza Latina – Grow Local SC USDA Grant (Project Administration)

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

DIRECTOR: Reginald Simmons

OBJECTIVES:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning process for the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS). The COATS MPO study area boundary includes large portions of Richland and Lexington Counties and small portions of Newberry, Fairfield, Calhoun and Kershaw Counties. The primary responsibilities of the MPO is to: 1) develop a Long Range Transportation Plan, which is, at a minimum, a 25-year transportation vision for the metropolitan area; 2) develop a Transportation Improvement Program, which is the agreed-upon list of specific projects for which federal funds are anticipated; and 3) develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which identifies in a single document the annual transportation planning activities that are to be undertaken in support of the goals, objectives and actions established in the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) is also designated as the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) responsible for carrying out the rural transportation planning process for the Central Midlands region. The CMCOG RPO study area boundary includes the non-urbanized areas of Richland and Lexington, Newberry and Fairfield Counties. The primary responsibilities of the RPO is to: 1) develop a Rural Long Range Transportation Plan, which is the 25-year transportation vision for the rural area; 2) develop a Rural Transportation Improvement Program, which is the agreed-upon list of specific projects for which federal funds are anticipated; and 3) develop a Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP), which identifies in a single document the annual transportation planning activities that are to be undertaken in support of the goals, objectives and actions established in the Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan. As the MPO & the RPO, CMCOG provides the forum for cooperative decision making in developing regional transportation plans and programs to meet changing needs. It is composed of elected and appointed officials representing local, state and federal governments or agencies having interest or responsibility in comprehensive transportation planning.

I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	Implementation of the Lower Richland Sub-Area Plan
2	Implementation of the Regional Freight Mobility Transportation Plan
3	Implementation of the Regional Congestion Management Plan
4	Implementation of the Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan Update
5	Implementation of the White Knoll Sub-Area Plan
6	Implementation of the Blythewood Traffic Improvement Area Plan
7	Implementation of the FTA Sections 5316 & 5317 Program Management Plan
8	Implementation of the 2045 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, Regional Travel Demand Model, & Regional Congestion Management Plan
9	Implementation of the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study
10	Implementation of the Blythewood Traffic Improvement Area Plan
11	Implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Plan
12	Implementation of the West Metro Bicycle Master Plan & Bike Share Plan
13	Implementation of the Short Range Transit Plan, Origin, Destination, & Demographic Survey & Comprehensive Operational Analysis
14	Implementation of the Irmo/Dutch Fork Sub-Area Plan
15	Implementation of the Elgin/Richland Northeast Sub-Area Plan
16	Implementation of the Batesburg-Leesville/Columbia Transit Feasibility Study
17	Implementation of the Camden/Columbia Alternative Analysis

18	Implementation of the Broad River Road Corridor & Community Study
19	Implementation of Air Quality and Conformity Analysis
20	Implementation of Rail, Truck, and Transit Planning
21	Implementation of Sustainable Community Initiatives
22	Implementation of Environmental Mitigation
23	Implementation of Safety & Security Planning Analysis
24	Implementation of the 2020 Title VI Plan and Language Assistance Plan
25	Implementation of the 2020 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program
26	Implementation of the Newberry/Columbia Alternative Analysis Phase I
27	Implementation of the Section 5339 Program
28	Implementation of the Transit Site Selection Study
29	Implementation of the City of Columbia Bike/Ped Master Plan & Bike Share Plan
30	Implementation of the Regional Transit Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study
31	Implementation of the 2020-2027 Rural TIP
32	Implementation of the 2020-2027 Urban TIP
33	Implementation of the 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program
34	Implementation of the 2024-2025 Rural Planning Work Program
35	Implementation of the West Wateree Transportation Study
36	Implementation of the 2023-2025 DBE Goal
37	Implementation of the Section 5310 Program
38	Implementation of the COATS MPO Transportation Alternatives Program
39	Implementation of SCDOT Performance Measures
40	Implementation of Scenario Planning Initiatives
41	Implementation of the Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study
42	Implementation of the Public Participation Plan Update
43	Implementation of the Regional Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study

II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS - FY 2024

1	Regional Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan
2	Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
3	Columbia East Traffic Improvement Area Plan
4	Riverbanks Land Use and Transportation Plan
5	Regional Passenger Rail Study
6	Complete Streets Economic Impact Analysis
7	Congestion Management Plan Update
8	US 1 Corridor Feasibility Study
9	Kendall Road Corridor Feasibility Study
10	Corley Mill Road/Andrew Corley Road Corridor Feasibility Study
11	SC 6 Corridor Feasibility Study
12	Regional Freight Plan
13	Regional ITS Architecture
14	Rural Intersection Improvement Feasibility Assessments
15	New MPO Boundary
16	Church Street (US 321) Corridor Feasibility Study
17	Regional Resiliency Plan
18	On Call Public Participation Consultant
19	On Call Translation Services
20	Regional Gateways Project

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: Tammy Beagen

OBJECTIVES: The Central Midlands Council of Governments is the fiscal agent for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Richland, Lexington, and Fairfield Counties, South Carolina. The workforce program is committed to building an integrated workforce development system that effectively pools the resources of many diverse partner agencies and delivers optimal quality customer-focused service. Partner agencies include local area school districts, Adult Education providers, county social service providers, SC Vocational Rehabilitation, technical colleges, the SC Department of Employment and Workforce, local community action councils, private non-profits, and other workforce stakeholders. The workforce system provides services to youth ages 17 to 24, adults, and dislocated workers. Some of these services include job readiness, job search assistance, job placement, job retention services, assessment, and training assistance.

