



Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 26, 2022 ♦ 12:00 p.m.
Midlands Technical College – Airport Campus
Academic Center Room 143 (Mary B. Robertson Conference Center)
1260 Lexington Drive West Columbia, SC 29170
or Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 874 9588 9610 ♦ Passcode: 176506 ♦ Dial-In Number (929) 205-6099

OVERALL AGENDA

ACTION

A. Call to Order and Introductions

Foster Senn, Chair

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

Foster Senn
Benjamin Mauldin

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes (*Enclosure 1*)
2. 2045 LRTP Amendment – Rural Intersection Projects (*Enclosure 2*)
3. 2022 & 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Update (*Enclosure 3*)
4. 2022 & 2023 Rural Planning Work Program Update (*Enclosure 4*)

C. Regular Agenda

1. CMCOG FY 2022 Revised Budget (*Enclosure 5*)
2. 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – CMRTA Section 5339 Funds (*Enclosure 6*)
3. 2045 LRTP Amendment – Assembly Street Rail Separation Project (*Enclosure 7*)
4. 2045 LRTP Amendment – Multi – Modal Transportation Center (*Enclosure 8*)
5. 2045 LRTP Amendment – White Pond Road/Whiting Way Intersection (*Enclosure 9*)

Melissa Labbe
Reginald Simmons
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INFORMATION

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

1. Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center (*Enclosure 10*)
2. Rural Transportation Alternatives Program Overview (*Enclosure 11*)
3. Aging Spotlight – Senior Day Celebration (*Enclosure 12*)
4. Executive Director's Report

Dr. Cindye Cotton
Roxanne Ancheta
Candice Holloway
Benjamin Mauldin

E. Old/New Business

1. Update on Kershaw County

Foster Senn

F. Other Business

G. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022

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, April 28, 2022 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ Midlands Technical College – Airport Campus – Academic
Center Room 143 (Mary B. Robertson Conference Center) or via Zoom**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vina Abrams, Newberry County
Will Brennan, Vice-Chair, City of Columbia
Larry Bringham, Lexington County Council
Julian Burns, Kershaw County
John Carrigg, Lexington County
Rebecca Connelly, Lexington County
Kyle Crager, Fairfield County
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
T. Wayne Gilbert, Richland County
Bob Hall, Batesburg-Leesville
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council
Robert Liming, City of Columbia
Paul Livingston, Richland County Council
Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington
Annie McDaniel, Fairfield County Leg. Delegation
Walt McLeod, Newberry County
John McMeekin, Mayor, Town of Winnsboro
Joe Mergo, Lexington County
Chakisse Newton, Richland County Council
Stephanie O'Cain, Richland County
Michelle Ransom, COMET
Dr. Ron Rhames, Midlands Technical College
Foster Senn, Chair, Mayor, City of Newberry
Nick Shealy, Newberry County
William Simon, Richland County
Lynn Sturkie, Lexington County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bill Jordan, AECOM
Darren Ledbetter, SCDOT
Christina Lewis, SCDOT
Joey McIntyre, SCDOT
Diane Lackey, SCDOT
Raven Gambrell, HDR
Nelson Lindsey, Central SC Alliance
Jana Jay, Little Mountain
Roland Bart

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frederia Addison, LTC Ombudsman Volunteer
Coordinator/Information Support Specialist
Antionette Davis, Information, Referral and
Assistance Specialist
Ebony Davis, Aging Services Assessor
Anna Harmon, Director, LTCOP
Candice Holloway, Director, Area Agency on Aging
Jason Kent, Manager, GIS
Missi Labbe, Finance Director
Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
Hope McFadden, Aging Finance Manager
Artellia Shaw, Family Caregiver Coordinator
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/
Transportation Director
Chris White, Director, Workforce Development

A1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Foster Senn called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. on April 28, 2022.

Chairman Senn asked for a moment of silence to remember Officer Drew Barr, Cayce Police Officer killed in the line of duty and Mr. Andrew Simmons, former Information Services Manager with the Central Midlands Council of Governments who passed away on April 13, 2022.

2. Determination of a Quorum

Chairman Senn declared that a quorum was present.

3. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

MOTION, approved

Todd Cullum moved, seconded by Darrell Hudson to approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda. The motion was approved.

4. Invocation

Smokey Davis gave the Invocation.

5. Introductions of New CMCOG Staff Members

The Board of Directors welcomed each new CMCOG Staff Member. The new staff members are listed below:

- Antoinette Davis, Information, Referral & Assistance Specialist
- Ebony Davis, Aging Services Assessor
- Melissa Labbe, Finance Director
- Hope McFadden, AAA Finance Manager
- Artellia Shaw, Family Caregiver Coordinator

6. Chairman's Introduction

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

Chairman Senn stated that Mayor Elise Partin, City of Cayce was on the agenda for the regional spotlight but will be moved to a future meeting.

Ben Mauldin highlighted:

- The Midlands Workforce Program began training in April 2022 in which 15 WIOA participants who will train to become Software Engineers. After 6 months of training at Midlands Technical College, successful completers will become Software Engineers Apprentices around the Midlands.
- The South Carolina Long-Term Ombudsman Program's Advance Directive training was held on April 13, 2022. Ms. Shelia Bell-Ford provided an overview of SC's Living Will, Health Care Power of Attorney and Five Wishes document. April 16th is National Healthcare Decisions Day. The LTC Ombudsman Program also recognized their Volunteers on April 20th at their Annual Volunteer Luncheon. Chairman Senn attended the luncheon as well as several other Board Members.

- Aging – Age My Way as the Central Midlands AAA will host Senior Day 2022 on May 12, 2022 from 10 am – 1 pm at the Medallion Conference Center, Columbia, SC. All were invited and welcomed to attend.
- Planning – The CMCOG staff has assisted the Town of Winnsboro and Fairfield County with applying for a \$640,000 CDBG grant for the purchase of a backup generator for Jackson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Chairman Senn gave updates from around the region including:

- South Carolina Gamecocks captured the 2022 Women’s National Basketball Title over the University of Connecticut
- Charlotte is named in the top ten as one of the worst cities to date. Columbia was named 4th on the list as one of the best cities to date.

