

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

## Thursday, May 28, 2020 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room OVERALL AGENDA

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Steve MacDougall,

Chair

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Determination of a Quorum
- 3. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda
- 4. Introduction of Guests

Guillermo Espinosa

5. Invocation

## B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the February 27, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes (*Enclosure 1*)

## C. Regular Agenda

1. Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2019 (*Enclosure 2*)

**Chanell Jackson** 

2. FY 2020 & 2021 UPWP (Enclosure 3)

Reginald Simmons

3. FY 2020 & 2021 RPWP (Enclosure 4)

**Reginald Simmons** 

4. FY 2021 – 2027 MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (*Enclosure 5*)

**Reginald Simmons** 

5. FY 2021 – 2027 RPO Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) (*Enclosure 6*)

**Reginald Simmons** 

1. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

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- 2. Old/New Business
- 3. Other Business
- 4. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 in the COG Conference Room

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



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

Thursday, February 27, 2020 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vina Abrams, Newberry County

John Andoh, The Comet

Charles Appleby, Richland County

John Baxter. Richland County

Will Brennan, City of Columbia Council

Larry Brigham, Lexington County Council

Susan Brill, Richland County

Scott Cain, Newberry County Council

Wanda Carnes, Fairfield County

John Carrigg, Lexington County

Kathy Condom, Irmo Town Council

Kyle Crager, Fairfield County

Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council

Sam Davis, City of Columbia Council

Smokey Davis, Lexington County

Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council

Julie Ann Dixon, Richland County

Shawn Epps, City of Columbia

Doug Fabel, Richland County

Roger Gaddy, Mayor Town of Winnsboro

Zebbie Goudelock, City of Newberry

Bob Hall, Batesburg-Leesville Town Council

William Leidinger, City of Columbia

Robert Liming, City of Columbia

Paul Livingston, Richland County Council

Jim Manning, Richland County Council

Rick Martin, Newberry County Leg. Delegate

Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington Mayor

Walt McLeod, Newberry County

Joe Mergo, Lexington County Administrator

Chakisse Newton, Richland County Council

Jeffrey Salters, Lexington County

Charles Simpkins, Lexington County

Debbie Summers, Lexington County Council

Scott Whetstone, Lexington County Council

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Chris Clauson - Fairfield County Community

Development

Michelle Dickerson - City of West Columbia

Quinton Epps - Richland County Conservation

Commission

Chris Frishcosy - Resident interested in

governance/legislation

Eric Harris - The COMET

Bill Jordan - AECOM

Kenny Larrimore – SCDOT

Darren Ledbetter - SCDOT

Holland Leger - Lexington County Planning Director

Joey McIntyre - SCDOT

Lisa Muzekari - Thomas & Hutton

Michelle Peterson - SCDOT

Michelle Ransom - The COMET

CD Rhodes - Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System

Brad Sanderson - Thomas & Hutton

Christy Shumate - AECOM

Andy Smith - City of Forest Acres

Lynn Stockman - Newberry County Council of Aging

Residents of Cedar Creek (13)

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roland Bart, Chief Transportation Planner

Jessica Foster, Operations Coordinator

Chanell Jackson, Finance Director

Anna Harmon, Ombudsman Director

Jason Kent, GIS Manager

Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive

Director/Transportation Director

Gregory Sprouse, Planning Director

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve MacDougall called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. on February 27, 2020.

## 1. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 2. Determination of Quorum

Chairman MacDougall declared the presence of a quorum

## 3. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

#### 4. Introduction of New Board Members

- Bob Hall, Batesburg-Leesville Town Council
- Will Brennan, City of Columbia Council
- Kyle Crager, Fairfield County Citizen Appointee
- Jim Manning, Richland County Council

#### 5. Introduction of Guest

Guillermo Espinosa introduced the guests at today's meeting. They are listed on the first page.

## 6. Invocation

Charles Simpkins gave the Invocation.