Clients can obtain the following services:

- Career exploration and guidance
- Career Readiness Assessments
- Job readiness skills training
- Occupational skills training
- Job search strategies and job placement, including special services for dislocated workers
- Internet access to employment and training resources
- Information on community resources
- Rapid Response Services to Dislocated Workers
- Labor Market Information and data
- Workshops ranging from PC and software use, essential skills, interviewing, resume creation & career exploration

BUSINESS SERVICES: The Business community is a partner – not just a customer of the public workforce system. The goal of the Midlands System is to provide efficient service to businesses to find well-trained, highly qualified employees. Employers benefit by saving time and money through listing jobs, on-site recruitment events, having applicants prescreening based on specifications, interviewing space for applicants, and access to invaluable labor market information. Assistance with specific training needs and guidance on eligibility for financial incentives for hiring from priority population areas is also available through the workforce centers.

Business services available are:

- Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Funds
- On-the-Job-Training (OJT) Programs
- Interview space and center access
- Labor Market Information (LMI)
- WIN & WorkKeys Career Readiness Assessments
- Candidate recruiting events - in-person & virtual
- Applicant screening and referral
- Tax Credit Information
- Federal Bonding
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- Tax Credit Information
- Federal Bonding
- Access to the largest data base of job seekers in the state
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I. PROGRAM PRIORTIES / FOCUS- FY 2024	
1	SC Works Center Virtual service expansion
2	Apprenticeship program expansion and partnerships
3	Operation of the Midlands WIOA system and assessment programs
4	Sector Strategies (Regional Workforce system)

5	Talent Pipeline development and increasing the workforce pool
II. CURRENT / FUTURE PROJECTS – FY 2024	
1	Evaluation of service delivery options and enhancements
2	Leverage new funding resources & partnerships
3	Regional & Local Area plan enhanced activities
4	Youth Internship and Apprenticeships
5	Create Opportunity Columbia initiative expansion
6	Support to County & State Economic Development programs
7	Digital Literacy expansion
8	Youth Work-Based Learning expansion
9	MWDB Strategic Planning
10	SC Works Centers re-certification
11	Work-based Learning (On-the-Job-Training, Transitional Jobs & Work Experience) host site expansion
12	Rapid Response Team Service Delivery & Orientation
13	Workforce Innovation Grant partnerships to include support to and collaboration with the K-12 system
14	Community, career and resource fair events – in-person & virtual
15	Expansion of demand driven Business Services to include promotion of Apprenticeship programs
16	Expanded partner collaborations
17	Increase services to priority populations
18	SC Works Center Satellite/Access Point expansion opportunities
19	Incumbent Worker Training program & Customized Training expansion
20	Career Readiness system expansion – Job Analysis

CMCOG OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- **Principle 1: Develop Exceptional Staff**
 - a. Hire the best people
 - b. Challenge staff to continuously improve
 - c. Grow effective leaders who live the COG philosophy
 - d. Encourage creativity and think outside the box
- **Principle 2: Share the Burden**
 - a. Level the workload through cross-training and a team approach
- **Principle 3: Prevent Inefficiencies**
 - a. Use all resources (time, labor, and capital) efficiently
- **Principle 4: Maintain Credibility**
 - a. Resolve issues proactively, before they become problems
 - b. Make objective planning recommendations
 - c. Use the best available information
 - d. Use proven analytical tools
 - e. Choose long-term benefits over short-term considerations
- **Principle 5: Build Consensus**
 - a. Listen
 - b. Take the time to plan carefully
 - c. Serve as an honest broker to resolve conflicts
 - d. Educate and achieve consensus
 - e. Keep the public involved and informed
 - f. Implement quickly
- **Principle 6: Remain Flexible**
 - a. Be responsive to our clients / constituents changing needs
- **Principle 7: Help Partners**
 - a. Maintain effective working relationships with public and private partners
 - b. Encourage them to improve
- **Principle 8: Be the Best**
 - a. Be the standard by which other COGs are judged
 - b. Do it right the first time
 - c. Don't cut corners
 - d. Be action oriented

FY24 EMPLOYEE SALARY CLASSIFICATIONS

Central Midlands Council of Governments Employee Salary Classifications FY 2024

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Positions</u>
I	\$23,605 - \$37,922	Accounting Clerk I Administrative Assistant I / Receptionist Ombudsman Program Assistant
II	\$31,200 - \$47,193	Accounting Clerk II Aging Program Coordinator Ombudsman Program Coordinator Operations Coordinator WOIA Assessment Specialist
III	\$36,103 - \$53,108	Accountant Associate Ombudsman Community Development Planner I-CARE Coordinator Information, Referral & Assistance Specialist Ombudsman Investigator Ombudsman Volunteer Program Coordinator WOIA Assessment Supervisor WOIA Business & Industry Consultant WOIA SCWOS Coordinator
IV	\$43,609 - \$66,909	Community Development Manager Family Caregiver Advocate GIS Manager Human Resources / Operations Manager Information Services Manager Senior Ombudsman Investigator Senior Planner WOIA Industry & Partner Liaison Grant Accountant