7. Central Economic Development Alliance (*Information Only*)

Nelson Lindsey gave an overview of Central Economic Development Alliance. A brief discussion took place and Mr. Lindsey answered questions. He also provided the Board of Directors with the website for more information. The site is located at www.startcentralsc.org.

B. Consent Agenda

- B1.** Approval of the March 24, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- B2.** 2022 & 2023 RPWP Amendment – City of Newberry Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan
- B3.** 2020 – 2027 Rural TIP Amendment – Macedonia Church Road Resurfacing Project
- B4.** 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Lower Saluda Greenway Project
- B5.** 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – South Main Street
- B6.** 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Metropolitan Planning Organization Guidesare Increase
- B7.** 2020 – 2027 Rural TIP Amendment – Rural Planning Organization Guidesare Increase

MOTION, approved

Robert Liming moved, seconded by Smokey Davis to approve the March 24, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and Consent Agenda. The motion was approved.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

C1. Quarterly Financial Status Report (3rd Quarter FY 22)

Ben Mauldin gave the presentation regarding CMCOG’s Quarterly Financial Status Report for the 3rd quarter of FY 22. It was noted that a revised budget will be presented to the board next month.

A brief discussion took place after the presentation.

MOTION, approved

Smokey Davis moved for approval, seconded by Kyle Crager to approve the Quarterly Financial Status Report (3rd Quarter FY 22). The motion was approved unanimously.

C2. 208 Plan Amendment – East Richland County Boundary Change

Gregory Sprouse requested approval to the 208 Plan Amendment – East Richland County Boundary Change. This request is a minor 208 plan amendment to change the 208 Designated Management Area (DMA) boundary of the East Richland County Public Service District (ERCPSD). The boundary change will transfer eight (8) parcels along N. Brickyard Road from the ERCPSD DMA to the Richland County DMA. Sewer service for these parcels will be provided by South Carolina Water Utilities and will change their 208 private service area boundary. The plan amendment also recognizes a change in the ERCPSD tax district boundary which is already included in the ERCPSD DMA. These changes were approved by Richland County Council at their March 15, 2022 council meeting the statutory requirements for changing the boundary of a public service district. The 208 Plan for the Central Midlands Region requires a minor plan amendment for 208 DMA and private service area boundary changes.

A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Robert Liming moved for approval, seconded by Smokey Davis to approve the 208 Plan Amendment – East Richland County Boundary Change. The motion was approved unanimously.

C3. 2045 LRTP Amendment – Carolina Crossroads

Chairman Senn requested approval to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to add the Carolina Crossroads Project.

MOTION, approved

Joe Mergo moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to approve the 2045 LRTP Amendment – Carolina Crossroads. The motion was approved unanimously.

C4. 2045 LRTP Amendment – Rural Intersection Projects

Chairman Senn requested approval to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to add four Rural Intersection Projects. They included:

- Cumalander Crossing & US 76
- Mt. Tabor Church Road & Main Street
- Railroad Crossing between Peak Road & Main Street
- St. Lukes Church Road & SC 391

Nick Shealy moved for approval, seconded by Darrell Hudson to approve the 2045 LRTP Amendment – Rural Intersection Projects. The motion was approved unanimously.

C5. 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Transportation Alternatives Program

Chairman Senn requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program to add the FY 2022 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) federal apportionment of \$1,783,466 to the 2020 – 2027 TIP and include a fluctuating federal cap based on available TAP funding each year.

Smokey Davis moved for approval, seconded by Robert Liming to approve the 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Transportation Alternatives Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

C6. 2022 & 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Update

Chairman Senn requested approval to adopt the updated FY 2022 & 2023 Unified Planning Work Program.

Darrell Hudson moved for approval, seconded by Paul Livingston to approve the 2022 & 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Update. The motion was approved unanimously.

C7. 2022 & 2023 Rural Planning Work Program Update

Chairman Senn requested approval to adopt the updated FY 2022 & 2023 Rural Planning Work Program.

Nick Shealy moved for approval, seconded by Kyle Crager to approve the 2022 & 2023 Rural Planning Work Program Update. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

D1. Overview of the Midlands Workforce Program

Chris White gave an overview of the Midlands Workforce Program by explaining the program's role and responsibilities and guidelines of the program. The program also aides with Summer Youth Work, SC Work Standards and Employer hiring events. The program at the present time has an 81% success rate.

D2. Executive Directors Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following report:

- New Board member orientation was held for new board members. CMCOG will have another one in the Fall for those who were not able to attend.
- Needs Assessment for services for our Seniors is available for those who have not completed. Please share with others so that we can spread the word to serve our seniors and provide services for all of those who may be in need. There is a link to the survey on the CMCOG website Home page.
- A big thanks for Will Brennan, Vice-Chairman and The City of Columbia for his press release highlighting the Central Midlands Volunteer Ombudsman Program. Press Release video was displayed and showed to our Board members.
- Reginald Simmons is working on the call for projects and the Section 5310 Work program and if anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Simmons for further information regarding those projects.
- Grant Writing USA workshop will be held in July and again in September. There are some available seats for our Board of Directors if you would like to attend, please reach out to Ben Mauldin for further information and to reserve your seat.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Senn mentioned a news article and Kershaw County.

Chairman Senn also requested that an email with all the presentation and information from meeting be sent to all members via e-mail.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Senn spoke briefly on Violence in the Midlands and the idea of possibly partnering with Brookland Baptist Church's Program. The Chairman also asked how Central Midlands can become more involved with these efforts.

Chairman Senn asked for a brief update on Joe Perry, CMCOG Staff member who had transplant. Ben Mauldin gave an update that Mr. Perry is recovering well and making much progress.

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Benjamin J. Mauldin, Secretary-Treasurer

Foster Senn, Chairperson



Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on April 28th.

Public comment period ended on May 25th.

No Public Comments Received

Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: April 21, 2022

SUBJECT: 2045 LRTP Amendment – Rural Intersection Improvements

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to add four Rural Intersection Improvement Projects.

BACKGROUND

The CMCOG staff will request to amend the 2045 Regional LRTP to add several intersections in Newberry County. These intersections are a safety risk due to their current design. Inclusion into the regional LRTP will allow for further study and analysis.