## B. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, approved
- 2. FY 2020-2022 DBE Goal, *approved*
- 3. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds to CMRTA, approved
- 4. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds to CMRTA, approved

## MOTION, approved

Walt McLeod moved, seconded by Paul Livingston, to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

## C. Regular Agenda

## C1. 2020 & 2021 UPWP Amendment-CMRTA Transit Planning

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 & 2021 Unified Planning Work Program to add \$180,000 in Section 5307 funds for the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) planning efforts. CMCOG is the designated recipient for FTA Section 5307 funds. These funds can be used for planning,

engineering, design, and the evaluation of public transportation projects and other technical studies. CMRTA has requested to use these funds to hire a transit planner who will assist them in the development of planning studies to support the public transit system. The total cost of this initiative is \$180,000. The federal amount is \$144,000 and the local amount will be \$36,000. CMRTA will provide the local match.

## MOTION, approved

John Andoh moved, seconded by Joyce Dickerson, to approve 2020 & 2021 UPWP Amendment-CMRTA Transit Planning. The motion was approved unanimously.

## C2. 2016-2022 TIP Amendment-Access & Mobility Grant

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2016 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order to add \$249,912 for the Access & Mobility Partnership Grants that were awarded to CMRTA. The Access and Mobility Partnership Grants is comprised of two separate grants. The first is the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM) which supports capital projects that address the challenges the transportation disadvantaged face when accessing healthcare such as getting to the doctor, returning home from the hospital, going to rehab, the pharmacy, or free health screening. The second is the Human Services Coordinated Research Program (HSCR), which supports operating, and capital projects that will build upon identified gaps in services for the improvement of services as outlined in a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan.

On September 12, 2018, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity for both grants. In total \$9.6 million was available. FTA received a total of 126 proposals that came from 39 States, District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands. On May 22, 2019, FTA announced that 37 projects were selected that totaled to \$9.6 million. CMRTA was one of the awarded projects. Their project allows the staff at medical facilities as well as patients to request and book transportation options that are affordable for veterans, seniors, and single parent head of household populations.

## MOTION, approved

Smokey Davis moved, seconded by Joe Mergo, to approve the 2016-2022 TIP Amendment-Access & Mobility Grant. The motion was approved unanimously

#### C3. 2016-2022 TIP Amendment-South Main Street

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2016 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add \$3.6 million in guide share funds for the enhancement of public safety on South Main Street. CMCOG in partnership with the University of South Carolina, City of Columbia, South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Comet will develop and implement the South Main Street Streetscape Project. The S. Main Street project consists of streetscape improvements along 4 blocks of S. Main Street from the intersection of Blossom Street to the intersection of Pendleton Street. S. Main Street's current configuration consist of 2 lanes in each direction with dedicated tum lanes at each intersection and parallel parking on both sides of the street. The scope of the project will consist of reducing the number of lanes to one (1) in each direction, as well as the addition of bicycle lanes, wider sidewalks, and landscaping. In addition, safety upgrades will be added to the Pendleton Street corridor as well as enhanced connectivity to existing bus stops. As part of the development of this project, CMCOG has received a request to underground the utilities along this corridor. Based on the current budget, this additional effort will increase the cost of the project by \$3.3 million. In order to assist with this effort, CMCOG is proposing to add \$3.6 million to their existing contribution of \$2.4 million, which will increase CMCOG's contribution to a total of \$6 million.

There was a brief discussion.