V	\$53,103	-	\$77,654	WOIA Business & Industry Manager WOIA Program Manager
VI	\$58,654	-	\$83,552	Chief Planner Chief Transportation Planner WOIA Regional Director of Operations
VII	\$64,959		\$94,786	Area Agency on Aging / ADRC Director Assistant Workforce Development Director Director, Research, Planning & Development Finance Director Regional LTC Ombudsman Program Director Transportation Director Workforce Development Director
VIII	Unclassified			Deputy Executive Director Executive Director

CMCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Brian Carter, City Administrator

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THE COMET

Leroy Deschamps, Interim Executive Director





Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 15, 2023

SUBJECT: Feasibility Study: SC 6

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program to add \$100K to conduct a feasibility analysis for the SC 6 Corridor.

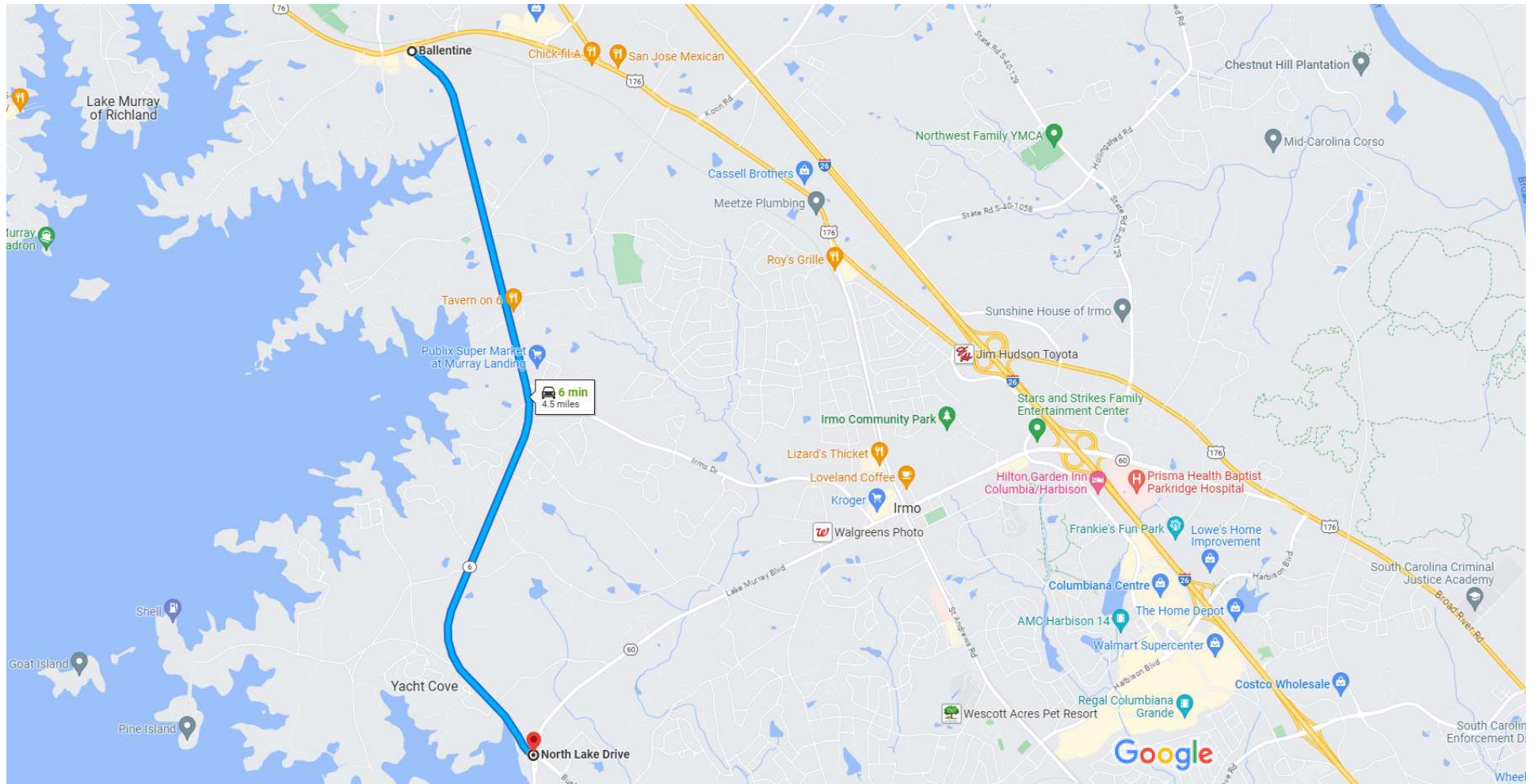
BACKGROUND

The Central Midlands Council of Governments and Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) serves as the comprehensive plan for transportation investment to support the safe and efficient movement of people and goods within the CMCOG region and the Columbia urbanized area through the plan horizon year of 2045. It establishes the purpose and need for major projects included in the federal transportation funding program, identifies activities to address major transportation issues, and prioritizes investments in the transportation system.

Based on this plan, a feasibility study has been requested for the SC 6 corridor. 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.

