



Executive Committee Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 25, 2024 ♦ 11:00 a.m.

Midlands Technical College – Harbison Campus (in person)

7300 College Street, Irmo, SC 29063

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

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DATE: January 18, 2024

TO: CMCOG Executive Board Members:
Will Brennan, City of Columbia, Chairman
Annie McDaniel, Fairfield County, Vice-Chairperson
Foster Senn, City of Newberry, Immediate Past Chairman
Todd Cullum, Lexington County
Clarence Gilbert, Fairfield County
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County
Paul Livingston, Richland County
Haskell Kibler, City of Forest Acres
Walt McLeod, Newberry County
John McMeekin, Town of Winnsboro
Chakisse Newton, Richland County
Elise Partin, City of Cayce
Peter Brown, City of Columbia
Howard Duvall, City of Columbia
Vina Abrams, Newberry County

FROM: Will Brennan, CMCOG Board Chair

SUBJECT: Executive Committee Meeting – January 25, 2024 at 11:00 A.M

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of Central Midlands Council of Governments will be held on **Thursday, January 25, 2024 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 11:00 A.M., so please connect to the call early so we can start the meeting on time.

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

Enclosures

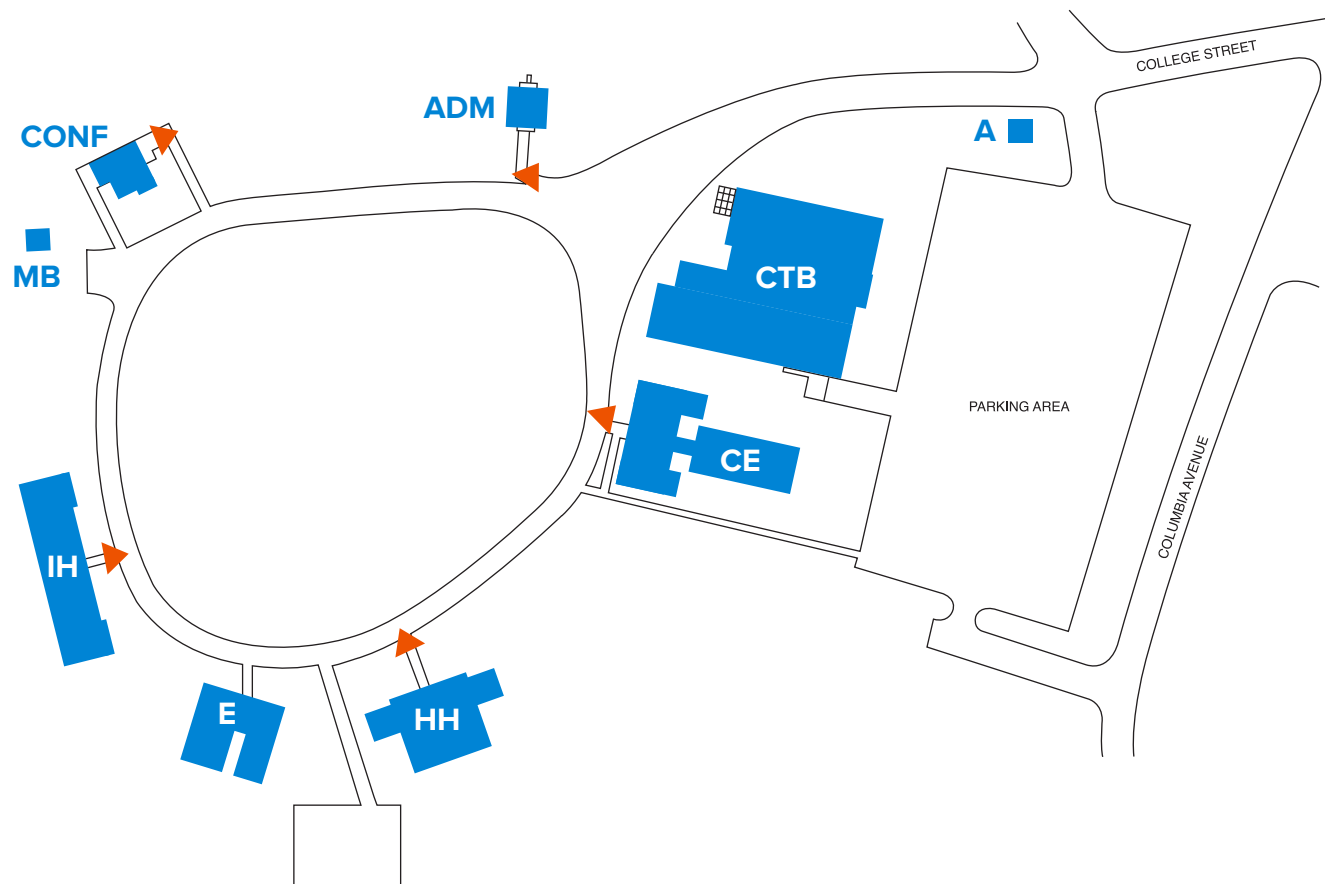
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BUILDING LOCATION MAP HARBISON CAMPUS



7300 College Street
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Building Legend Harbison Campus

- A - Guard Station
- ADM - Administration
- CONF - Conference Center
- IH - Irmo Hall
- E - Storage
- HH - Harbison Hall
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OVERALL AGENDA

ACTION	A. <u>Call to Order and Introductions</u>	Will Brennan, Chair
	1. Determination of a Quorum	
	2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda	
	B. <u>Consent Agenda</u>	
	1. Approval of the December 14, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes (<i>Attachment 1</i>)	
	2. Approval of the August 24, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes (<i>Attachment 2</i>)	
	3. 2045 LRTP Amendment – 2020 – 2024 Safety Performance Measures (<i>Enclosure 2</i>)	
	C. <u>Regular Agenda</u>	
	1. Monthly Financial Status Report (November 2023) (<i>Enclosure 3</i>)	Melissa Labbe
	2. FY 2023 – 2024 CMCOG Budget Adjustment (<i>Enclosure 4</i>)	Melissa Labbe
INFORMATION	3. *FY 2023 – 2033 COATS MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (<i>Enclosure 5</i>)	Reginald Simmons
	4. FY 2023 – 2033 CMCOG RPO Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) (<i>Enclosure 6</i>)	Reginald Simmons
	5. *2024 & 2025 UPWP Amendment – Intersection Control Evaluation Process (<i>Enclosure 7</i>)	Reginald Simmons
	6. 2024 & 2025 RPWP Amendment – Intersection Control Evaluation Process (<i>Enclosure 8</i>)	Reginald Simmons
	7. Area Agency on Aging Office Space Lease Agreement (<i>Enclosure 9</i>)	Britt Poole
	D. <u>Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences</u>	
	1. 208 Plan Update	Gregory Sprouse
	E. <u>Old/New Business</u>	
	F. <u>Other Business</u>	
	G. <u>Adjourn</u>	

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024

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

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



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Vina Abrams, Newberry County
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Clarence Gilbert, Fairfield County Council
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
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Staff Members Present:

Fretoria Addison, LTC Ombudsman Volunteer Coordinator/Information Support Specialist
Jory Fleming,
Missi Labbe, Financial Director
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Britt Poole, Executive Director
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
Gregory Sprouse, Director, Research & Planning
Lilnora White, HR Manager

Guests:

Will Dilliard, Belser Law Firm

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

- A1.** Chairman Will Brennan called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m. on December 14, 2023. Chairman Brennan stated that a quorum was present at the time meeting was called to order.

A2. APPROVE ORDER AND CONTENTS FOR THE OVERALL AGENDA

MOTION, approved

Clarence Gilbert moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to approve the Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda. The motion was approved.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- B1. Approval of the October 26, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes**
B2. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Match & Maintenance Guidance

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Clarence Gilbert to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

C1. Monthly Financial Status Report (October 2023)

Missi Labbi gave presentation regarding the Monthly Financial Status Report (October 2023).

A brief discussion took place.

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Clarence Gilbert to approve the Monthly Financial Status Report (October 2023) as information only. The motion was approved.

C2. CMCOG FY 2024 Budget Review and Adjustment

Britt Poole, Executive Director, noted that the staff is working on an adjustment to the FY 2024 budget. The budget adjustment will include the new staff that has been added to the Aging Program. As well, additional help will be provided to the CDBG, EDA, and Transportation Programs with a limited impact to the general fund.

A brief discussion took place.