The following intersections will be requested to be added to the 2045 Rural LRTP.

- Cumalander Crossing & US 76
- Mt. Tabor Church Road & Main Street
- Railroad Crossing between Peak Road & Main Street
- St. Lukes Church Road & SC 391

ATTACHMENT

Location Maps

St. Lukes Church Road & SC 391 Intersection

Newberry County

2045 Rural LRTP Amendment

Proposed Intersection Redesign



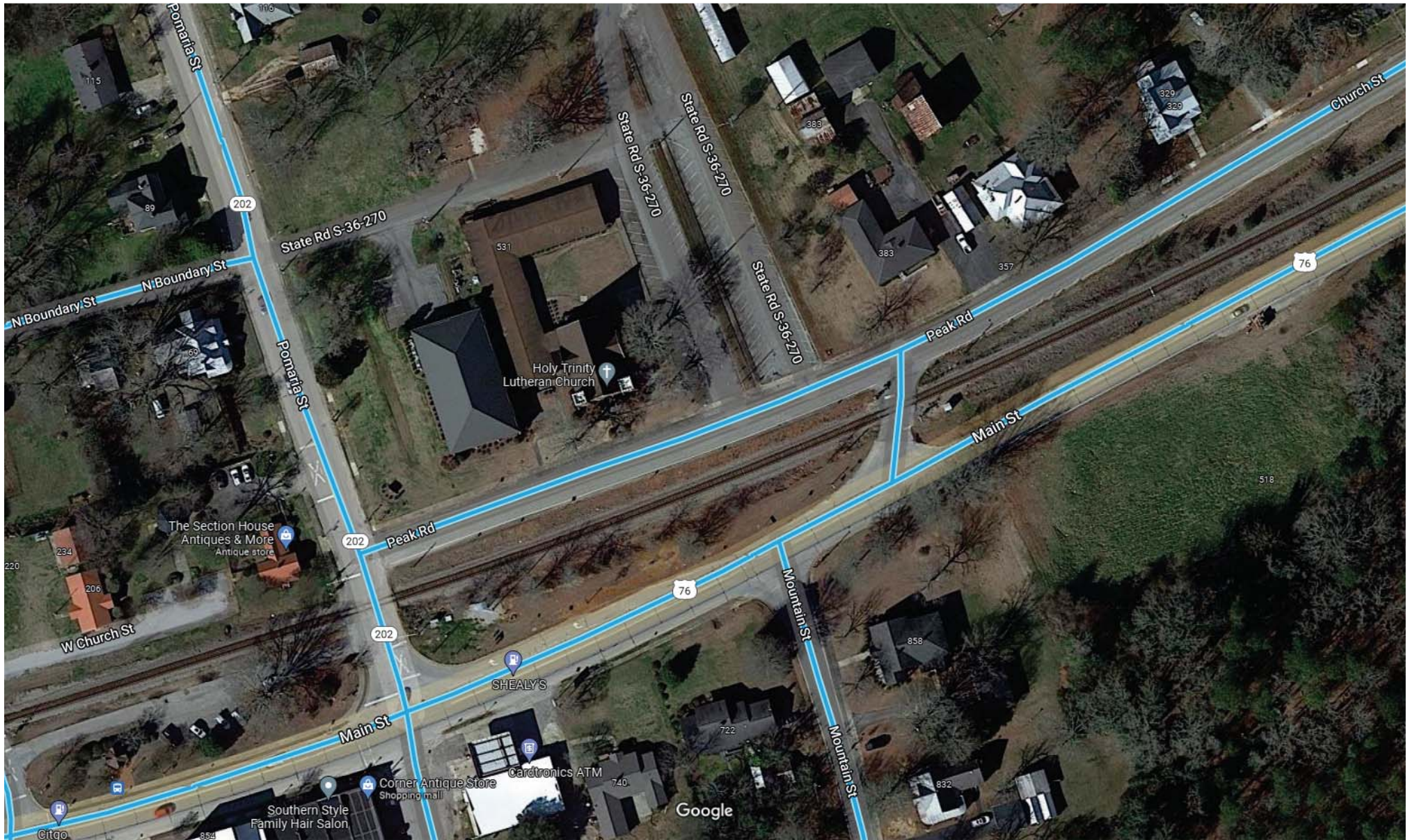
Railroad Crossing

Peak Road & Main Street Intersection

Town of Little Mountain

2045 Rural LRTP Amendment

Proposed Intersection Redesign



Mt. Tabor Church Road & Main Street Intersection

Town of Little Mountain

2045 Rural LRTP Amendment

Proposed Intersection Redesign

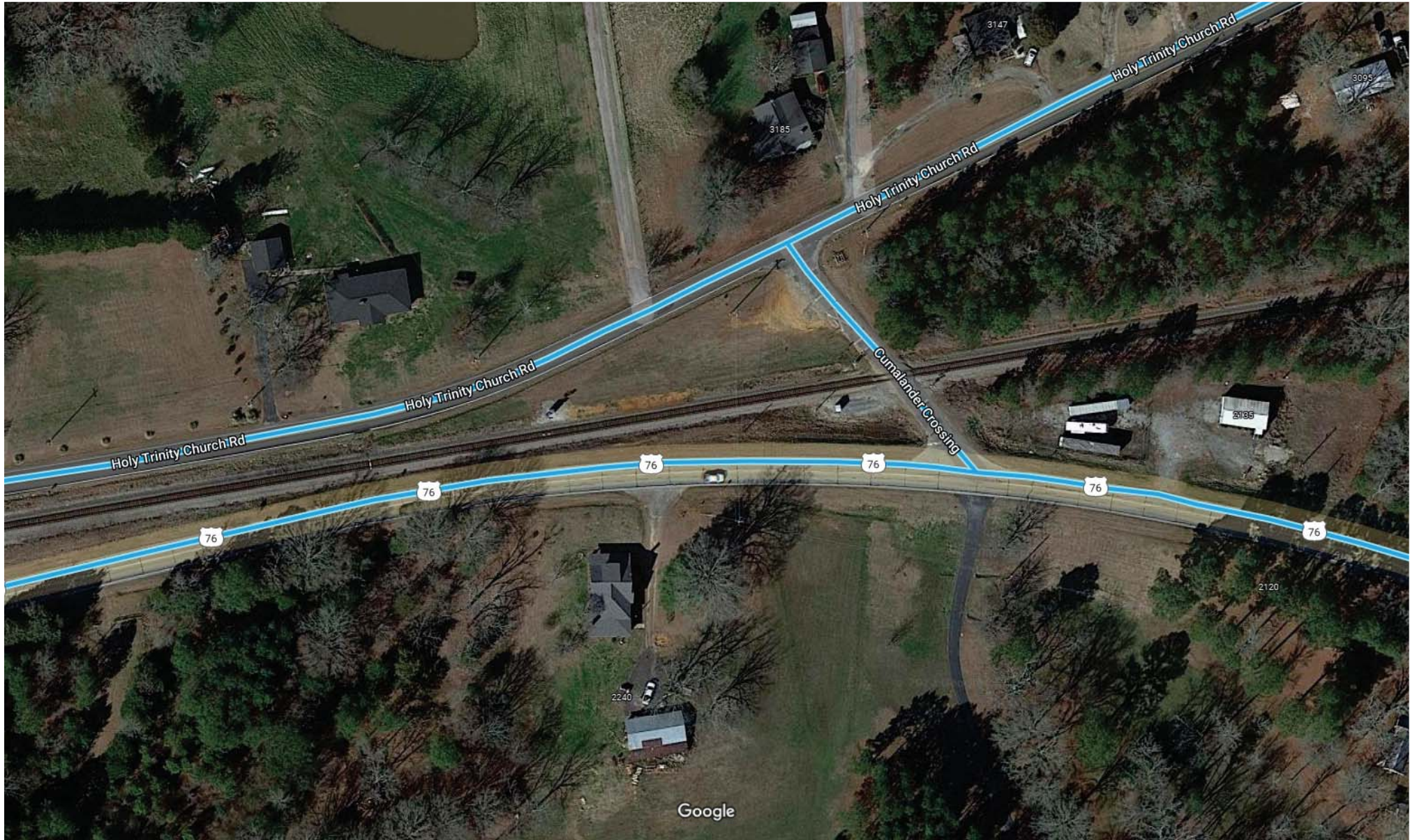


Railroad Crossing
Cumalander Crossing & US 76 Intersection

Newberry County

2045 Rural LRTP Amendment

Proposed Intersection Redesign





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Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: April 21, 2022

SUBJECT: **FY 2022 & 2023 UPWP**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to adopt the FY 2022 & 2023 UPWP. Please be advised that the revised final report is available on our website for your review.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2022 & 2023 COATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is based on the COATS's 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was updated and approved by the Policy Committee on 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 2022 & 2023 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: June 2023

On Call Services – 2045 Regional LRTP, Congestion Management Plan and Travel Demand Model Update

This project consists on-call services for the 2045 Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan, Congestion Management Plan and Regional Travel Demand Model using state-of-the-practice techniques to forecast needs in our transportation system.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: Ongoing

Regional Commuter Rail Study

This project consists of updating our commuter rail feasibility study using current federal guidance to determine the feasibility of re-establishing commuter service in the central midlands' region.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Columbia East Sub-Area Plan

This project consists of a multimodal analysis between land use and transportation in the southeastern portion of the City of Columbia.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Regional ITS Architecture