The following segment have been identified for the feasibility analysis:

- SC 6 from Bush River Road to US 76



Map data ©2023 Google 2000 ft



via SC-6 E

6 min

Fastest route now due to traffic conditions

4.5 miles



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 15, 2023

SUBJECT: **Section 5310 Projects**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 - 2027 TIP and the Human Services Coordination Plan to add the FY 2024 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 11th staff released a call for projects for the FFY 2021 funding cycle. Staff will present those requests for inclusion in the Human Services Coordination Plan and the 2020 - 2027 TIP.



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May 22, 2023

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

RE: FY2024 CMCOG Large Urban- Section 5310

Mr. Simmons,

Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (DUNS: 10034618) respectfully request \$138,529 in funding from the Central Midlands Council of Governments to assist homeless persons with disabilities and senior citizens in accessing government resources in the downtown area to include the DMV, Harvest Hope, medical facilities, and banking facilities. The funding will be used to purchase a replacement 14 passenger cut-away that is no longer in service. We are replacing a 2012 Ford Goshen GCII (VIN: IFDEE3FL3CDA29138 mileage 297,000). The vehicle was sold at auction at the motor died. We anticipate serving 450 individuals who are elderly, disabled, or homeless. Our matching funds are from private donations.

Our organization was founded in 2011 and has been serving the homeless of Midlands of South Carolina through our residential program, day services, after care program, and Adult Day Care. We have served over 20,000 unique individuals since our inception. We currently serve the 13 counties of the Midlands region including Richland, Lexington, Newberry, and Fairfield Counties. We are located in downtown Columbia. This bus will make an immediate difference in the lives of our clients who are unable to afford COMET services which are the only form of public transportation in Richland and Lexington County.

We believe this project is aligned with the council goals of enhancing access to food and medical services for unserved or underserved individuals in Richland and Lexington Counties. The contact person for this project is Monica Haddock. My email address is mhaddock@transitionssc.org and my direct line is (803)724-1081.

Please find our completed application attached.

Sincerely,

Monica Haddock
Vice-President of Operations

Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (DUNS:10034618) is requesting funding to support our efforts to end homelessness in the Greater Midlands Area. Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. operates Transitions, whose primary goal is to move people from homelessness to permanent housing. Funds will be used to replace our cut-a-way, the Route to Success, that operates in Richland and Lexington County to serve the elderly and disabled homeless population residing at Transitions. We are replacing a 2012 Ford Goshen GCII (VIN: IFDEE3FL3CDA29138 mileage 297,000). The vehicle was sold at auction after the motor died. This project will serve low-income individuals, the aging population and the disabled. In the fiscal year ending June 2022, we served over 3000 individuals through all of our programs including 180 elderly individuals and 620 individuals with disabilities. In addition, Transitions operates an Adult Day Care which served an additional 34 people. We anticipate serving 450 individuals who are elderly, disabled, or homeless through this project each fiscal year.

The Route to Success (RtS) operates on a primarily fixed schedule each day, connecting the elderly and disabled clients to local and regional service providers (for example, The Department of Social Services, Columbia Area Mental Health, The Department of Motor Vehicles, Richland Primary Care, and Dorn Veterans Hospital). Case Managers will also be able to schedule additional stops as necessary. Clients are offered multiple opportunities to board the bus at our facility to be transported to various community service providers in the urban and rural areas in and around Columbia, SC. Regularly scheduled services/destinations include the bank, pharmacy, grocery stores, post office, medical appointments, and other service providers. Operating hours are from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

The RtS helps to end homelessness in the Midlands by allowing clients to access government resources. Gaining access to the social security office, the DMV, medical care, and other agencies are the foundation to both employment and housing. Additionally, 75% of our clients come to Transitions with no income and are unable to pay for COMET Bus Tickets. Transitions Transport is offered at no cost to the clients and operates daily. Without transportation, clients are unable to access resources in the community to get their lives back.

After we house individuals in permanent housing, food insecurity continues to be an issue for our clients. The average amount of assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is \$121 per month or \$4.00 per day. On Tuesday and Thursday by request, the bus will take after care clients from Lexington and Richland Counties to Harvest Hope food Bank, the grocery store, or other local food banks or feeding sites.

The Route to Success helps the CMCOG achieve the goal of enhancing access to food and medical services in unserved or underserved communities. Transitions serves over 3000 people experiencing homelessness every year. Our minibus will be dedicated to serving this community with daily drop-offs to the Cooperative Health campus on Monticello Rd, Dorn Medical Center, and other medical and mental health providers in Richland and Lexington Counties. The RtS will also serve recently housed individuals with trips to local food banks and grocery shopping.

Transitions coordinates services for the homeless with over 30 partner agencies. We will be coordinating client trips with Cooperative Health, Lexington Richland Drug and Abuse Council, Columbia Area Mental Health, the Richland County Public Library, The Department of Motor Vehicles, and other medical providers. The continued operation of Route to Success is supported through funding from private donations, community foundations and other government grants.

The Route to Success line would be operational immediately after purchase. Our personnel are already in place as the vehicle is a replacement for a vehicle that is no longer operational. This project is crucial to achieving our mission of engaging and equipping the homeless of the Midlands into stability and permanent housing. One of the first steps in that process is getting IDs and social security cards for our clients which has to be applied for in person. Most of our clients lack the monetary resources to ride the existing COMET buses. The Route to Success operates free of charge daily from our facility in downtown Columbia. Even though we are a few blocks away from the Strom Thurmond building, about 30% of our clients identify as elderly or disabled and have difficulty walking to the Social Security office. The bus routes will be posted outside Transitions and on our website. Appointments for the bus can also be made with our receptionist. The route map and times of operation are below.