#### **MOTION**, tabled

Smokey Davis moved, seconded by Jeffrey Salters, to defer the 2016-2022 TIP Amendment-South Main Street to get further information. The motion was approved unanimously

## C4. 2016-2022 TIP Amendment-Main Street Mast Arms TAP Project

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2016 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program to transfer \$149,974 from the Greenway-Esplanade Connector to the Main Street Mast Arms Project. This request will also remove the Greenway-Esplanade Connector as an active project in the 2016 – 2022 TIP. In FY 2012, the City of Columbia was approved to install mast arms along Main Street at the intersections of Blanding Street, Laurel Street, and Richland Street. The project was awarded \$145K in TAP Funds. The City recently let this project for construction and received higher than expected bids that created a funding shortfall of approximately \$250K. In order to address this funding shortfall, the city has requested to remove their FY 2016 TAP Project the Greenway-Esplanade Connector. The purpose of this project was to replace a metal staircase with an ADA accessible ramp that would connect the City Esplanade with Riverfront Park. The City was awarded \$149,974 in TAP funds for that project.

Once the local match is included, this transfer should address the current funding shortfall for the Main Street Mast Arms Project.

#### MOTION, approved

Paul Livingston moved, seconded by Doug Fabel, to approve the 2016-2022 TIP Amendment-Main Street Mast Arms TAP Project. The motion was approved unanimously

## C5. 2016-2022 TIP Amendment-Human Trafficking Grant

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2016 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program to add \$151,776 for FTA's Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative that was awarded to CMRTA. On January 28, 2020, Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao announced \$5.4 million in grant selections as part of FTA's Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative. Twenty-four organizations received funding for projects to help prevent human trafficking and other crimes on public transportation. The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The Comet) was one of the awarded agencies and will use these funds to develop pamphlets, posters and other materials about rider safety and human trafficking awareness to be displayed in the transit system and to conduct public safety awareness events to educate the community about human trafficking and crime on buses.

#### MOTION, approved

Jim Manning moved, seconded by Smokey Davis, to approve the 2016-2022 TIP Amendment-Human Trafficking Grant. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### D. <u>Announcements</u>

D1. 208 Plan Amendment Request: Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System New Waste Water Treatment Plant, Management Agency Designation and DMA Map Change

Gregory Sprouse presented the 208 Plan Amendment Request: Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System New Waste Water Treatment Plant, Management Agency Designation and DMA Map Change.

The Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System is currently planning for the construction and operation of a new wastewater treatment facility to be located in southeastern Fairfield County to provide wastewater service to industrial customers along the I-77 corridor in Fairfield County and to other customers in certain portions of Fairfield County where wastewater service is not currently available. In order to allow for the construction of the New Wastewater Treatment Plant and for the Fairfield Joint System to provide wastewater service, it is necessary to amend the Central Midlands 208 Plan to (i) provide for the New Wastewater Treatment Plant; (ii) designate the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System as a 208 Management Agency; and (iii) amend the 208 map to assign a Management Agency Area for the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System. The proposed Management Agency Area of the Fairfield Joint System will be created from portions of the Management Agency Areas that are currently designated to the Town of Ridgeway, the Town of Winnsboro and Fairfield County, thereby reducing Management Agency Areas of each.

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	This items was received as information only.
E.	OLD / NEW BUSINESS
	No old/new business was brought forth.
F.	OTHER BUSINESS
	No other business was brought forth.
G.	<u>ADJOURN</u>
	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.
	ard of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments approved these minutes at its March 26, neeting.

Steve MacDougall, Chairperson

Benjamin J. Mauldin, Secretary-Treasurer



## Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

**DATE**: May 28, 2020

SUBJECT: FY 2020 – 2021 UPWP (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) (Full document is available for download)

## REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of the FY 2020 – 2021 UPWP. Please be advised that the draft final report is available on our website for your review.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2020 – 2021 COATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is based on the COATS's 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was updated and approved by the Policy Committee on September 24, 2015. 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 2020 – 2021 UPWP emphasizes activities that promote the implementation of the existing plan. The major projects to be completed in this two year timeframe include:

## **Regional Resiliency Plan**

This project consists of developing a plan that will provide best practices and strategies that will reduce the vulnerability of the existing transportation infrastructure to natural disasters.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: April 2021

## Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model Update

This project consists of updating our Long-Range Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model using state-of-the-practice techniques to forecast needs in our transportation system.