This project consists of creating a tool that will develop the basic framework for integrating different Intelligent Transportation System Projects throughout the CMCOG/COATS region.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Riverbanks Sub-Area Plan

This project consists of a multimodal analysis between land use and transportation in the Greystone/Riverbanks Zoo portion of the COATS region.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

Regional Bike and Pedestrian Feasibility Studies

Through a partnership with the Rural Planning Organization, this project consists of developing bike and pedestrian master plans in communities such as Gilbert, Summit, Winnsboro, Pelion, etc...

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023



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Memorandum

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FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: April 21, 2022

SUBJECT: **FY 2022 & 2023 RPWP**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to adopt the FY 2022 & 2023 RPWP. Please be advised that the revised final report is available on our website for your review.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2022 & 2023 CMCOG Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP) is based on the CMCOG's 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (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 2022 & 2023 RPWP emphasizes activities that will promote the implementation of both plans. The major projects to be completed in this two year timeframe include:

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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.

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Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

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Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: Ongoing

City of Newberry Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

This project consists of assessing existing and future bike and pedestrian facilities in and around the City of Newberry and enhancing their connectivity to the existing and expanding transit system.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

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Through a partnership with the Metropolitan Planning Organization, this project consists of developing bike and pedestrian master plans in communities such as Gilbert, Summit, Winnsboro, Pelion, etc...