TRANSITIONS BUS ROUTE

8:00 Transitions Campus 2025 Main St

8:30 DHEC Bull St

8:45 Columbia Area Mental Health/LRADAC Campus

8:50 Department of Social Services/ Wateree Community Action

9:00 AM SC Works

9:15 Cooperative Health Monticello Campus/ Dedicated Senior Care

10:00 Strom Thurmond Building

10:15 Richland County Public Library

10:15 Optus Bank Main St

10:30 Department of Motor Vehicles – Shop Rd

11:00 CAMH/LRADAC

11:15 SC Works

12:00 Transitions Campus

1:30 – 4:30 Pickups by Appointment

We currently employ two full-time drivers, a transportation manager, facilities supervisor, VP of Operations and an Executive Director who are all available to support the project. Our drivers undergo a defensive driving course biannually through 911 driving school. Every driving day, each vehicle undergoes a pre and post trip visual inspection. Our cars received routine maintenance from Firestone and are covered under our fleet maintenance contract. When a particular vehicle is out for maintenance, we attempt to cover the route with a different vehicle. In addition, Midlands Housing Alliance has allocated \$48,000 from our operational budget for fuel, maintenance, and insurance expenditures for the minibus that will be used to transport clients to activities. These funds are

acquired from various funding sources, but not from SCDOT. Midlands Housing Alliance is funded by a diverse base of funding providers. Operational and support services are funded through grants from Housing and Urban Development, an Emergency Shelter Grant, Community Development Block Grant funds, city and county funding, and private donations from individuals and private businesses. Our matching funds for the initial purchase are from private donations.

In 2008, Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (MHA) was formed by a community coalition to help end homelessness in the greater Midlands area. After acquiring land at Main and Elmwood in downtown Columbia, MHA began to build the facilities now known as Transitions. On June 15, 2011, Transitions was opened to provide basic shelter and comprehensive services to individuals, 18 and older, in the Greater Midlands area who were homeless. Clients entered the following week, and supportive services began immediately. When it opened, Transitions had 201 beds (137 emergency shelter beds and 64 transitional housing beds). By June 2012, 59 additional emergency beds had been added, bringing the total number of beds to 260. Transitions' residential programs have maintained that number of bed units today, with 64 emergency beds, 14 convalescent beds, 114 program beds, and 64 extended program beds. Our residential programs maintain a 90% bed utilization rate. Transitions also operates a Day Center which is open 7 days a week 8:30am-5:00pm to provide an alternative to the street during the day and to allow homeless individuals an opportunity to get services, treatment, and lunch. On average, 68 individuals use the Day Center and its services daily. Combining all programs, Transitions serves approximately 325 homeless individuals each day.

Transitions' goal is to assist all of our clients into stable, permanent housing as quickly as possible. To accomplish this goal, we provide levels of services individually tailored to the needs, ability, and commitment level of the client. The benefits include a safe place to sleep, handicap accessible facility, refuge from the weather, meals, showers, laundry, linens and towels, emergency clothing, a quiet library with books, computer lab with Wi-Fi, job training and life skills classes, financial planning and budgeting, legal aid and homeless court, an onsite health clinic, mail delivery, access to a case manager and community resources, and transportation to various agencies. Our case management staff takes a "client-centered" approach, working with clients to help them identify barriers to housing and address those barriers positively through a variety of supportive services and programs. Most of these services are offered at our facility, for accessibility. These services are provided by our professional staff in coordination and collaboration with over 45 Partners in Excellence, area agencies that provide a range of services to homeless individuals on-site at Transitions. Major services include mental health and substance abuse counseling, health care, employment training and job skills, life skills, legal assistance, housing assistance, and veterans' services. In addition, Transitions conducts a monthly Client Advisory Council (CAC) to incorporate lived experience into current policy and procedures.

The contact person for this project is Monica Haddock, VP of Operations. She can be reached at mhaddock@transitionssc.org or via phone at (803) 724-1081. Our address is 2025 Main St, Columbia, SC 29201. We can be reached on the web at www.transitionssc.org.



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RE: FY2024 CMCOG Large Urban- Section 5310

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People experiencing homelessness have lost the protection of a home and their community. They are often marginalized and isolated within the larger society. Also, people with mental and/or substance use disorders frequently face challenges in building and maintaining social connections. Social inclusion offers opportunities to re-engage with the community and form positive relationships. Helping people experiencing homelessness overcome these beliefs and participate in treatment is a key step in recovery. The KIA minivan will help individuals reengage by taking them to positive activities in the community.

The KIA minivan will take homeless clients and Adult Day Care participants to daily activities in Richland and Lexington County. Having clients reengage in the community is vital to recovery. These trips will help improve cognitive ability, mental function, and physical fitness. Example trips will include trips to Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, exercise classes through the Richland and Lexington Recreation Commission, National Parks, festival and fairs, and shopping trips.

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Andrew Boozer

Executive Director

May 19, 2023

Reginald Simmons

Central Midlands Council of Governments

236 Stoneridge Drive

Columbia, SC 29212

Dear Mr. Simmons:

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

I request a meeting for clarifying on the application process. Please contact me at (803) 252-7734, ext. 261.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this funding.

