



Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments

Thursday, April 22, 2021 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room (Virtual Meeting)

OVERALL AGENDA

ACTION

A. Call to Order and Introductions

Steve MacDougall,
Chair

1. Determination of a Quorum
2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda
3. Invocation
4. Introduction of New Board Members –
Derrek Pugh, Richland County Council
Brian Carter, City of West Columbia

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the March 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes (*Enclosure 1*)

C. Regular Agenda

1. Quarterly Financial Statement (January – March 31, 2021) (*Enclosure 2*)
2. Nomination of CMCOG Board of Directors Officers (*Enclosure 3*)
3. TIP Amendment – Leesburg Road Widening Project (*Enclosure 4*)
4. TIP Amendment – FY 2019 TAP Funds (*Enclosure 5*)
5. TIP Amendment – FTA Programs and Apportionments (*Enclosure 6*)

Chanell Jackson
Paul Livingston
Reginald Simmons
Reginald Simmons
Reginald Simmons

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

1. Overview of the Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
2. Executive Director's Report

Candice Holloway
Benjamin Mauldin

E. Old/New Business

F. Other Business

G. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 in the CMCOG Conference Room

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



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

Thursday, March 25, 2021 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room via Virtual Platform

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vina Abrams, Newberry County
John Andoh, The Comet
Charles Appleby, Richland County
Moses Bell, Fairfield County Council
John Baxter, Richland County
Todd Beasley, Richland County
Will Brennan, City of Columbia Council
Susan Brill, Richland County
Julian Burns, Kershaw County Council Chair
Glenn Conwell, Lexington County Council
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
William DePass, City of Columbia
Cheryl English, Richland County Council
Doug Fabel, Richland County
Sloan Griffin, Blythewood Town Council
Bob Hall, Batesburg-Leesville Town Council
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council
Robert Liming, City of Columbia
Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington Mayor
Yvonne McBride, Richland County Council
Annie McDaniel, Fair County Leg. Del.
Walt McLeod, Newberry County
Joe Mergo, Lexington County
Chakisse Newton, Richland County Council
Elise Partin, Mayor, City of Cayce
Jeffrey Salters, Lexington County
Foster Senn, Mayor, City of Newberry
Chris Wooten, Lexington County Leg. Del.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michelle Dickerson, City of West Columbia
Brian Carter, City of West Cola. Administrator
Darren Ledbetter – SCDOT
Joey McIntyre – SCDOT
Michelle Ransom - The COMET
Christina Lewis - SCDOT
Eric Harris - The Comet
Brent Rewis - SCDOT
Ernie Baughman - Toole & Design
Mark Smyers - Director ICRC
Michael Peterson - SCDOT
Erin Porter - SCDOT
Betsy McCall - SCDOT
Stephanie O'Cain - MASC

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jessica Foster, Operations Coordinator
Guillermo Espinosa, Senior Planner
Petula Hendley, Financial Management/
Supportive Services Director
Chanell Jackson, Finance Director
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive
Director/Transportation Director
Gregory Sprouse, Planning Director

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve MacDougall called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. on March 25, 2021.

1. Determination of Quorum

Chairman MacDougall declared the presence of a quorum.

2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

3. Invocation

Vina Abrams gave the Invocation.

4. Introduction of New Board Members:

Darrell Hudson, Lexington County

5. Presentation of Resolution to Hope Brock

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the February 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, approved

MOTION, approved

Robert Liming moved, seconded by Yvonne McBride to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved.

C. Regular Agenda

C1. Lower Saluda greenway Feasibility Study

Reginald Simmons requested approval of the Lower Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study.

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) in cooperation with the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission (ICRC) undertook the Lower Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study.

As the formal documentation of the Lower Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study, the Feasibility Report:

- Defines the greenway's mission, purpose, and need;
- Identifies potential environmental, cultural, and social resources that should have direct access to the greenway;

- Determines natural features or social concerns that will become constraints for greenway construction;
- Informs, educates, and solicits input from the public about the greenway;
- Provides a detailed concept plan and recommended alignment for the greenway; and
- Provides cost estimates for implementing the project.