No action was taken on this item at this time. Britt Poole stated this and more would be forthcoming for an approval at January 2024 meeting.

C3. 2045 LRTP Amendment – Regional Transportation Operations

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2045 LRTP to add the CMCOG/COATS MPO Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Planning Program. The purpose of the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Planning Program is to guide the Central Midlands Council of Governments' efforts to deploy technology, tools and coordinated

system procedures to manage the multimodal transportation system. Regional Transportation Operations and Technology is a set of tools and processes used by public and private operating agencies' staff to meet the day-to-day demands of the traveling public.

Mr. Simmons noted that this approach will examine existing challenges to transportation operations in the region and identify a vision, goals and objectives for regional transportation operations and technology. Performance measures will be used to track progress. Several strategic initiatives are defined that will subsequently guide investments for the deployment of system operation projects. One of the first set of investments will be defined through the evaluation and implementation of the Carbon Reduction Program.

Mr. Simmons reviewed the Vision, Goals, Objectives, Prioritization Process and the Project List for the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Program.

MOTION, approved

John McMeekin moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to amend the 2045 LRTP to add the CMCOG/COATS MPO Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Planning Program. The motion was approved.

C4. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Columbia Traffic Signals Study

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$300,000 in guideshare funds for the Columbia Traffic Signal Study. This request will also amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program. The operation of a traffic control system should closely mirror a city's policy goals and objectives. Managing traffic signals is important because signals directly impact the quality of the transportation system. While geometric enhancements to a corridor may demarcate space for bikes and buses and create a more multi-modal cross-section, signal timing influences delay, compliance, safety, and mode choice.

In partnership with SCDOT, CMCOG member governments, and the COMET, the Central Midlands Council of Governments will perform a Columbia Traffic Signal Study to enhance safety, reduce congestion, and promote a pedestrian friendly multi-modal transportation network. Signal timing is an essential tool, not just for the movement of traffic, but also for a safer environment that supports walking, bicycling, public transportation, and economic vitality. The outcomes of this study will create a plan of action that will facilitate traffic signal improvements throughout the City of Columbia.

At this time there was a discussion.

MOTION, approved

Paul Livingston moved for approval, seconded by Peter Brown to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$300,000 in guideshare funds for the Columbia Traffic Signal Study. This request will also amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was approved.

C5. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – West Main Street Improvement

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$2 million in guideshare funds to conduct preliminary engineering for the W. Main Street Corridor Improvement Project. West Main Street is a corridor in the heart of the Town of Lexington. It provides access to

shopping, restaurants, recreational and religion activities, as well as government offices. It's primarily a three-lane corridor that averages approximately 19,000 vehicles per day.

West Main Street is currently the number one project in the COATS MPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The proposed purpose and need is to relieve congestion and enhance safe access and mobility along this corridor. The COATS MPO would like to begin preliminary engineering to determine the best opportunity to address this purpose and need. The corridor is not to be considered for widening but to be evaluated for mitigation measures that will make overall improvements to safety, accessibility, and mobility.

There was a brief discussion.

It was recommended that a planning feasibility study be conducted at this time in lieu of preliminary engineering to review additional transportation options for the downtown area. The proposed cost of the study would be \$250,000.

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$250,000 in guideshare funds to conduct a planning feasibility study for the W. Main Street Corridor Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Paul Livingston. The motion was approved.

C6. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Guideshare Increase

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$3,037,290 in new guideshare funds to the existing total beginning in FY 2024. The South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission approved an increase to the guideshare funding allocation to MPOs and COGs. The funding was increased from \$188 million to \$213 million beginning in federal fiscal year 2024. The COATS MPO received \$3,037,290 in new funding as part of this increase. Mr. Simmons requested to add this new funding to our 2020 – 2027 TIP. The new FY 2024 COATS MPO Guideshare will be \$27,687,683 per year.

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$3,037,291 in new guideshare funds to the existing total beginning in FY 2025. The South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission approved an increase to the guideshare funding allocation to MPOs and COGs. The funding was increased from \$213 million to \$238 million beginning in federal fiscal year 2025. The COATS MPO received \$3,037,291 in new funding as part of this increase. Mr. Simmons requested to add this new funding to our 2020 – 2027 TIP. The new FY 2025 COATS MPO Guideshare will be \$30,724,974 per year.

Mr. Simmons explained that the guideshare totals for the Councils of Governments were set at a minimum of \$5 million. Due to population of our rural areas compared to the rest of the State, it was unlikely that our COG guideshare would increase over that amount.

There was a brief discussion.

MOTION, approved

Clarence Gilbert moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$3,037,290 in new MPO guideshare funds to our existing guideshare beginning in

FY 2024 and to add \$3,037,291 in new MPO guideshare funds to our existing guideshare beginning in FY 2025. The motion was approved.

C7. South Carolina Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) Program

Catawba Regional Council of Governments (CRCOG) received a \$1,000,000 sub-grant from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) for the implementation of the South Carolina Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) program. The SC BEST program was created to fund environmental assessments of brownfield sites across the state. CRCOG will serve as the Program Administrator and has allocated funding to each of the ten SC Councils of Governments to conduct eligible site testing within their respective regions. Funds allocated to each COG region may be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments. CMCOG received an allocation of approximately \$104,748.

On August 24, 2023, the CMCOG Executive Committee approved five initial sites for funding to conduct Phase I and Phase II site assessments based upon pre-determined selection criteria established by CRCOG and DHEC. Of these five initial sites, two sites located in the Town of Winnsboro must be removed due to the inability to secure site access agreements. After consultation with the Town of Winnsboro, CMCOG staff has identified a new site eligible for funding, based upon the pre-determined section criteria.

1. Potential economic redevelopment opportunities
2. Potential to identify and eliminate environmental hazards
3. Potential to redevelop a property for public benefit/use (i.e., parks/recreation space)
4. Potential to eliminate brownfields related slum and blight in a community
5. Potential benefit to low-moderate income and/or rural communities

A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by John McMeekin to approve the Old Elementary School in the Town of Winnsboro for the South Carolina Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) Program. The motion was approved.

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

D1. CMCOG Personnel Handbook Discussion

Britt Poole gave an overview of the new CMCOG Personnel Handbook. It was noted that more items that will serve as a benefit to the employees have been included. The handbook has been reviewed by the attorneys. Items such as the procurement policy have been removed.

A brief discussion took place.

This was for information only and no action is needed on this item.

D2. CMCOG Capital Improvement Plan Discussion

Britt Poole gave an overview of the CMCOG Capital Improvement Plan. Through consultation with an architect, proposed renovations have been identified in order to get a project cost for capital improvements. That project cost will be shared with our State Representatives with the hope that we are able to get funding to make the necessary upgrades to the building. As part of this process, consideration is being provided to move the Aging Program to a new office space which will allow them to continue to grow and develop.

A brief discussion took place.

This was for information only and no action is needed on this item at this time, however, this will be forthcoming with more information at the January 2024 meeting.

D3. CMCOG Strategic Plan Discussion

Britt Poole gave a brief overview of the CMCOG Strategic Plan Discussion. It was requested for a date and time to be selected where a meeting with the Executive Committee could be provided. Once the date and time was confirmed, a meeting with the consultant would be scheduled.

A brief discussion took place.

This was for information only and no action is needed on this item.

D4. Executive Directors Report

Britt Poole stated he would give a full Executive Director's Report in the full board meeting.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

None.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Britt Poole, Secretary-Treasurer

Will Brennan, Chairman



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Executive Committee Members Present:

Will Brennan, **CHAIR**, Columbia City Council
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
Clarence Gilbert, Fairfield County Council
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington, Mayor
Annie McDaniel, **Vice-Chair**, Fairfield Co. Leg. Del.
John McMeekin, Mayor, Town of Winnsboro
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Staff Members Present:

Fretoria Addison, LTC Ombudsman Volunteer Coordinator/Information Support Specialist
Missi Labbe, Financial Director
Britt Poole, Executive Director
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
Gregory Sprouse, Director, Research & Planning

Guests:

Will Dilliard, Belser Law Firm

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

(Legal advice on agenda items)

- A1.** Chairman Will Brennan called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. on August 24, 2023. Chairman Brennan stated that a quorum was present.

A2. APPROVE ORDER AND CONTENTS FOR THE OVERALL AGENDA

MOTION, approved

John McMeekin moved for approval, seconded by Steve MacDougall to approve the Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda. The motion was approved.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- B1.** Approval of the June 2, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION, approved

Steve MacDougall moved for approval, seconded by Clarence Gilbert to approve Consent Agenda with an amendment to the minutes to add Todd Cullum's name to the attendance list as being present and active. The motion was approved.