Sincerely,

Andrew Boozer

Executive Director

Letter of Intent to Apply

Large Urban Section 5310

Name of Agency:

Senior Resources, Inc.

Contact Person:

Andrew Boozer, Executive Director

Senior Resources, Inc.

2817 Millwood Avenue

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 252-7734, ext. 261

aboozer@seniorresourcesinc.org

Amount of Request:

\$110,000.00

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, and privately raised funds from the community.

Project Category:

Capital

Project Type:

Purchase of Vehicle (Replacement) 14 Passenger cut-a-way

Replaces: 1FDEE3FLXCDA29198, 2013 FORD E350, 121,443, SCDOT Owned?: No

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 has traditionally provided 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, 2022, Senior Resources provided 93,148 passenger miles to 99 clients through our Transportation program.

We expect this replacement vehicle to regularly serve our Wellness Center clients to provide roundtrip door to door transportation to 12 seniors, 5 days a week for 50 weeks each year, or the equivalent of 6,000 one way trips per year. Seniors attending this center primarily reside in the city of Columbia and areas within the Columbia Urbanized Area. Our Wellness Centers include an active partnership with Columbia Housing Authority to transport senior public housing residents to the center.

All of the clients served in our Transportation Program are classified as elderly and/or disabled. Almost 88% of the clients served are 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 transportation services, these seniors will not be able to access daily nutrition, exercise, and socialization activities that enable them to remain healthy and independent. The vehicle purchase will meet goal #1 as stated in the Regional Coordination Plan.

Project Budget:

Total Vehicle Purchase:	5310 Request:	Local Match (20%):
\$110,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$22,000.00

Senior Resources, Inc. has the ability to provide the required local match. This match will be met through funding provided to Senior Resources from local appropriations by Richland County Council and privately raised funds from the community.

Signature:



Andrew Boozer, Executive Director

Date: 5/19/23

**Large Urban Section 5310
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and
Individuals with Disabilities Program
(Federal Funding Fiscal Year 2021)**

Application Form

Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Name of Applicant: SENIOR RESOURCES

Amount Requested: \$ 88,000.00

Type of Request: CAPITAL

**Capital
(Purchase of Service or Vehicle)**

County Where Service to be Provided RICHLAND

Agency DUNS Number: 070372099

Return To: Attention: Reginald Simmons
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29212
803-744-5133
www.centralmidlands.org

Letter of Intent Deadline: May 25, 2023 @ 2 p.m.

Full Application Deadline: May 25, 2023 @ 2 p.m.

APPLICATION

"Part Two"

(Original due to CMCOG by May 25, 2023)

Please submit part two of the application in narrative proposal format. Each applicant must provide information for each area listed below. Please provide detailed, clear and concise information not exceeding 15 pages (this does not include the actual announcement pages). Information should be directly related to the Section 5310 project and how this project will enhance the proposed clients served. Do not forget to complete the front of the application including Agency name and other important information.

MPO: Columbia Area Transportation Study

Primary Service Area: Large Urban (Please review the Columbia Urbanized Area Map in Appendix C)

1. Agency Name: SENIOR RESOURCES

Agency DUNS: 070372099

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: ANDREW BOOZER

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address: 2817 MILLWOOD AVE

City: COLUMBIA

9-digit Zip Code: 29205

Phone: 803-256-7734

FAX: 803-929-0349

E-mail: ABOOZER@SENIORRESOURCESINC.ORG

Web Site Address (if any): SENIORRESOURCESINC.ORG

2. Agency Type:

- ☒ Private Non-Profit (501(c)(3))
☐ Public
☐ Tribal Government or Community
☐ Other Agency (Specify): _____

3. Applicant Status:

- ☒ New Applicant
☐ Continuing Applicant (List Contract Number _____)

4. This application contains funding requests for:

☐ Purchase of Service (POS) \$ _____

☐ Expansion Capital Equipment

- ADA Accessible Cut-A-Way \$ _____
- ADA Mini Van \$ _____
- Purpose Built \$ _____

☒ Replacement Capital Equipment (Must Complete this information)

- ADA Accessible Cut-A-Way \$ 110,000 _____
- ADA Mini Van \$ _____
- Purpose Built \$ _____

Please provide information regarding the vehicle that's being replaced

- Make of Vehicle: 2013 FORD _____
- Model of Vehicle: E350 _____
- VIN: 1FDEE3FLXCDA29198 _____
- Current Mileage: 121,443 _____
- Who holds title to vehicle? SENIOR RESOURCES _____

____ Mobility Management: \$ _____

Mobility Management is an innovative approach for managing and delivering coordinated transportation services to our customers. Mobility management focuses on meeting individual customer needs through a wide range of transportation options and service providers. It also focuses on coordinating these services and providers in order to achieve a more efficient transportation service delivery system. Mobility Management Services under Section 5310 must coordinate transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. The project must serve more than one agency within the region and must be able to provide performance measures to include:

1. Number of Individuals served per invoice period (month);
2. Number of Individuals connected to a ride or transportation related services;
3. Summary of Project to include success of project

Eligibility: (Briefly describe the individuals the agency serves and whether they are elderly and or have disabilities).