Consultant: WSP USA Inc.

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: TBA

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## **Regional Congestion Management Plan**

This project consists of updating our congestion management plan using state-of-the-practice techniques to develop mitigation strategies that will reduce congestion in our transportation system.

Consultant: WSP USA Inc.

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: TBA

## Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study

This project consists of conducting a feasibility and environment analysis of the lower Saluda Greenway.

Consultant: Toole Design Group

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: August 2020

## **Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan Update**

This project consists of updating our Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan that will identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, provide strategies for meeting these needs, and prioritize transportation services for funding and implementation.

Consultant: RLS & Associates

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2020

## Short Range Transit Plan, Origin, Destination, and Demographic Survey, & Comprehensive Operational Analysis

This project consists of developing a transit development plan that will improve the efficiency of the current transit system and provide a regional outlook for the future transit system.

Consultant: Jarret Walker & Associates

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: December 2020

## Regional Bike Share Feasibility Study

This project consists of developing a bike share implementation plan that will work in concert and assist in the implementation of the bike and pedestrian master plans that have been developed by CMCOG.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2021

## **Transit Development Long Range Plan**

This project consists of developing a 20-Year Transit Development Long Range Plan that identifies a series of transit emphasis corridors that will serve as the backbone of the future transit route network.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: TBA

## Title VI Plan Update

This project consists of developing a plan that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: December 2020

## Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan Update

This project consists of developing a plan that creates a level playing field on which DBEs and small businesses can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: December 2020

## **USC Shuttle Service/The COMET Transit Service Coordination Study**

This project consists of developing a plan that provides the opportunities for improving continued communication, coordination of services and collaboration between the identified transit partners.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: March 2021

## Service and Fair Equity Analysis

This project consists of developing an analysis that meets the Federal Transit Administration requirements for transit agencies to evaluate the impact of significant changes to its transit service as well as any changes to fares or fare media to ensure that such changes do not disproportionally impact minorities or low-income riders.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2021



## Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG Board of Directors

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

**DATE**: May 28, 2020

**SUBJECT: FY 2020 – 2021 RPWP (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)** (Full document is available for download)

#### REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of the FY 2020 – 2021 RPWP. Please be advised that the draft final report is available on our website for your review.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2020 – 2021 CMCOG Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP) is based on the CMCOG's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the 2040 LRTP. 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 CMCOG area. This 2020 – 2021 RPWP emphasizes activities that will promote the implementation of both plans. The major projects to be completed in this two year timeframe include:

## **Regional Resiliency Plan**

This project consists of developing a plan that will provide best practices and strategies that will reduce the vulnerability of the existing transportation infrastructure to natural disasters.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: December 2020

## Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model Update

This project consists of updating our Long-Range Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model using state-of-the-practice techniques to forecast needs in our transportation system.

Consultant: WSP USA Inc.

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: TBA

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## **Regional Congestion Management Plan**

This project consists of updating our congestion management plan using state-of-the-practice techniques to develop mitigation strategies that will reduce congestion in our transportation system.

Consultant: WSP USA Inc.

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: TBA

## **Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan Update**

This project consists of updating our Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan that will identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, provide strategies for meeting these needs, and prioritize transportation services for funding and implementation.

Consultant: RLS & Associates

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2020

## **Rural Planning Projects**

This project consists of assisting rural communities with planning and technical analysis that may lead to project and/or policy development.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2020

## **Title VI Plan Update**

This project consists of developing a plan that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: December 2020

## Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan Update

This project consists of developing a plan that creates a level playing field on which DBEs and small businesses can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: December 2020



**DATE**: May 28, 2020

**TO**: CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

SUBJECT: 2021 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Available for downloading at www.centralmidlands.org)

## REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to adopt the 2021 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff is requesting your review and approval of the 2021 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program. This program is fiscally constrained and is expected to obligate over \$153 million in federal and state highway funds over the specified time period. The following is an overview of the program.