- B2. MOTION, approved**

Steve MacDougall moved for approval, seconded by Todd Cullum to approve the *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – SC Corridor 6 Feasibility Study. The motion was approved.

- B3. MOTION, approved**

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Steve MacDougall to approve the *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Section 5310 Projects. The motion was approved.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

- C1. Quarterly Financial Status Report (thru June 30, 2023)**

Missi Labbi gave presentation regarding the Year End Financial Status Report (thru June 30, 2023). A brief discussion took place after the presentation.

MOTION, approved

John McMeekin moved for approval to take the Year End Financial Status Report (thru June 30, 2023) as information, seconded by Steve MacDougall. The motion was approved.

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

Britt Poole, Executive Director, stated that the audit was not sent with the regular Board Packet as they received the final Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022 on the day (morning) of the Board of Directors' meeting. Michael Slapnick gave a briefing on the Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022.

MOTION, approved

Chakisse Newton moved for approval of the Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022. The motion was seconded by Steve MacDougall. The motion was approved.

C3. Resolution on the CMCOG Board of Directors Bylaws

Will Dilliard from Belser and Belser provided a presentation on the updates to the CMCOG Board of Directors' Bylaws. A brief discussion took place after the presentation.

Chairman Will Brennan stated that this item would be discussed later next month and did not take any action on this item. **(Information only)**

C4. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Assembly St. Railroad Separation Project

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program to add \$40 million in non-guideshare funds to the Assembly Street Railroad Project. Dana Higgins of the City of Columbia provided an overview of the project. The City of Columbia is working in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Transportation to bring the Assembly Street Railroad Separation Project to design and construction. The CMCOG/COATS MPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan proposes a railroad bridge over Assembly Street near Whaley Street which would remove five grade crossings. The comprehensive Assembly Street project will eliminate 15 grade crossings. Currently, funding totals \$40 million via Federal, State and City funds. The City is requesting this project be placed in the 2020 – 2027 TIP in order to continue their development efforts and strengthen their ability to build a more robust funding package. Their financial breakdown and project components are listed below:

The current funding package is as follows:

- \$5 million - Repurposed Assembly Street Railroad Consolidation ISTEA Authorization 1991, 2003 Appropriations Act, 2004 Appropriations Act and 2006 Appropriations Act.
- \$5 million - City of Columbia
- \$30 million - South Carolina Department of Commerce

The city is requesting for this project to be included in the 2020 – 2027 TIP with funding for the following phases:

- PE – 2023 – \$5 million
- PE – 2024 – \$18 million
- ROW – 2024 – \$17 million

Preliminary engineering has already begun through the repurposed earmarks. The environmental analysis is currently being conducted with a Finding of No Significant Impact expected by spring of 2024.

A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Todd Cullum moved for approval, seconded by Steve MacDougall to amend the *2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$40 million in non-guideshare funds to the Assembly St. Railroad Separation Project. The motion was approved.

C5. SC Best – Brownfield Project Prioritization List

Catawba Regional Council of Governments (CRCOG) received a \$1,000,000 sub-grant from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) for the implementation of the South Carolina Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) program. The SC BEST program was created to fund environmental assessments of brownfield sites across the state. CRCOG will serve as the Program Administrator and has allocated funding to each of the ten SC Councils of Governments to conduct eligible site testing within their respective regions. Funds allocated to each COG region may be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments. CMCOG received an allocation of approximately \$104,748.

After consultation with our regional partners, CMCOG staff identified five initial sites eligible for funding to conduct Phase I and Phase II site assessments. Each site was assessed and scored for eligibility based upon pre-determined selection criteria established by CRCOG and DHEC. Sites were scored on a 25-point scale, with each of the following criterion weighted at a maximum of five points. A property must have a minimum score of 15 points to be eligible to receive SC BEST funding.

1. Potential economic redevelopment opportunities
2. Potential to identify and eliminate environmental hazards
3. Potential to redevelop a property for public benefit/use (i.e., parks/recreation space)
4. Potential to eliminate brownfields related slum and blight in a community
5. Potential benefit to low-moderate income and/or rural communities

MOTION, approved

Annie McDaniel moved for approval, seconded by Chakisse Newton to approve the SC Best – Brownfield Project Prioritization List. The motion was approved.

C6. Resolution on the EDA Authorized Representative Designation

Gregory Sprouse requested adoption of a Resolution on the EDA Authorized Representative Designation. As a recipient of federal funds from the United State Economic Development Administration, CMCOG must designate an authorized representative to oversee the programmatic and financial administration of the grant(s). Britt Poole has been requested to serve as the authorized representative.

A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Steve MacDougall to approve the Resolution on the EDA Authorized Representative Designation. The motion was approved.

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

D1. Chairman Will Brennan announced the upcoming appointments for all special committees for the upcoming FY 2023-2025 year. He also thanked everyone for their dedication and willingness to serve on the COG Board and Special committees.

D2. Executive Directors Report

Britt Poole gave the following report:

- We have been working hard over the last two months making positive changes. I have been meeting with Staff in groups and one-on-one with the purpose of making sure they have what they need to get their jobs done. We have hired 7 new employees to bring understaffed departments to where they need to be to accomplish their responsibilities in a timely manner.
- We have hired a human resources professional with years of experience relieving Finance of those duties and allowing them to focus on the financial health of the organization. She will start on September 5th. Further, this new position will allow us to focus on employee development and leadership training at a level we have not been able to in the past.
- I have also been meeting with State agencies leadership and other COG's Executive Directors to ensure we are in compliance and using best practices. I feel confident in saying that the organization is heading in the right direction we have engaged the same firm to do the audit for the year that just ended and plan to have the report to the board by the December meeting.

Announcements:

- Tammy Beagen, Director of Workforce Development, mentioned several job fairs and events over the next few weeks. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please forward the information regarding the SC Works Midlands Annual Career Fair in September. There will also be an apprenticeship fair in October 2023.
- CMCOG was awarded a \$1 million grant over a four-year term for Pollution reduction efforts in a 7-county area by the EPA.
- SCDOT reported at their August 17th Workshop, the Columbia MPO, known as COATS leads all Metropolitan Planning areas in the state for projects advanced to construction since the plan's launch at \$162 million. This accounts for approximately 30% of all funds programmed in the state.
- Prior to the next COG Board meeting, there will be a new member orientation. It will begin at 11:00 in this same room. It is open to all members especially any who feel they aren't fully informed about what the COG does and how we can help in your community. More information will follow via email.

- Please be aware you will be receiving information via email soon regarding the 2023 SCCOGS Annual Conference. It will be held at Embassy Suites in Myrtle Beach on November 19-21. If you would like to attend, please pencil that date in again it's November 19-21.
- Finally, you will receive an email form so you can let staff know about your communication preferences and make sure we have up-to-date contact info. Please take a moment to complete it and return.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

None.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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

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3. Executive Director's Report

Jory Fleming

Britt Poole

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E. Old/New Business

F. Other Business

G. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024

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

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



**Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Thursday, December 14, 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: 849 1548 0598 ♦ Passcode: 456111 ♦ Dial-In Number (929) 205-6099**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vina Abrams, Newberry County
David Bouknight, Batesburg-Leesville
Will Brennan, CHAIR, Columbia City Council
Paul Lawrence "Larry" Brigham, Jr., Lexington
County Council
Kimberley Brown, Richland County Council
Peter Brown, Columbia City Council
David Busby, Town of Pine Ridge
Brian Carter, City of West Columbia
Rebecca Connally, Lexington County
Glen Conwell, Lexington County Council
William "Bill" Danielson, Town of Irmo
William "Rusty" DePass, City of Columbia
Clyde "Chuck" Fallaw, III, Richland County
Council
Clarence Gilbert, Fairfield County Council
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council
Haskell Kibler, Forest Acres
Robert Liming, City of Columbia
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
***Annie McDaniel, Vice-Chair, Fairfield County
Del.***
John McMeekin, Mayor, Town of Winnsboro
Joe Mergo, Lexington County
Chakisse Newton, Richland County Council
Foster Senn, Mayor, City of Newberry
Nick Shealy, Newberry County Council
Lynn Sturkie, Lexington County
Charli Wessinger, Lexington County Council

GUESTS PRESENT:

Courtney Dennis, Town of Irmo
Will Dillard, Belser Law Firm
Teddi Garrick, Kids & Parks
Erin Porter, SCDOT
Jim Walden, SCDOT
Joe Robertson, Kinley-Horn
Michelle Ransom, The Comet
Brent Rewis, SCDOT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fretoria Addison, LTC Ombudsman Volunteer
Coordinator/Information Support Specialist
Roland Bart, Senior Planner
Tammy Beagan, Director, Workforce
Aleigha Chee-you, Ombudsman Program Asst.
Rory Fleming, CPR Grant Manager
Anna Harmon, AAA Director
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Missi Labbe, Finance Director
Britt Poole, Executive Director
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/
Transportation Director
Gregory Sprouse, Director, Planning, Research &
Development
Lilnora White, HR Manager

A1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Will Brennan called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. on December 14, 2023.