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023

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 2023

Central Midlands Council of Governments
FY2021-22 Revised Budget

| | Revised Budget FY2022 Proposal | Budget FY2022 Approved | FY2021 Budget | Percent of Change |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Revenue | | | | |
| Local Revenue | | | | |
| Member Governments | 611,944 | 611,944 | 594,466 | 0.00% |
| State Aid | 70,407 | 70,407 | 140,814 | 0.00% |
| Interest Income | 75 | 25 | 25 | 200.00% |
| WorkKeys | 3,200 | - | - | |
| 208 Conformance Reviews | 14,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 40.00% |
| Midlands River Coaliton | 6,000 | 17,000 | 17,000 | -64.71% |
| Local Revenue-Other | 10,000 | - | 27,000 | |
| Local Revenue - Transportation | 10,000 | | | |
| Fringe Recovery | 974,000 | 1,045,538 | 1,005,205 | -6.84% |
| Indirect Cost Recovery | 554,000 | 789,224 | 637,034 | -29.80% |
| Total Local Revenue | 2,253,626 | 2,544,138 | 2,431,544 | -11.42% |
| Regional Programs | | | | |
| Aging Planning & Administration | 1,004,254 | 1,004,254 | 921,579 | 0.00% |
| Ombudsman Program | 466,971 | 466,971 | 449,400 | 0.00% |
| Midlands Workforce Development Board | 1,374,987 | 1,374,987 | 1,266,318 | 0.00% |
| Transportation | 750,000 | 1,850,877 | 1,481,515 | -59.48% |
| Hazard Mitigation Plan | 50,000 | 30,000 | 44,845 | 66.67% |
| EPA 208 Planning | 28,000 | 50,000 | 13,000 | -44.00% |
| EDA Planning Grant | 58,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | -17.14% |
| Comm Development Block Grant-Planning | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 0.00% |
| DHEC-Three Rivers Waterbased Plan | 35,000 | 35,000 | - | 0.00% |
| EDA- Supplemental Cares | 141,000 | 179,071 | - | -21.26% |
| Total Regional Programs | 3,958,212 | 5,111,160 | 4,296,657 | -22.56% |
| Community Development Block Grant Admin | 13,600 | 130,000 | 161,815 | -89.54% |
| Local Technical Assistance Contracts | 30,500 | 85,500 | 46,000 | -64.33% |
| Transfer From Other Program Areas-Matching, Other | 424,955 | 534,719 | 427,642 | -20.53% |
| Total Operating Revenue | 6,680,893 | 8,405,517 | 7,363,658 | -20.52% |
| Contracted Services Revenue | | | | |
| Aging | 3,942,642 | 3,942,642 | 3,365,062 | 0.00% |
| MWDB Contractors | 2,292,456 | 2,292,456 | 3,480,801 | 0.00% |
| Total Contracted Services Revenue | 6,235,098 | 6,235,098 | 6,845,863 | 0.00% |
| Total Revenue | 12,915,991 | 14,640,615 | 14,209,521 | -11.78% |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Personnel Costs | 2,688,499 | 3,162,458 | 2,929,606 | -14.99% |
| Fringe & Indirect Cost Allocation | 1,528,000 | 1,834,762 | 1,642,239 | -16.72% |
| Operations and Maintenance | 724,371 | 939,004 | 767,584 | -22.86% |
| Employee Development & Training | 16,750 | 80,750 | 59,750 | -79.26% |
| Travel & Transportation | 58,150 | 151,950 | 100,300 | -61.73% |
| Consultants & Contracts | 1,071,074 | 1,183,874 | 978,037 | -9.53% |
| Capital Outlays | 59,330 | 118,000 | 158,501 | -49.72% |
| Transportation Contractors | - | 400,000 | 300,000 | -100.00% |
| Transfer To Other Program Areas-Matching, Other | 534,719 | 534,719 | 427,642 | 0.00% |
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| Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | |



Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: May 19, 2022

SUBJECT: TIP Amendment – Section 5339 Projects for CMRTA

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add the following Section 5339 project requests for CMRTA.

BACKGROUND

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) and Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that describes the cooperative working relationship of the two organizations. This MOU recognizes that each year most of the FTA grant dollars that are received by CMCOG as the designated recipient, will be required by a direct recipient, for the provision of public transit services. CMCOG will require some continuing FTA funding in order to meet our responsibilities under MAP-21 and the FAST Act as a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Under this MOU, CMCOG has made the following allocations to CMRTA:

- Section 5339 Funds FY 2019 \$584,990
- Section 5339 Funds FY 2020 \$626,271

The CMRTA is preparing grant applications for the Section 5339 funds for their capital needs. Attached, please find a list of the projects that they are requesting with this funding.

ATTACHMENT

Section 5339 Project Requests

5339 (FY 2019)

- Purchase Bus Shelters – 80/20 match (\$584,990 – federal) – Purchase and installation of 11 bus shelters.

5339 (FY 2020)

- Purchase Bus Shelters – 80/20 match (\$626,271 – federal) – Purchase and installation of bus shelters at the Lucius Road Superstop.



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: May 19, 2022

SUBJECT: **Assembly Street Railroad Separation Project**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to add the Assembly Street Railroad Separation Project.

BACKGROUND

Columbia is the crossroads of the state of South Carolina with government, industry and education all coming together in the Capital City. Thousands of people go to work here, attend college here, and serve the people of South Carolina here in various capacities. With that comes thousands of commuters coming to the City daily, and thousands more on the weekends for conventions and events. Assembly Street is a heavily traveled artery and the combination of increased vehicular traffic congestion, freight rail volume and slow train traffic speeds results in unacceptable delays (both to vehicles and trains), increased air and noise pollution, and increased danger to pedestrians.

The Assembly Street Railroad Separation Project and Huger Street Connector seeks to address one of the state's highest profile traffic areas where both vehicle and train traffic meet on a daily basis. Located adjacent to Williams Brice Stadium and minutes from the State House, this project will separate train and vehicular traffic permanently, allowing both to move freely through Columbia.

ATTACHMENT

Assembly Street Railroad Separation Project Flyer



Assembly St. Railroad Separation Project



ASSEMBLY STREET RAILROAD SEPARATION PROJECT

Information Packet:

Purpose

Components

Status

Potential Funding Sources





Assembly St. Railroad Separation Project

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Project Components

Although the preferred alternative has not been selected, the below description focuses on one of the leading alternatives. A map of this option is on the next page of this flyer.

Alternative A (Formerly 320): Eliminates 15 grade crossings (6 via horizontal; 9 via raised profile). Assembly Street would be lowered and the rail tracks would be elevated at Catawba and Whaley Streets. The existing at grade crossings at Dreyfuss and Assembly (near Capital City Stadium) and Rosewood and Assembly (near the Fairgrounds) would be removed. Road closures would occur for Lincoln and Flora Streets. The rail line crossing Assembly Street near the California Dreaming Restaurant (400 block of Assembly Street) will remain – the low volume of train traffic has minimal impact on vehicular congestion.

Huger Street Connector:

As part of the project, a proposed new vehicular road with bridge over the current rail line would be built connecting Huger Street with Wayne Street. The at grade crossing at Huger Street would remain for local traffic.