SENIOR RESOURCES SERVES FRAIL AND ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS IN RICHLAND COUNTY, THE CLIENTELE IS PRIMARILY

OVER THE AGE OF 60. THOSE FEW CLIENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 60 HAVE PHYSICAL AND/OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS THAT

CAUSE THEM TO BE UNABLE TO DRIVE. THE MOST COMMON DISABILITIES FOUND IN RIDERS ARE AMULTARY, MENTAL

CAPACITY, AND LOSS OF HEARING/VISION. OF THE CLIENTS TRANSPORTED, NEALY 80% ARE AT OR BELOW 150% OF THE

POVERTY LEVEL. RIDERS NEED TRANSPORT TO SENIOR CENTERS, MEDICAL APPOINTMETNS, AND ESSENTIAL SHOPPING

TO STAY HEALTHY AND INDEPENDENT.

Letter of Intent Deadline: May 25, 2023 @ 2 p.m.

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

May 23, 2023

Dear Mr. Simmons,

The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET) is submitting this letter of intent to the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) for the pursuit of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. Specifics on The COMET's request is below:

Name of Agency: Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority

Contact Person: Michelle Ransom, Grants and Regional Coordination Manager, 803-255-7134,
MRansom@theCometSC.gov.

Amount of FTA Request: \$363,728

Local Match: Up to \$90,932 in matching funds would be provided Feonix Mobility Rising who will provide the service. Any remaining matching funds will be provided by private partners and/or The COMET from Richland County Transportation Penny. This Transportation Penny is committed to The COMET for 22 years or \$300,991,000, whichever comes first. This is a local option sales tax.

Project Scope: This funding request is to continue the ongoing Access to Care project that resulted from a federal Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (iCAM) grant that was awarded to The COMET and implemented during FY 2022/FY 2023. The project has established best practices in transportation for coordinated care in serving disabled individuals, veterans and seniors with Mobility as a Service. A first and last mile shuttle system was created in hopes of increasing use of the fixed route transit services for accessing medical care as well as a door-to-door shuttle for those needing critical care. The popularity of this project continues to increase which is why The COMET requests funding to continue providing these services to existing and new clientele.

The project will operate within Lexington and Richland Counties.

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Overall Project Budget: \$454,660

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (803) 255-7081 or email me at LDesChamps@thecometssc.gov.

Sincerely,



LeRoy DesChamps
Interim Executive Director

cc: Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer
Michelle Ransom, Grants and Regional Coordination Manager

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MPO: Columbia Area Transportation Study

Primary Service Area: Large Urban (Please review the Columbia Urbanized Area Map in Appendix C)

1. Agency Name: Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority - The COMET

Agency DUNS: 148132322

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: Michelle Ransom

Title: Grants & Regional Coordination Manager

Address: 3613 Lucius Road

City: Columbia

9-digit Zip Code: 29201-1108

Phone: 803-255-7134

FAX: 803-255-7113

E-mail: mransom@thecometasc.gov

Web Site Address (if any): catchthecomet.org

2. Agency Type:

- ☐ Private Non-Profit (501(c)(3))
- ☒ Public
- ☐ Tribal Government or Community
- ☐ Other Agency (Specify): _____

3. Applicant Status:

- ☐ New Applicant
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☐ Expansion Capital Equipment

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- ADA Mini Van \$ _____
- Purpose Built \$ _____

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Eligibility: (Briefly describe the individuals the agency serves and whether they are elderly and or have disabilities).

The COMET provides fixed route transit as well as complementary paratransit services within the Midlands of South Carolina. Eligible persons may receive The COMET half-fare ID which are used to purchase Half-Fare passes for the fixed-route transit system. Eligible recipients include veterans, seniors (65+), youth (ages 16-18), Medicare card holders and persons with disabilities. Paratransit riders partake in functional ability testing to determine their eligibility. Once eligibility is established, paratransit customers may ride free on the fixed route transit system.

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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: \$39,691

Local Match: Total revenue for the Babcock Center for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was \$36,248,168. Revenue from state agencies (primarily the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs) totaled \$29,618,158. 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 the requested vehicle is \$49,614. Babcock Center will secure the \$9,923 in match through funds obtained from the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Project Category: Capital Equipment

- Ford Transit ADA Passenger Van

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.

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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 \$16,383.

President/CEO Signature:



Date: ~~June 7, 2022~~

5-19-23

Thoyd B. Warren

Babcock Center Inc.

Large Urban Section 5310

FY 2023 -2024

Budget

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
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Capital

(Purchase of Service or Vehicle)

County Where Service to be Provided: **Lexington**

Agency DUNS Number: **07799840**

Return To: Attention: Reginald Simmons

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Point of Contact: **Phillip**

Title: **Director, Support Services**

Address: **2725 Banny Jones Ave.**

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Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 15, 2023

SUBJECT: **New MPO Boundary**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to adopt the COATS MPO new metropolitan planning study boundary which is based upon the 2020 US Census.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

On Thursday, December 29, 2022, the US Census Bureau released their new 2020 Urbanized Areas. The release of these new urbanized areas denoted that per federal requirements, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) such as the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) will have to adjust their metropolitan planning area boundary to encompass the contiguous census designated urbanized area and the area projected to be urbanized over the next 20 years. Federal requirements also denoted that the COATS MPO may consider adjusting its Policy Committee composition to ensure that adequate representation for all necessary jurisdictions has been addressed.