A2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

Chairman Brennan stated that a quorum was present.

MOTION, approved

Nick Shealy moved for approval, seconded by Clarence Gilbert to approve the Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda. The motion was approved.

A3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Peter Brown.

A4. Introduction of Guests

Chairman Brennan welcomed and introduced the meeting guests. He also introduced new board members Clyde “Chuck” Fallaw, III, Kimberley Brown both representing Richland County, David Bouknight representing Batesburg-Leesville, and Hazel Livingston, Mayor, Town of Lexington. He also congratulated board member Bill Danielson who was recently elected as the Mayor for The Town of Irmo.

A5. Chairman’s Introduction

Good News from CMCOG – Around the Region

- The Midlands communities honor Veterans, in November, Midlands Veterans were honored with banquets, parades and well wishes.
- Fairfield Forward held a Ribbon Cutting for their Kids in Parks Walking Trail in Historic Downtown Winnsboro. Officials from Fairfield County and the City of Winnsboro participated in the ribbon-cutting. The Kids in Parks Walking Trail’s starting point is in front of Gazebo Park in Historic Downtown Winnsboro.
- The City of Columbia rolled out two new programs for four-legged friends. City of Columbia Animal Services announced the Slumber Buddies and Doggie Day Out programs. Slumber Buddies give a dog a much-needed break from shelter life. Doggie Day Out take a shelter dog on a day field trip to walk, play, or relax.
- Fisher Films used Newberry’s annual Christmas tree lighting as a set for their magical Christmas tale, “Christmas at Xander Point.”
- The Greater Cayce-West Columbia Chamber & Visitors Program was recognized by both Cayce and West Columbia for being awarded the Outstanding Chamber of the Year for Under 700 Members by the Carolinas Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives Board of Directors.
- Richland County is making grants worth thousands available for local organizations seeking to protect and preserve the County’s rich land and historic sites. Nonprofits, neighborhood organizations, governmental agencies, commercial entities and other institutions can apply for

Historic Preservation and Natural Resource Grants through the Richland County Conservation Commission. Both grants require a 20 percent match by the grantee.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- B1.** Approval of the October 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
B2. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Match & Maintenance Guidance

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Foster Senn to approve Consent Agenda. The motion was approved.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

C1. Monthly Financial Status Report (October 2023)

Missi Labbi gave a presentation regarding the Monthly Financial Status Report (October 2023).

A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval of the Monthly Financial Status Report (August 2023). The motion was seconded by Clarence Gilbert. The motion was approved, however, Chairman Brennan stated this would be taken as information only.

C2. 2045 LRTP Amendment – 2020 – 2024 Safety Performance Measures

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2045 LRTP to add the 2020 – 2024 SCDOT's Safety Performance Measures. Erin Porter of SCDOT noted that per federal requirements, performance measures must be set in seven categories to meet the national goals. SCDOT was required to evaluate and report on safety targets for the five required measures by August 31, 2023. This action starts the 180-day clock for CMCOG to take action to evaluate and set regionally specific targets or to accept and support the state's targets. Through a coordinated effort with COGs and MPOs, SCDOT presented for the following 2020 – 2024 Safety Targets for consideration:

Total Number of Fatalities	1,079
Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	1.870
Total Number of Serious Injuries	2,549
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	4.410
Total Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	454.8

There was a brief discussion.

MOTION, approved

Brian Carter moved for approval to amend the 2045 LRTP to adopt SCDOT's 2020 – 2024 Safety Targets. The motion was seconded by Nick Shealy. The motion was approved.

C3. 2045 LRTP Amendment – Regional Transportation Operations

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2045 LRTP to add the CMCOG/COATS MPO Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Planning Program. The purpose of the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Planning Program is to guide the Central Midlands Council of Governments' efforts to deploy technology, tools and coordinated system procedures to manage the multimodal transportation system. Regional Transportation Operations and Technology is a set of tools and processes used by public and private operating agencies' staff to meet the day-to-day demands of the traveling public.

Transportation operations staff work to provide the best mobility services and facilities to people and businesses across the region every day. Rail and bus operators, maintenance crews, emergency responders, traffic management center staff, law enforcement personnel, Transportation District dispatchers, shared mobility providers and many others all work tirelessly to keep the transportation system operating safely and efficiently. Maintaining reliable operations also requires monitoring performance over time to improve service and to account for changes in transportation demand.

This approach examines existing challenges to transportation operations in the region and identifies a vision, goals and objectives for regional transportation operations and technology. Performance measures will be used to track progress. Several strategic initiatives are defined that will subsequently guide investments for the deployment of system operation projects. One of the first set of investments will be defined through the evaluation and implementation of the Carbon Reduction Program.

Mr. Simmons reviewed the Vision, Goals, Objectives, Prioritization Process and the Project List for the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Program.

There was a brief discussion.

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval to amend the 2045 LRTP to add the CMCOG/COATS MPO Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Planning Program. The motion was seconded by Peter Brown. The motion was approved.

C4. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Columbia Traffic Signals Study

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$300,000 in guideshare funds for the Columbia Traffic Signal Study. This request will also amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program. The operation of a traffic control system should closely mirror a city's policy goals and objectives. Managing traffic signals is important because signals directly impact the quality of the transportation system. While geometric enhancements to a corridor may demarcate space for bikes and buses and create a more multi-modal cross-section, signal timing influences delay, compliance, safety, and mode choice.

Traffic signal timing that provides insufficient time for someone to cross the street, for instance, is likely to create an unpleasant experience and may discourage walking entirely. Likewise, significant delays may cause street users to violate the traffic signal or take unsafe risks entering intersections.

In partnership with SCDOT, CMCOG member governments, and the COMET, the Central Midlands Council of Governments will perform a Columbia Traffic Signal Study to enhance safety, reduce congestion, and promote a pedestrian friendly multi-modal transportation network. Signal timing is an essential tool, not just for the movement of traffic, but also for a safer environment that supports walking, bicycling, public transportation, and economic vitality. The outcomes of this study will create a plan of action that will facilitate traffic signal improvements throughout the City of Columbia.

At this time there was a discussion.

MOTION, approved

Paul Livingston moved for approval, seconded by Peter Brown to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$300,000 in guideshare funds for the Columbia Traffic Signal Study. This request will also amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was approved.

C5. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – West Main Street Improvement

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$2 million in guideshare funds to conduct preliminary engineering for the W. Main Street Corridor Improvement Project. West Main Street is a corridor in the heart of the Town of Lexington. It provides access to shopping, restaurants, recreational and religion activities, as well as government offices. It's primarily a three-lane corridor that averages approximately 19,000 vehicles per day.

West Main Street is currently the number one project in the COATS MPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The proposed purpose and need is to relieve congestion and enhance safe access and mobility along this corridor. The COATS MPO would like to begin preliminary engineering to determine the best opportunity to address this purpose and need. The corridor is not to be considered for widening but to be evaluated for mitigation measures that will make overall improvements to safety, accessibility, and mobility.

There was a brief discussion.

It was recommended that a planning feasibility study be conducted at this time in lieu of preliminary engineering to review additional transportation options for the downtown area. The proposed cost of the study would be \$250,000.

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Clarence Gilbert to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$250,000 in guideshare funds to conduct a planning feasibility study for the W. Main Street Corridor Improvement Project. The motion was approved.

C6. *2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Guideshare Increase

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$3,037,290 in new guideshare funds to the existing total beginning in FY 2024. The South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission approved an increase to the guideshare funding allocation to MPOs and COGs. The funding was increased from \$188 million to \$213 million beginning in federal fiscal year 2024. The COATS MPO received \$3,037,290 in new funding as part of this increase. Mr. Simmons requested to add this new funding to our 2020 – 2027 TIP. The new FY 2024 COATS MPO Guideshare will be \$27,687,683 per year.