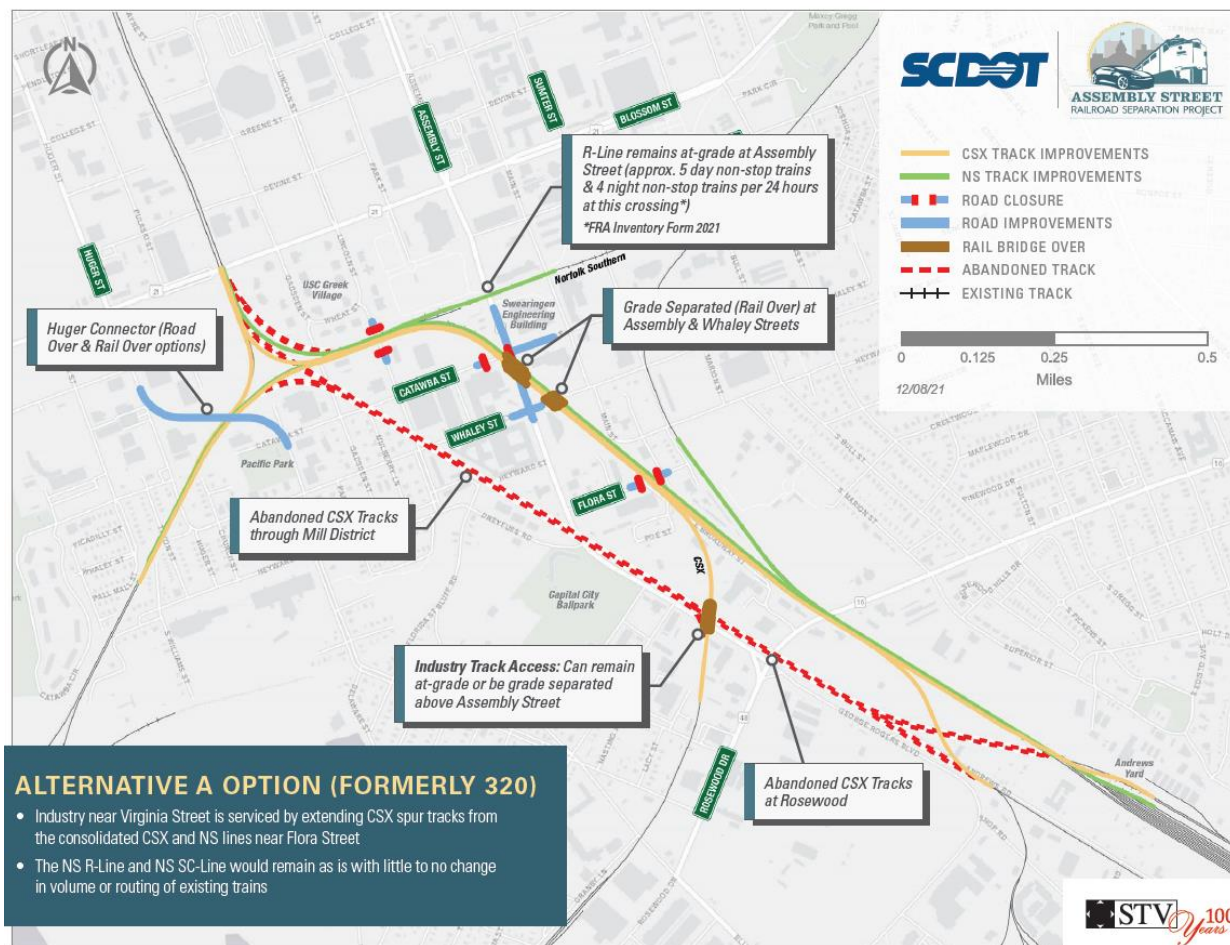
Status

The City of Columbia and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) are collaborating to advance the project forward while securing funding for the next steps. Preliminary Engineering Agreements have been established with CSX and Norfolk Southern. The railroads have provided comments to alternatives and SCDOT are reviewing them internally. The EA (Environmental Assessment) and the FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) are expected to be complete by 4th quarter 2022. Because of the preliminary status of the project, a final project cost estimate has not yet been determined. However, the current estimated range as provided by the SCDOT is \$180 – \$220 million for the entire project.





Assembly St. Railroad Separation Project



A larger map can be found at

www.assemblystreetrailproject.com.

More Information

The South Carolina Department of Transportation has created a website where citizens can provide input and learn more about the project. It is at www.assemblystreetrailproject.com.





Assembly St. Railroad Separation Project

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

The \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), signed into law in November 2021, includes \$550 billion in new funding to rebuild roads and bridges, water infrastructure, resilience, internet, and more. Congress intends the competitive grant programs to fund transformational and generational projects.

The Assembly Street Project falls squarely in this category. It also meets most, if not all, of the Administration's equity, climate, and state of good repair goals and is a project of regional significance with broad community and regional support across a diverse group of stakeholders.

Competitive Transportation Grant Programs

IIJA provides funding over five years (FY 2022-FY 2026) as follows.

- Mega Projects: \$1 billion per year for FY 2022-FY 2026 (total of \$5 billion over 5 years)
- INFRA: \$1.64 billion per year for FY 2022-FY 2024 and \$1.54 billion per year for FY 2025 and FY 2026 (total of \$8 billion over 5 years)
- CRISI: \$1 billion per year FY 2022-FY 2026 (total of \$5 billion over 5 years)
- Railroad Grade Crossing Discretionary: \$600 million per FY 2022-FY 2026 (total of \$3 billion over 5 years)

Note that these funds are either Highway Trust Fund contract authority or General Fund advance appropriations provided by IIJA. Congress could choose to provide additional funding for any of these programs in any given fiscal year, similar to how they provided an additional \$775 million for RAISE this year.

Funding Options

Mega/INFRA is the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America funding opportunity made available through the U.S. Department of Transportation for highway and rail projects.

1. 2022 applications open March 25, 2022 with application due May 23, 2022
2. Match requirement: 40% (\$72-\$88 million)

CRISI is the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant funding opportunity made available through the Federal Railroad Administration.

1. Usually due end of November
2. 20% match required (\$36-\$44 million), 50% preferred
3. Can be phased (PE/NEPA – 30% design)

SCTIB is the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank funding opportunity made available through the South Carolina State Government.

1. Due – No date posted
2. 25% match required (\$45 – \$55 million)
3. Match funds can be federal or local

Railroad Grade Crossing Elimination is a funding opportunity made available through the Federal Railroad Administration.