The 2020 US Census produced a new census designated urbanized area that receded the existing COATS MPO Boundary in three (3) locations. The nearby municipalities in these reduced areas were the Town of Chapin in Lexington and Newberry Counties, Town of Swansea in Lexington County, and the Lugoff/Elgin Area in Kershaw County. Please be advised that the Lugoff/Elgin area was designated by the Census Bureau as an urban cluster and was not included as part of the census designated urbanized area for Columbia.

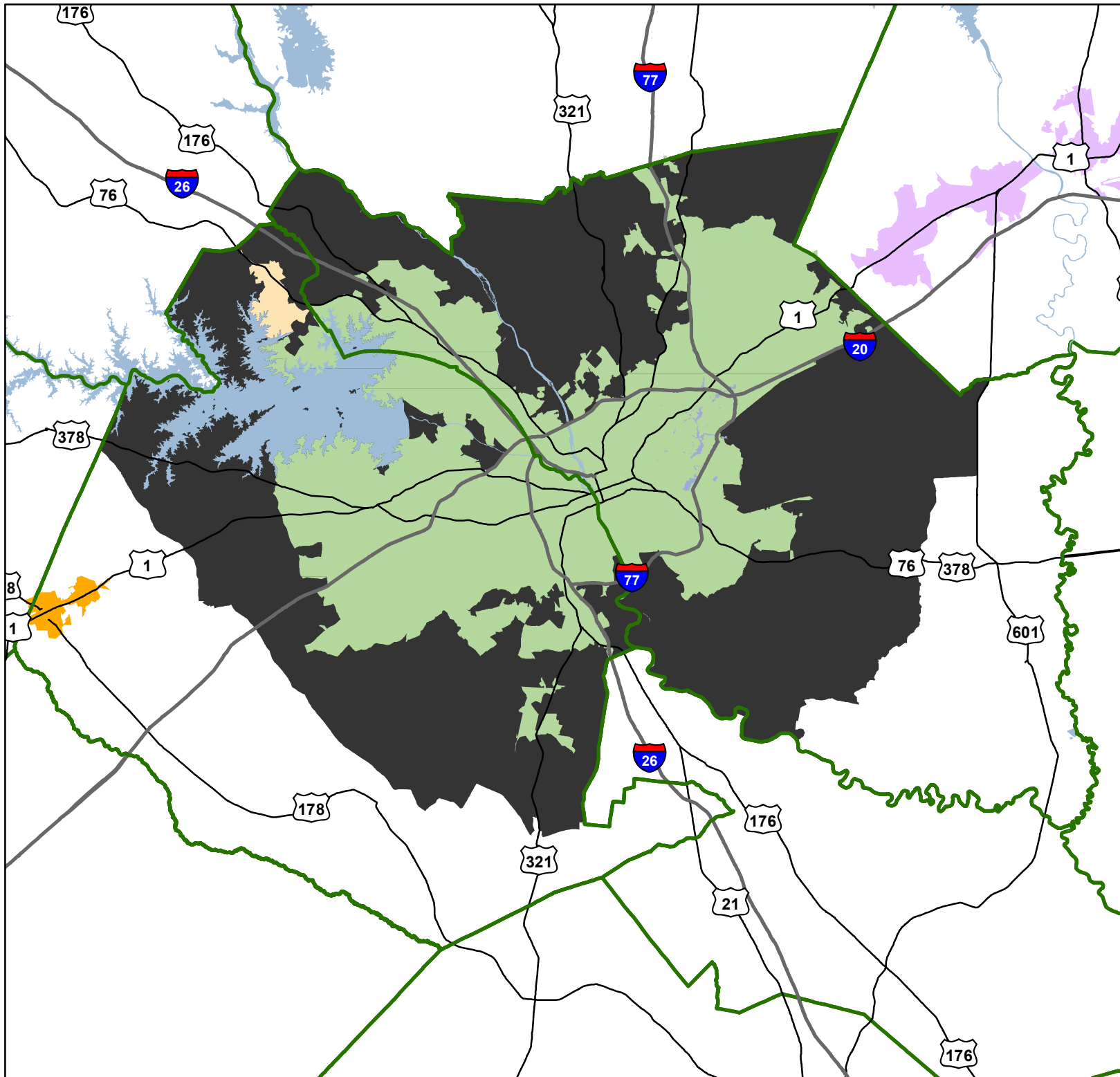
The SCDOT Planning Office has been working with all of the MPOs to discuss changes to the urbanized areas and any resulting changes to the study boundaries. SCDOT has provided a schedule to all COGs and MPOs which outlined SCDOT's accelerated schedule for receiving updates resulting from the 2020 Census. This accelerated schedule will allow the next Regional Mobility Program (RMP) allocation increase to be based on the 2020 Census population rather than the 2010 population numbers. SCDOT has requested for all MPO boundaries to be updated and submitted by August 1st.

The COATS MPO has created an updated MPO Boundary based on the 2020 Census. The new boundary will be present for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT

2010 Urbanized Area and MPO Boundary
2020 Urbanized Area and MPO Boundary

2020 COATS and Urbanized Areas



Legend

COATS 2020

2020 Census

Urbanized Areas

Batesburg-Leesville

Camden-Lugoff

Chapin

Columbia

Interstates

US Highways

Water

County Boundary

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2010 URBANIZED AREA AND MPO BOUNDARY