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$3,037,291 in new guideshare funds to the existing total beginning in FY 2025. The South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission approved an increase to the guideshare funding allocation to MPOs and COGs. The funding was increased from \$213 million to \$238 million beginning in federal fiscal year 2025. The COATS MPO received \$3,037,291 in new funding as part of this increase. Mr. Simmons requested to add this new funding to our 2020 – 2027 TIP. The new FY 2025 COATS MPO Guideshare will be \$30,724,974 per year.

Mr. Simmons explained that the guideshare totals for the Councils of Governments were set at a minimum of \$5 million. Due to population of our rural areas compared to the rest of the State, it was unlikely that our COG guideshare would increase over that amount.

There was a brief discussion.

MOTION, approved

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Paul Livingston to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$3,037,290 in new MPO guideshare funds to our existing guideshare beginning in FY 2024 and to add \$3,037,291 in new MPO guideshare funds to our existing guideshare beginning in FY 2025. The motion was approved.

C7. Economic Development Administration CEDS Annual Report

Gregory Sprouse requested approval to adopt the 2023 CEDS Annual Performance Report. The CEDS is a regional planning process focusing on economic development. The CEDS process results in a five-year strategic plan for regional economic development that is updated annually. The 2022-2027 CEDS was previously submitted to and approved by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). The 2023 Annual Performance Report provides an update of regional economic conditions as they relate to the goals and evaluation metrics established in the 2022 – 2027 CEDS.

The EDA provides grant funds to the nation's most distressed communities to revitalize, expand, or upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify their local economies, and generate or retain long-term private sector jobs and capital investments. One component EDA considers when evaluating grant requests is consistency with the relevant CEDS. The CEDS allows communities within the region to apply to the EDA for funding assistance for economic development-related public works and planning projects. CMCOG staff continues to work with stakeholders across the region to keep the CEDS up-to-date and current.

MOTION, approved

Rusty DePass moved for approval, seconded by Clarence Gilbert to adopt the 2023 CEDS Annual Performance Report. The motion was approved.

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

D1. Kids in Parks

Teddi Garrick gave a brief presentation on the Kids in Parks program. A brief discussion took place after the presentation. Ms. Garrick also provided contact information for anyone who has any questions or may have interest in the program.

Director – Jason Urroz – jurroz@kidsinparks.com – 866.308.2773

SC Program Manager – Teddi Garrick – tgarrick@kidsinparks.com – 839.223.4975

D2. CMCOG Committee Reports

Reginald Simmons provided the committee report on behalf of Transportation Committee Chairman Paul Livingston.

Reginald Simmons provided the committee report on behalf of Rural Transportation Committee Chairman Walton McLeod.

Darrell Hudson gave an update on the RADAC Committee. Mr. Hudson is the Chairman of this committee and Foster Senn is the Vice-Chairman. This committee meets quarterly.

Tammy Beagan provided the committee report on behalf of the Midlands Workforce Board.

D3. Executive Director's Report

Britt Poole gave the following report:

Mr. Poole thanked everyone who could attend today whether by Zoom or in person. Your presence is appreciated. One of the great values of the COG is bringing the region together and that can only work with your participation.

Just prior to Thanksgiving, SCCOGs held their statewide conference in Myrtle Beach. I want to extend thanks to all the Board members who took the time to attend on that busy holiday week. This year's conference focused on Reimaging Communities. We heard from Federal, State, and Local leaders in an information-packed agenda. Additionally, we had the opportunity to fellowship with each other and our peers who are faced with similar opportunities and obstacles. I would like to encourage you to save November 24-26, 2024 in your calendar so that you might attend next year's conference.

Area Agency on Aging

- On November 16th the COG hosted a Family Caregiver Conference at Brookland Baptist in honor of National Caregivers Month. The conference was well attended by approx. 85 attendees. Mr. Hudson, Representative McDaniel, Julie Ann Dixon-Richardson assisted in hosting the conference. Our speakers were Dr. Nicole Cavanaugh and Ms. Dana Daniel, a representative from the SCDOA Caregiver Program. There were 5 vendors present and a host of caregivers.
- SCDOA informed CMCOG that caregiver applications have increased by 156%.
- In October's meeting, the Board was informed that 260 assessments were conducted in September. That represented a 180% increase in the average number of monthly assessments from last year. In October a total of 278 assessments were conducted. This is the highest number of assessments conducted by the AAA in the program's history.
- The newly begun Serving Our Seniors Program, has been well received. This is the program assisting with dental, hearing aids, prescriptions, wheelchair ramps, and heating/air units. Hundreds of seniors in Richland, Lexington, Newberry, and Fairfield Counties have received services thus far. But we can do more and are actively trying to get the word out.
- Ms. Harmon and I were on WKDK in Newberry on December 4th and will be on "The Rep" a show on 100.7 FM in Columbia on December 20th. Please share the information on the program through your jurisdictions, personal social media, or anywhere you think would help. We only have until September 2024 to expend the funds. A flyer for the program was included in the Board correspondence.
- Each year we participate in Spread of Joy Program. The SC Dept of Corrections makes gifts for us to distribute to residents in long-term care facilities. LaToya and Jessica went to the Spread the Joy Press Conference yesterday along with Connie Munn, Director of the State Office on Aging. Four of our facilities will receive gifts from the event.

Research, Planning, and Development

- Jory Fleming, new employee, was introduced as the Climate Pollution Reduction (CPR) grant manager. Jory will be presenting to the Board at the next meeting about the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Jory previously worked at the University of South Carolina where he was adjunct faculty with the Geography Department and Honors College.
- A flyer was sent via email with a link to a survey to collect stakeholder input on potential projects to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in South Carolina. Please complete the survey and or forward it to someone from your jurisdiction or business to complete. Responses are requested by December 22nd for inclusion in the initial plan. This survey can also be found on our social media page, please share.

- Millions of dollars for climate pollution reduction projects are potentially available based on these survey responses. Information from surveys submitted from the MSA counties (Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Newberry, Kershaw, Calhoun, and Saluda) will be shared with the Central Midlands Council of Governments which is also participating in the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program on behalf of the Columbia MSA.
- In partnership with SC Commerce, work continues on the development of projects regarding the Tech Hubs Grant. SC NEXUS is a consortium of jurisdictions, agencies, institutions, and businesses including CMCOG working to apply for projects through the Tech Hubs program. We were one of 31 Tech Hubs out of 200 selected across the county to be eligible to apply for up to \$75 million for technology innovations in the state.

Finance

- The audit is not complete. A meeting was held with the leadership at the CPA firm this week. It was assured that there haven't been any issues so far and we will have the report forthcoming.

Transportation

- Mead & Hunt has been selected as the consultant for the Corley Mill Road / Andrew Corley Corridor Feasibility Study
- SC 6 & SC 60 Corridor Feasibility Study has been advertised. The deadline to receive proposals is December 20th.
- SCDOT has issued the notice to proceed for the Regional Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan Project.
- USDOT has made \$1.58B in RAISE Grant Funding Available for 2024. The deadline for this round of RAISE Grants is February 28, 2024. RAISE grants help project sponsors at the State and local levels. Only one RAISE grant was awarded in SC in 2023 and that was \$22 million in Orangeburg. The Notice of Funding Opportunity, NOFO, was included in the Board correspondence. Let's make every effort to bring some of that funding home to the midlands in 2024. Please reach out to Reginald if we can provide you any data or help should your jurisdiction wish to apply.

Workforce

- Workforce has been busy helping with the Tyson Food's plant closing in Columbia. Rapid response group orientations were conducted on December 5th & 6th which about 2/3 of the impacted employees attended. On December 12th & 13th a dedicated job fair was conducted bringing local employers to the impacted employees. On January 8th onsite filing for unemployment insurance will be conducted.

Announcements

- The two-day grant writing workshop hosted at CMCOG in November was a huge success as all the seats sold out. A follow-up class will be hosted in February for grant management. An email was shared that can provide \$50 off of the cost of the training. This training is open to anyone who would like to participate. Sign up sooner than later before this class to sell out. At least half of the seats have been filled.
- CMCOG offices will be closed on December 22nd, 25th, and 26th for Christmas.
- CMCOG will also be closed on January 1st for New Year's and January 15th for MLK Day.
- Central Midlands Board of Directors will meet next on January 25th.
- CMCOG wishes everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

E1. None

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2024

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm.