1. Expect applications to open later this year
2. Match requirement: 20% (\$36-\$44 million)

Potential Grant Opportunity Schedule

| 2022 | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | |
|------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| FONSI | | Finding of No Significant Impact | | | | | | | | | | |
| INFRA/Mega | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CRISI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCTIB | | Ongoing | | | | | | | | | | |





Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: May 19, 2022

SUBJECT: **2045 LRTP Amendment – Multi-Modal Transportation Center**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to amend the 2045 LRTP to add the Multi-Modal Transportation Center.

BACKGROUND

In September of 2016, the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) initiated a study to examine the opportunities that a Regional Intermodal Transportation Center located in or around downtown Columbia would bring to the Central Midlands area. It was expected that such a facility not only would enhance the traveler experience and the efficiency of transportation service operators in Columbia, but also would attract transit oriented development (TOD). Such development would be attracted because of its transportation access advantages and would be supportive of the transportation services found at the Center. Opportunities for transit oriented design and joint development were examined in the study.

The purpose of the Site Selection Study was to look at what an Intermodal Transportation Center for Central Midlands might include, how it might serve various modes of transportation and impact development, and where it might be located. The Site Selection Study is a first step in the process set out by the Federal Transit Administration for advancing public transportation facility projects. Regarding when the project might happen, the actual design and construction of a Regional Intermodal Transportation Center is subject to future funding and approval by local, regional, state, and federal agencies. Depending on how aggressively approvals and funding are pursued and secured, the construction of a Regional Intermodal Transportation Center could occur in as few as two to three years or as late as five to ten years.

Additional stakeholders that were consulted during the Site Selection Study included elected and appointed officials from the City and CMRTA and representatives from the University of South Carolina, South Carolina Department of Transportation, Amtrak, Greyhound Bus Lines, and Megabus. To evaluate market demand and economic conditions, interviews were held with numerous local and regional real estate developers, brokers, economic development entities and civic/cultural representatives.



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: May 19, 2022

SUBJECT: **2045 LRTP Amendment - White Pond Road/Whiting Way Intersection**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to amend the 2045 LRTP to add the White Pond Road/Whiting Way Intersection Improvement Project

BACKGROUND

The West Wateree area of Kershaw County is experiencing the pressures of growth that are facing the entire Central Midlands region. Both transportation and land use are impacted by this growth, with new challenges to overcome but also opportunities to embrace. The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG), in cooperation with Kershaw County, has completed the West Wateree Transportation Study, a multimodal transportation plan that analyzes existing conditions and makes recommendations based upon best practices, existing plans, and citizen input for the vision and goals of the area. Recommendations address both transportation and land use concerns for the study area. One of the projects recommended for improvement is the White Pond Road/Whiting Way Intersection. Staff will request to include this project into the 2045 LRTP for further analysis.

ATTACHMENT

White Pond Road/Whiting Way Intersection



Figure 4.3-2 | Long-term Proposed Improvements for White Pond Road/I-20

White Pond Road/Whiting Way

The intersection of White Pond Road at Whiting Way was addressed in the ERNE Sub-Area Plan and it was recommended that a left-turn lane be installed on White Pond Road to keep through-traffic from being delayed behind queuing left-turning traffic onto Whiting Way. This was a near-term (i.e., 0-2 years) recommendation made in 2010, but it has not yet been implemented. Left-turns at this location have only increased in the last seven years and the West Wateree Transportation Study also recommends that a left-turn lane be added to White Pond Road at its intersection with Whiting Way. This is not a complex or expensive solution and it should be implemented as soon as possible. **Figure 4.3-3** depicts this recommendation graphically.

The ERNE Sub-Area Plan also recommended a more robust solution in the long-term (i.e., 10-20 years), including signalization, widening of White Pond Road, paved shoulders, crosswalks, and pedestrian signals. For the West Wateree Transportation Study, a conceptual design was developed for these improvements (see **Figure 4.3-4**), which helped in refining them further. Access management has been included to prevent dangerous, conflicting turning movements to/from adjacent properties in close proximity to the intersection. These improvements could be implemented independently, or as part of the conversion of White Pond Road to a Three-Lane Rural Arterial, but should occur in the mid-term (i.e., 5-10 years).



Figure 4.3-3 | Near-term Proposed Improvements for White Pond Road/Whiting Way



Figure 4.3-3 | Mid-term Proposed Improvements for White Pond Road/Whiting Way

SPOTLIGHT: Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center

Mission Statement:

To engage and serve people of all ages and backgrounds while promoting advancements in education, health, and economics and improving the quality of life for citizens of Lexington and Richland counties and the Midlands of South Carolina.

QUICK FACTS:

Name of organization: Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center

Year established locally: 2008

Top local executive: Dr. Cindye Richburg Cotton, Executive Director

Contact information:

1218 Batchelor St.

West Columbia, SC 29169

Phone: 803-744-7943

Website: www.brooklandlakeview.org

Corporate giving contacts:

Dr. Cindye Richburg Cotton, Executive Director

P.O. Box 3292

West Columbia, SC 29171

Phone: 803-747-3519

E-mail: [Cindye Richburg](mailto:Cindye.Richburg@brooklandlakeview.org)

Average number of volunteers in 2020: 242.

Total operating budget 2020-21: \$349,657.69

Percent of revenue dedicated to program services: 65%

Geographic area or specific population served: The BLEC serves individuals and families in Lexington and Richland counties, as well as other areas of the Midlands. The specific populations include youth and teens, senior citizens, adults and families.

Greatest need

\$2.5 million in matching funds for EDA Grant for development of a Small Business Incubator and Workforce Development Training Center at the BLEC.

A CLOSER LOOK:**2021 Top achievements:**

- Recruited 42 new volunteers for various programs and services
- Increase number of grant awards and donations for emergency repairs and major construction projects
- Served over 230,000 healthy meals to children in Lexington and Richland counties between February and August 2021 to reduce child hunger and fill the nutrition gap
- Created 25 summer jobs in the Summer Feeding Program including many jobs for youth and teens
- Former Lakeview Schools designated a historic site by the S.C. Department of Archives and History
- Distributed approximately 1,300 senior supplemental and diabetic food boxes to underserved communities each week
- Provided emergency relief resources and services through the Food and Clothing Bank

2022 Goals:

- Human Service | Goal 1: To improve the quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Foster Community | Goal 2: To offer socio-economic opportunities that would enrich the lives of senior citizens, individuals and families.
- Cultural Service | Goal 3: To provide a safe, inviting environment for seniors, adults, and youth to participate in physical and cultural activities that promote health and wellness.
- Sustainability | Goal 4: To recapture the historic significance of the center and its important role in the community serving as a focal point of civic pride.
- Sustainability | Goal 5: To meet the current needs of the community and anticipate future needs giving equal consideration to economic, social and environmental aspects.
- Partnership | Goal 6: To cultivate collaborative relationships with community partners.