#### **Guideshare Program**

- Approximately \$153 million is expected to be obligated through FY 2027.
  - o \$750,000 investment in Columbia Communication Upgrade Signal System
  - o \$2.6 million investment in Phase II Town of Lexington Adaptive Signals
  - o \$2.1 million investment in two (2) Intersection Improvement projects
  - o \$3 million investment in Assembly Street Phase II
  - o \$6.7 million investment in Hardscrabble Road
  - o \$42.7 million investment in Columbia Avenue
  - o \$6 million investment in South Main Street
  - o \$36 million investment in Leesburg Road
  - o \$41.7 million investment in Exit 119
  - o Approximately \$9.4 million is expected to be paid in debt service.

## **Enhancements Program**

- > Twenty-Eight (28) active projects have been identified.
- Over \$4.8 million in federal dollars have been obligated.
- New enhancement project will continue to be added on an annual basis.

#### **Transit Program**

- > Section 5307 Large Urban Funds Approximately \$17 million has been programmed in previous years
- Section 5307 Large Urban Funds Approximately \$15 million has been identified in CARES Act Funding
- Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Approximately \$771,000 has been programmed
- > Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Approximately \$2.7 million has been programmed in previous years
- New transit projects will continue to be added on an annually basis.

## **Federal Appropriations**

- Approximately \$11.4 million is expected to be obligated through FY 2027.
  - o \$950,000 investment in Harden Street Phase II
  - o \$500,000 investment in Harden Street Reconfiguration
  - o \$10 million investment in the Seamless City Revitalization Project

#### **Recreational Trails**

- Approximately \$349,000 is expected to be obligated through FY 2027.
  - \$95,900 investment in Owens Field Park Pump Track
  - \$77.000 investment in Riverwalk Phase IV
  - o \$77,000 investment in Lower Saluda River Blue Trail
  - o \$99,000 investment in the Taylor Street Trail

## **Exempt from Guideshare Federal Aid Bridge Projects**

- ➤ Nineteen (19) active projects have been identified.
- Over \$315 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**

- Thirteen (13) active projects have been identified.
- > Over \$7.4 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**

- Fifteen (15) active projects have been identified.
- > Over \$326 million 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 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**: May 28, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 2021 - 2027 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (Full document available for download)

## REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to adopt the 2021 - 2027 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 2021 - 2027 Rural Transportation Improvement Program. This program is fiscally constrained and is expected to obligate over \$23 million in federal and state highway funds over the specified time period. The following is an overview of the program.

## **Guideshare Program**

Approximately \$23 million is expected to be obligated through FY 2027.

- > \$7.5 million investment in US 1 Phases II & III Widening Project in Lexington County
- > \$3 million investment in previous obligations to the Bush River Road Resurfacing Project in Newberry County
- ▶ \$1.8 million investment in previous obligations to the Syrup Mill Road Resurfacing Project in Fairfield County
- ➤ \$4 million investment in Exit 119 Interchange Improvement Project in Lexington County
- > \$20 million investment in previous obligations to the US 1 Phases I Widening Project in Lexington County

## **Exempt from Guideshare Federal Aid Bridge Projects**

- > Twelve (12) active projects have been identified.
- > Over \$36 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**

- > Two (2) active projects have been identified.
- ➤ Over \$1.8 million in federal dollars have been obligated.
- New intersection and safety projects will continue to be added on an annual basis.

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## **Exempt from Guideshare Federal Aid Interstate & Corridor Improvement Projects**

- Nine (9) active projects have been identified.
- > Over \$431 million 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 \$858,000 in prior year and previous obligations
- > Section 5311 Rural Transportation Formula Funds Approximately \$818,000 in prior year and previous obligations
- Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Approximately \$410,000 in prior year and previous obligations

#### **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 highway, 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.