Britt Poole, Secretary-Treasurer

Will Brennan, Chairman



December 15, 2023

Ms. Christina Lewis
Transportation Planner
South Carolina Department of Transportation
955 Park Street, Room 516
Columbia, SC 29202

RE: Acceptance of 2020 – 2024 SCDOT Safety Performance Measures

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments approved and adopted an amendment to the agency's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan on December 14, 2023, incorporating the SCDOT Performance Measures and Targets.

For the 2023 performance period, the Central Midlands Council of Governments Board of Directors has elected to accept and support the State of South Carolina DOT targets for the PM1 Safety Performance Measures as described below:

Performance Measure 2020 – 2024 Statewide Targets

Total Number of Fatalities	1,079
Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	1.870
Total Number of Serious Injuries	2,549
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	4.410
Total Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	454.8

The amended 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is available for viewing on our website at www.centralmidlands.org. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803-744-5133 or by email at rsimmons@centralmidlands.org. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Reginald Simmons
Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT THE SAFETY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TARGETS AS APPROVED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Federal regulations require that the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs include Safety Performance Management Targets for urbanized areas; and,

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration has reviewed the requirement to adopt the following 2020 - 2024 Safety Performance Management Targets by August 31, 2023; and,

Performance Measures 2020 – 2024 Statewide Targets

Total Number of Fatalities	1,079
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WHEREAS, the adoption the Safety Performance Management Targets by the South Carolina Department of Transportation begins a 180-day time period for councils of governments to evaluate and set regionally specific targets or accept and support the state's targets; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and the South Carolina Department of Transportation has reviewed the requirement to adopt Safety Performance Management Targets for use in the transportation planning process; and,

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Committee at its meeting on _____ recommended to support the Safety Performance Management Targets approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

1. The Central Midlands Council of Governments Board of Directors concurs with the recommendation of the Rural Transportation Committee to support the Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

CERTIFICATION

THE UNDERSIGNED is the duly qualified Chairman of Central Midlands Council of Governments Board of Directors, and hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at an open meeting of the Central Midlands Council of Governments held on December 14, 2023.

Will Brennan, CMCOG Chairman
Central Midlands Council of Governments

D. Britt Poole, Executive Director
Central Midlands Council of Governments

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December 15, 2023

Ms. Christina Lewis
Transportation Planner
South Carolina Department of Transportation
955 Park Street, Room 516
Columbia, SC 29202

RE: Acceptance of 2020 – 2024 SCDOT Safety Performance Measures

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Columbia Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization approved and adopted an amendment to the agency's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan on December 14, 2023, incorporating the SCDOT Performance Measures and Targets.

For the 2023 performance period, the Columbia Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization has elected to accept and support the State of South Carolina DOT targets for the PM1 Safety Performance Measures as described below:

Performance Measure 2020 – 2024 Statewide Targets

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Sincerely,

Reginald Simmons
Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBIA AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT THE SAFETY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TARGETS AS APPROVED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Federal regulations require that the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs include Safety Performance Management Targets for urbanized areas; and,

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration has reviewed the requirement to adopt the following 2020 - 2024 Safety Performance Management Targets by August 31, 2023; and,

Performance Measures 2020 – 2024 Statewide Targets

Total Number of Fatalities	1,079
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WHEREAS, the adoption the Safety Performance Management Targets by the South Carolina Department of Transportation begins a 180-day time period for metropolitan planning organizations to evaluate and set regionally specific targets or accept and support the state's targets; and,

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Columbia Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and the South Carolina Department of Transportation has reviewed the requirement to adopt Safety Performance Management Targets for use in the metropolitan transportation planning process; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Subcommittee at its meeting on _____ recommended that MPO Policy Committee support the Safety Performance Management Targets approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Technical Committee at its meeting on _____ recommended that MPO Policy Committee support the Safety Performance Management Targets approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBIA AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION:

1. The Columbia Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Transportation Subcommittee to support the Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation.
2. The Columbia Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee to support the Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

CERTIFICATION

THE UNDERSIGNED is the duly qualified Chairman of Columbia Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee, and hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at an open meeting of the Central Midlands Council of Governments held on December 14, 2023.

Will Brennan, MPO Chairman
Columbia Area Transportation Study
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Reginald Simmons, MPO Director
Columbia Area Transportation Study
Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Financial Statement-CMCOG

November 30, 2023

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Actual</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
Revenue			
Local Revenue			
Member Governments	863,744.00	334,386.02	39%
State Aid	125,102.00	97,346.00	78%
Interest	150.00	271.77	181%
Fringe Recovery	1,227,820.00	483,439.02	39%
Indirect Cost Recovery	481,885.00	192,151.18	40%
Total Local Revenue	<u>2,698,701.00</u>	<u>1,107,593.99</u>	<u>41%</u>
Program Revenue			
Aging Planning & Administration	4,824,168.00	2,578,840.73	53%
Ombudsman Program	572,127.00	186,454.76	33%
Midlands Workforce Development Board	3,751,750.00	1,659,243.49	44%
Transportation	2,550,830.00	208,360.64	8%
Regional Planning	120,000.00	7,987.96	7%
Community Development	183,000.00	102,533.91	56%
Economic Development Administration	287,625.00	33,534.08	12%
Local Contracts	35,500.00	18,128.21	51%
Total Program Revenue	<u>12,325,000</u>	<u>4,795,083.78</u>	<u>39%</u>
Total Revenue	<u>15,023,701</u>	<u>5,902,677.77</u>	<u>39%</u>
Expenses			
Operating Expenses			
Personnel Costs	3,404,431	1,568,052.90	46%
Fringe and Indirect Cost Allocation	1,709,705	675,590.20	40%
Operations and Maintenance	870,964	431,487.54	50%
Employee Training & Development	76,200	20,931.34	27%
Travel, Transportation & Board Expense	108,400	17,280.28	16%
Consultants and Contracts	7,980,004	3,059,483.52	38%
Capital Outlays	83,383	7,750.00	9%
Transfer To/(From) Other Programs	567,166	9,502.28	11%
Total Expenses	<u>14,800,253</u>	<u>5,790,078.06</u>	<u>39%</u>
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses	<u></u>	<u>112,599.71</u>	<u></u>

Central Midlands Council of Governments
FY2023-24 Budget

Enclosure 4

	FY2024	FY2024	Percent
	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>
Revenue			<u>of Change</u>
Local Revenue			
Member Governments	668,772	863,744	-22.57%
State Aid	125,102	125,102	0.00%
Interest Income	400	150	166.67%
Fringe Recovery	1,822,838	1,227,820	48.46%
Indirect Cost Recovery	740,303	481,885	53.63%
Total Local Revenue	3,357,415	2,698,701	24.41%
Programs			
Aging Planning & Administration	6,596,039	5,396,295	22.23%
Midlands Workforce Development Board	4,619,104	3,751,750	23.12%
Transportation	2,218,038	1,983,665	11.82%
Regional Planning	240,915	120,000	100.76%
Economic Development	70,000	287,625	-75.66%
Community Development Block Grant Admin	263,360	183,000	43.91%
Local Technical Assistance Contracts	41,000	35,500	15.49%
Total Regional Programs	14,048,455	11,757,835	19.48%
Transfer From Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	624,509	567,166	10.11%
Total Revenue	18,030,380	15,023,702	20.01%
Expenses			
Personnel Costs	4,277,199	3,404,431	25.64%
Fringe & Indirect Cost Allocation	2,244,189	1,709,705	31.26%
Operations and Maintenance	1,403,484	870,964	61.14%
Employee Development & Training	82,390	76,200	8.12%
Travel & Transportation	85,419	108,400	-21.20%
Consultants & Contracts	2,123,761	2,216,678	-4.19%
Capital Outlays	119,000	83,383	42.71%
Transfer To Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	624,509	567,166	10.11%
Total Operating Expenses	10,959,951	9,036,926	21.28%
Contracted Services Expenses			
Aging	3,485,618	3,395,068	2.67%
MWDB Contractors	3,106,203	2,368,258	31.16%
Total Contracted Services Expenses	6,591,821	5,763,326	14.38%
Capital Reserve			
Capital Reserve Funds	478,608	223,449	114.19%
Total Capital Reserve Funds	478,608	223,449	114.19%
Total Expenses	18,030,380	15,023,701	20.01%
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses	(0)	0	



DATE: January 18, 2024
TO: CMCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
SUBJECT: 2023 - 2033 Transportation Improvement Program (*Available for downloading at www.centralmidlands.org*)

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to adopt the 2023 - 2033 Transportation Improvement Program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff is requesting your review and approval of the 2023 - 2033 Transportation Improvement Program. This program is fiscally constrained and is expected to obligate over \$304 million in federal and state highway funds over the specified timeframe. The following is an overview of the program.