SCDOT's *Office of Local Government Services* is Open for Business

Office Structure, Roles, and Responsibilities

The South Carolina Department of Transportation's (SCDOT) Office of Local Government Services was established in December 2021. Agency leadership recognized a need to consolidate various financial and administrative management activities associated with local governments under one roof; thus, the office was created.

The following offices and program areas fall under the guidance of the Office of Local Government Services:

- "C" Program
 - "C" Funds come from the state gas tax, and are provided annually to the 46 counties based on a formula: 1/3 population, 1/3 land area, and 1/3 rural road mileage. Sometimes, the General Assembly provides one-time, non-recurring "C" funds to counties.
 - "C" Funds are used for local transportation projects and improvements to state and county roads and city streets; projects must be on public property, and accessible to the public. These funds can also be used as local match for federal grants. The vast majority of "C" Funds are spent on resurfacing secondary and local roads.
 - The "C" Fund Law requires a certain percentage of "C" Funds be spent on the state highway system. In SFY 22, 25% of a county's "C" funds must be spent on state roads, while the remainder (75%) can be spent on locally-owned transportation infrastructure.
 - County Transportation Committees (CTCs) select and approve projects to be funded. Most CTCs are appointed by their County's Legislative Delegation; in some instances, the appointment authority has been transferred to the county.
 - CTCs can choose to be self-administered, or SCDOT will administer a county's "C" program on its behalf.

- Local Public Agency (LPA) Program
 - An LPA is a county, municipality, board, commission, agency, department, or political subdivision created under the authority of the state.
 - Based on its qualifications, SCDOT *may* delegate a federal-aid or state-funded project or phase of a project to an adequately staffed, suitably equipped, qualified entity (LPA).
 - Examples of LPA projects include, but are not limited to, Transportation Alternative projects (i.e., sidewalks; bike / pedestrian shared use paths), safety projects (i.e., installation of a roundabout; intersection improvement), or a state or Congressional earmark.

- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP)
 - The TAP program, previously known as “Transportation Enhancements,” is a federally funded grant reimbursement program used for community connectivity projects, including sidewalks, bikeways, multipurpose trails, greenways, and Safe Routes to Schools.
 - TAP projects focus on safely and efficiently expanding *non-motorized* transportation choices for communities.
 - Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, local governments, school districts, regional transportation authorities, and Councils of Government.
 - TAP grants require a 20% local match, and lapse 3 years after award.

- Contract Assurance
 - The Office of Contract Assurance provides confirmation to SCDOT and federal agencies that funds awarded by SCDOT are expended in accordance with applicable agreement provisions and state and federal requirements.
 - Staff review consultants’ annual indirect costs rates and audits of indirect costs rates for compliance with federal cost principles. Rates are approved for use if they are found to be compliant.
 - The office also completes annual reviews of Single Audit Compliance, federal cost reporting, and, as needed, procurement and indirect cost rates / allocation plans.

Office staff provide specialized financial and administrative support, assisting entities with TAP, LPA, and CTC project and program guidelines, responsibilities, and processes from inception through completion. *Engineering-related items associated with these local projects and programs remain within SCDOT’s engineering divisions.*

Forthcoming TAP and LPA Program Revisions

The TAP and LPA programs are currently being reviewed and revised. Since December 2021, multiple “listening sessions” have occurred with both internal and external stakeholders, including the South Carolina Association of Counties, Municipal Association of South Carolina, and COGs. Feedback is being incorporated into the program revisions, along with an emphasis on SCDOT’s Complete Streets Policy and new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requirements.

The goal of the TAP and LPA revisions is to streamline both programs to make them more efficient and user friendly. Because these programs will look much different than they do today, we will have a robust educational component as part of the roll-out, so stay tuned for more information as we introduce the new and improved LPA and TAP programs.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Discretionary Grants

A hot topic right now is the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the substantial amount of discretionary grants available to state and local governments. The Office of Local Government

Services will be responsible for identifying what grants SCDOT will seek to benefit its program, but will also coordinate with local governments on grants they are seeking on the State Highway System.

SCDOT understands the desire of local governments to pursue federal grants, and we recognize that the current USDOT Administration is actively seeking opportunities to provide federal grant funding to our municipal and county partners outside of the normal transportation planning process. We also recognize the challenges many local governments face with regards to funding desired infrastructure improvements and enhancements within their communities.

Therefore, what should local governments be prepared to do if pursuing discretionary grants?

- Independently seek grant opportunities and prepare all grant applications in their entirety.
- Enter into grant agreements with the relevant federal funding agency.
- *Manage all aspects of the project including PE, ROW, and construction.
- Assume all financial risk, including any overruns.
- Enter into a maintenance agreement with any improvements above SCDOT's maintenance standard.

*To assist local governments, SCDOT is working to establish a qualified list of On-Call consultants to provide local governments assistance with project management support for awarded grants. Usage of the list is not mandatory.

Local governments submitting transportation grant applications for work on the State Highway System should provide a proposed high-level project scope to the Office of Local Government Services as soon as possible. Please email this information to IJJAGrants@scdot.org.

The Office will provide a preliminary review of the scope and notify relevant SCDOT staff as applicable. Based upon the cursory review, the Secretary of Transportation will provide a letter to the local government's Chief Administrative Officer regarding project impacts to the State Highway System, and its status in terms of planning stage, environmental review, and design. Please provide proposed grant projects 30 days in advance of the grant application deadline in order to provide adequate time for a response.

For questions or additional information regarding the Office of Local Government Services, please contact Roxanne Ancheta, Director, Office of Local Government Services, at AnchetaRM@scdot.org or (803) 737-1232.



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