Guideshare Program

- Approximately \$304 million is expected to be obligated through FY 2033.
 - \$7.8 million investment in Leesburg Road @ Patricia Drive
 - \$225,000 investment in Intersection Improvement projects
 - \$1.4 million investment in Planning Feasibility Studies
 - \$10 million investment in Lower Saluda Greenway
 - \$3 million investment in Assembly Street Phase II
 - \$93 million investment in Hardscrabble Road
 - \$45 million investment in Columbia Avenue
 - \$6 million investment in South Main Street
 - \$60 million investment in Leesburg Road
 - \$56 million investment in Exit 119

Enhancements Program

- Twelve (12) active projects have been identified.
- Over \$4.8 million in federal dollars have been obligated.
- New enhancement projects will continue to be added on an annual basis.

Transit Program

- Section 5307 – Large Urban Funds – Approximately \$13 million has been programmed in previous years
- Section 5307 – Large Urban Funds – Approximately \$14 million has been programmed in CARES Act Funding
- Section 5307 – Large Urban Funds – Approximately \$8 million has been programmed in ARP Funding
- Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility – Approximately \$2.8 million has been programmed
- Section 5339 – Bus and Bus Facilities – Approximately \$5.2 million has been programmed in previous years
- New transit projects will continue to be added on an annual basis.

Federal Appropriations

- Approximately \$15.1 million is expected to be obligated through FY 2033.
 - \$2.4 million investment in I-26 Saluda River Crossing
 - \$2.1million investment in Harden Street Phase II
 - \$500,000 investment in Harden Street Reconfiguration
 - \$10 million investment in the Seamless City Revitalization Project

Recreational Trails

- Approximately \$2 million is expected to be obligated through FY 2033.
 - \$100,000 investment in the Saluda River Pedestrian Bridge Project
 - \$100,00 investment in the Saluda River & Riverwalk Access Improvement
 - \$1.5 million investment in the Lower Saluda Greenway
 - \$95,900 investment in the Owens Field Park Pump Track
 - \$77,000 investment in Riverwalk Phase IV
 - \$77,000 investment in the Lower Saluda River Blue Trail
 - \$99,000 investment in the Taylor Street Trail

Exempt from Guideshare Federal Aid Bridge Projects

- Twenty-Three (23) active projects have been identified.
- Over \$370 million in federal dollars have been obligated.
- New bridge projects will continue to be added on an annual basis.

Exempt from Guideshare Federal Aid Intersection & Safety Projects

- Nineteen (19) active projects have been identified.
- Over \$48 million in federal dollars have been obligated.
- New intersection and safety projects will continue to be added on an annual basis.

Exempt from Guideshare Federal Aid Interstate & Corridor Improvement Projects

- Nineteen (19) active projects have been identified.
- Over \$3.7 billion in federal dollars have been obligated.
- New interstate & corridor improvement projects will continue to be added on an annual basis.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Improvement Program is a federally mandated document designed to program federal funds. The TIP provides a fiscally constrained list of highway, enhancement, and transit projects that have been identified for funding by the MPO Policy Committee. Historically, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has developed and maintained a local TIP for COATS MPO projects. COATS now maintains its own TIP which will enable the CMCOG staff to monitor and track federally funded projects in the urbanized study area of the CMCOG region. Projects approved in the TIP will be incorporated into SCDOT's STIP.



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: January 18, 2024

SUBJECT: 2023 - 2033 Rural Transportation Improvement Program *(Full document available for download)*

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to adopt the 2023 - 2033 Rural Transportation Improvement Program. Please be advised that the draft final report is available on our website for your review.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff is requesting your review and approval of the 2023 - 2033 Rural Transportation Improvement Program. This program is fiscally constrained and is expected to obligate over \$55 million in federal and state highway funds over the specified timeframe. The following is an overview of the program.

Guideshare Program

Approximately \$55 million is expected to be obligated through FY 2033.

- \$18.2 million investment in previous obligations to the US 1 Phases I Widening Project in Lexington County
- \$6.8 million investment in the Macedonia Church Road Resurfacing Project in Newberry County
- \$1.7 million investment in Exit 119 Interchange Improvement Project in Lexington County
- \$13.8 million investment in US 1 Phases II & III Widening Project in Lexington County
- \$8.3 million investment in the Longtown Road Resurfacing Project in Fairfield County
- \$1.2 million investment in Signal System Improvement Projects
- \$350,000 investment in Planning Corridor & Feasibility Studies
- \$150,000 investment in Intersection Improvement Projects

Exempt from Guideshare Federal Aid Bridge Projects

- Twenty (20) active projects have been identified.
- Over \$139 million in federal dollars have been obligated.
- New bridge projects will continue to be added on an annual basis.

Exempt from Guideshare Federal Aid Interstate & Corridor Improvement Projects

- Ten (10) active projects have been identified.
- Over \$1.2 billion in federal dollars have been obligated.
- New interstate & corridor improvement projects will continue to be added on an annual basis.

Transit Program

- Section 5310 – Enhance Mobility for Seniors & Disabled – Approximately \$801,000 investment in thirteen (13) projects.
- Section 5311 – Rural Transportation Formula Funds – Approximately \$4.2 million investment in four (4) projects.
- Section 5339 – Bus and Bus Facilities – Approximately \$341,000 investment in two (2) projects.

BACKGROUND

The Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is a state mandated document designed to program federal funds. The RTIP provides a fiscally constrained list of highways, interstate, bridge, and transit project that have been identified for funding. Historically, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has developed and maintained a local RTIP for CMCOG projects. CMCOG will now maintain its own RTIP which will enable the CMCOG staff to monitor and track federally funded projects in the rural study area of the CMCOG region. Projects approved in the RTIP will be incorporated into SCDOT's STIP.



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: January 18, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 & 2025 UPWP Amendment – Intersection Control Evaluation Process

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2024 & 2025 UPWP to add \$250,000 for the Intersection Control Evaluation Process.

BACKGROUND

CMCOG in partnership with SCDOT, its member governments, and the COMET will implement an Intersection Control Evaluation Process. This will be a data-driven, performance-based framework and approach used to objectively screen alternatives and identify an optimal geometric and control solution for an intersection. The benefits to using this approach include:

- Implementation of safer, more balanced, and more cost-effective solutions.
- Consistent documentation that improves the transparency of transportation decisions.
- Increased awareness of innovative intersection solutions and emphasis on objective performance metrics for consistent comparisons.
- The opportunity to consolidate and streamline existing intersection-related policies and procedures, including access or encroachment approvals, new traffic signal requests, and impact studies for development.

Scoping Analysis. The scoping analysis involves a combination of quantitative and qualitative performance metrics. The analysis will be sufficient to estimate a preliminary footprint of each intersection alternative to determine whether it is practical to pursue and to answer the following questions:

- Does the alternative meet the transportation purpose and need?
- Does the alternative address the key system performance criteria (e.g., safety, non-motorized user accommodation, operational quality, etc.)?
- Does the alternative meet the needs and values of the local community and directly-affected stakeholders?

Safety Analysis. The safety analysis will provide a basis to characterize safety performance of the possible alternatives. This distinction may rely on both qualitative and quantitative methods. The safety analysis in the scoping phase generally determines one of the following, depending on the project intent:

- If improving safety is the primary need for a project, does the intersection alternative address the safety need by enhancing safety performance?
- If improving safety is not the primary need for a project, does the intersection alternative maintain or enhance safety performance?

Operational Analysis. The operational analysis also considers both qualitative and quantitative methods. The primary goal of the operational analysis in the scoping phase is to determine if the intersection alternative will perform at an acceptable quality of service. Appropriate traffic control device warrant analyses may be conducted. ICE generally focuses on the specific intersection (isolated) or intersections (corridor) under consideration for improvement, but evaluations may sometimes need to extend beyond to assess impacts on adjacent intersections or facilities.

Multimodal Considerations. The suitability of each alternative for pedestrians and bicyclists should be assessed with an emphasis on convenience and accessibility and consideration of pedestrian and bicyclist network information from local and community plans. Potential items to consider include the number of lanes to cross, protected versus permitted turning movements, and motorist approach speeds. Additionally, the multimodal assessment should consider the suitability of each alternative for transit, freight, and other large vehicle operations when applicable. The scoping analysis with respect to freight and other large vehicle operation can be informed by whether an intersection is part of a designated Truck Route or Over-Size-Over-Weight Route. Transit assessments can be informed by discussions with the transit provider about different treatment options and any operating restrictions associated with different intersections and control types.

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UPWP Page

PROJECT NO:	3AA				
PROJECT TITLE:	Intersection Control Evaluation				
OBJECTIVE: To allow staff to utilize a procured consultant for specific engineering, planning, or other necessary services as needed in support of intersection improvement projects.					
METHODOLOGY: <p>Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) is a data-driven, performance-based framework and approach used to objectively screen alternatives and identify an optimal geometric and control solution for an intersection. The benefits to using this approach include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of safer, more balanced, and more cost-effective solutions. • Consistent documentation that improves the transparency of transportation decisions. • Increased awareness of innovative intersection solutions and emphasis on objective performance metrics for consistent comparisons. • The opportunity to consolidate and streamline existing intersection-related policies and procedures, including access or encroachment approvals, new traffic signal requests, and impact studies for development. <p>Scoping Analysis. The scoping analysis involves a combination of quantitative and qualitative performance metrics. The analysis will be sufficient to estimate a preliminary footprint of each intersection alternative to determine whether it is practical to pursue and to answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the alternative meet the transportation purpose and need? • Does the alternative address the key system performance criteria (e.g., safety, non-motorized user accommodation, operational quality, etc.)? • Does the alternative meet the needs and values of the local community and directly-affected stakeholders? <p>A safety analysis, operational analysis, and multimodal considerations will also be conducted as part of this evaluation.</p> <p>This project will require the support of consultant services.</p> <p>** Please be advised that the COATS MPO will navigate either the SCDOT LPA and/or FTA Procurement Process prior to initiating any work that involves the hiring of a contractor or consultant*</p>					
END PRODUCT: An evaluation and assessment of intersection improvement projects identified in the 2045 LRTP. These assessments will determine future capital improvements.					
Project Sponsor/ Participating Agencies:		Funding Sources:			
Sponsor: COATS Participating Agencies: COATS, CMCOG Member Governments, Other agencies as appropriate		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FHWA/FTA Consolidated	\$200,000.00	FHWA/FTA Consolidated	
		FTA (Section 5307)		FTA (Section 5307)	
		Local	\$50,000.00	Local	
		Total	\$250,000.00	Total	



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: January 18, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 & 2025 RPWP Amendment – Intersection Control Evaluation Process

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2024 & 2025 RPWP to add \$10,000 for the Intersection Control Evaluation Process.

BACKGROUND

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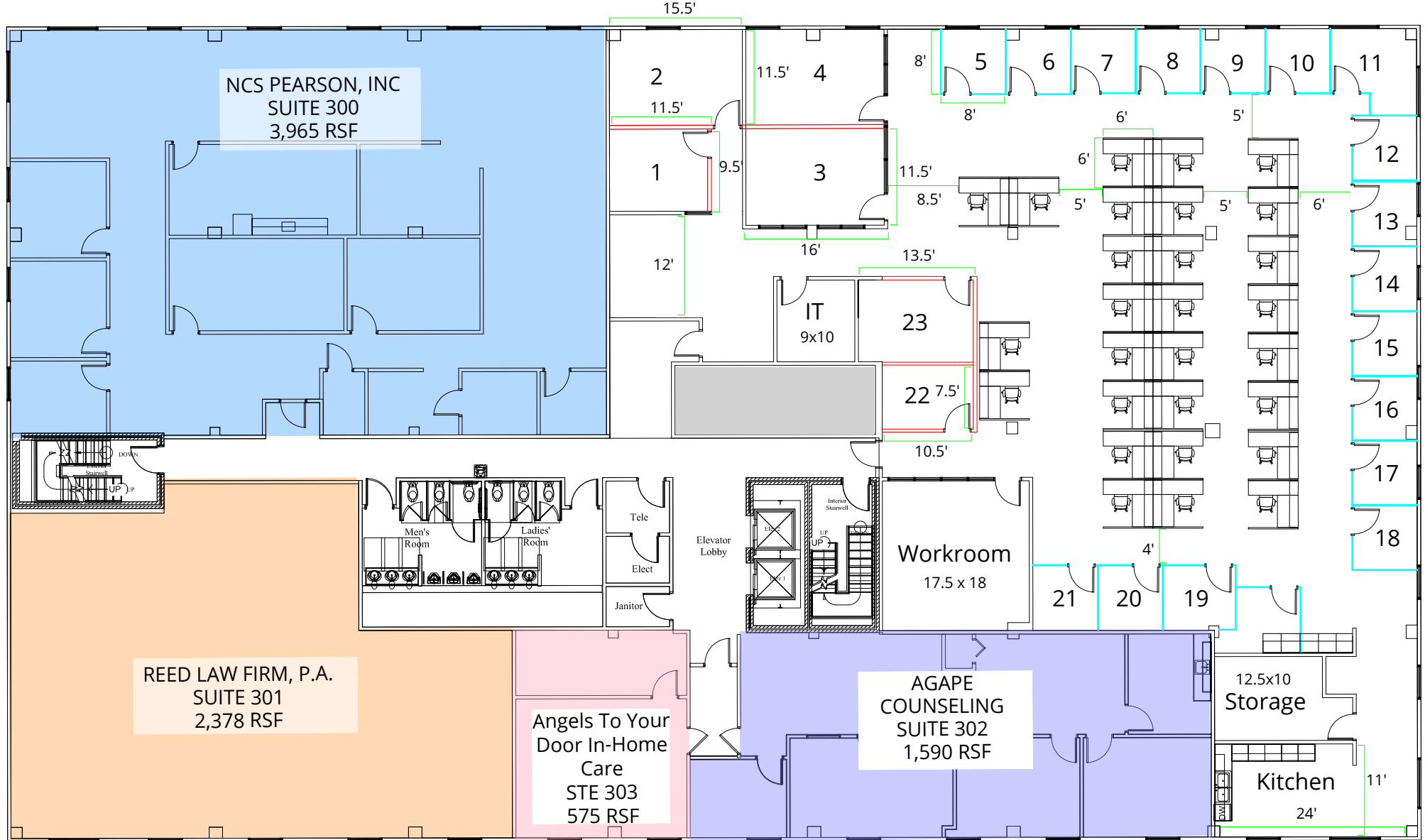
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		FTA (Section 5307)		FTA (Section 5307)	
		Local	\$2,000.00	Local	
		Total	\$10,000.00	Total	



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Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program

EPA is providing \$5 billion in grants to states, local governments, Tribes and territories to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful air pollution.

Reducing GHG emissions is a critical step to fighting climate change which causes:



GHG emissions are the **primary contributor** to climate change.



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28%



Electric Power
25%



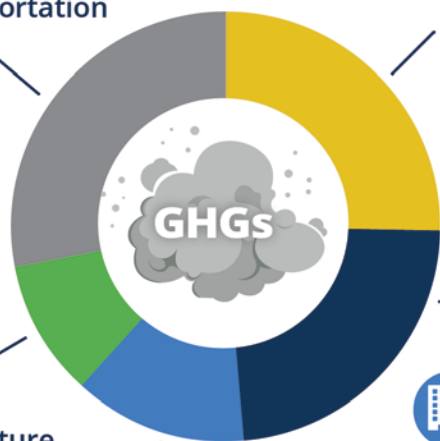
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Residential and Commercial
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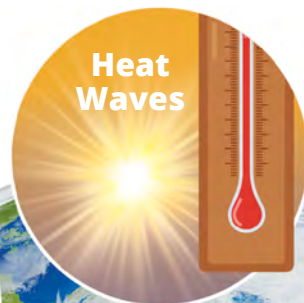
Agriculture
10%



Percentages may not add up to 100% due to independent rounding.



Drought



Heat Waves



Floods



Sea Level Rise



Changing Ecosystems

PROGRAM BENEFITS



Spurs economic growth and creates jobs by growing or supporting new industries



Reduces energy demand and bills, especially for low-income and disadvantaged communities



Improves public health by reducing air pollution

*United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions>

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