This Feasibility Report is part of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Planning (PL) phase and must be approved by CMOG, acting as the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) before the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase can commence.

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

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

MOTION, approved

Bob Liming moved, seconded by Smokey Davis, to approve the Lower Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study. The motion was approved.

C2. TIP Amendment – CRRSAA Funds

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add a total of \$4.9 million in CRRSAA funds.

SCDOT recently received COVID relief funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). As part of this new funding the COATS MPO has received approximately \$4.9 million in CRRSAA funds. Staff will request to use these funds to address the 27 in 7 Bonding Program debt service and the widening of Leesburg Road.

- A. \$2.6 million for the 27 in 7 Bonding Program Debt Service
- B. \$2.3 million for the Leesburg Road Widening Project

A brief discussion took place about the overall projects list.

MOTION, approved

Todd Cullum moved, seconded by Walt McLeod, to approve the 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment to add the \$4.9 million in CRRSAA Funds. The motion was approved.

C3. TIP Amendment – CMRTA Intermodal Station

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add \$289,900 in Section 5307 Funds for the CMRTA Intermodal Station.

In September of 2016, the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) initiated a study to examine the opportunities for a Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) to be in or around downtown Columbia. The study identified 22 potential sites for a new ITC in the City of Columbia. These 22 locations were examined by the Study Steering Committee and using a pre-defined set of site evaluation criteria, the sites were analyzed with the highest-ranking sites being identified. An environmental analysis was performed for the top four ranking potential sites. No “fatal flaws” from an environmental perspective were found at any of these sites.

The COMET continued their review for an ITC on the site of the Amtrak station. The Amtrak station is a steel structure, built in 1991. Amtrak moved the station to the current Pulaski Street location when the City of Columbia removed the rails and the Seaboard Air Line Railway trestle along Lincoln Street. The former Seaboard Air Line and Amtrak station, built of red brick in 1903, still stands at Gervais Street. It was abandoned and then restored and made into a restaurant called the Blue Marlin.

Currently, Greyhound and Southeastern Stages are located at 710 Buckner Road, Columbia and Megabus is located at Lucius Road and Marlboro Street. The nearest Blue Bike is at Lincoln Street and Gervais Street which means that transportation options are scattered throughout the Greater Columbia area.

Examples of bus/rail intermodal facilities in the Southeast are in North Charleston, SC, Durham, NC, and Raleigh, NC. The COMET is looking for a facility that can house the following transportation options:

- Amtrak Silver
- Greyhound
- MegaBus
- Southeastern States
- The COMET
- Taxis
- Lyft and Uber
- Blue Bike Bikeshare Station

The COMET has provided a preliminary engineering and planning budget for review.

A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Todd Cullum moved, seconded by Yvonne McBride, to amend the 2020-2027 TIP to add \$289,900 (total) in Section 5307 funds for the CMRTA Intermodal Station. The motion was approved.

C4. TIP Amendment- FTA Programs and Apportionments

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020-2027 TIP to add apportionments for the FY 2021 Sections 5307, 5310, & 5339 FTA Funding Programs. CMCOG is the designated recipient for the Sections 5307, 5310, 5339 FTA Funding Programs. Funding from these programs can be used for either capital, planning, administration, and/or limited operating assistance. For FY 2021 the following apportionments were received for the Columbia Urbanized Area:

- Section 5307 - \$5,496,654
- Section 5310 - \$509,993
- Section 5339 - \$586,728
- Section 5310 CRRSAA Funds- \$84,786

MOTION, approved

John Andoh moved, seconded by Yvonne McBride, to approve the 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment to add the FY 2021 FTA Programs and Apportionments. The motion was approved.

D. Announcements

D1. Executive Directors Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following report:

- The Nominating Committee will meet to nominate the incoming Chairman from Newberry County and the incoming Vice-Chairman from City of Columbia.
- We will be sending out the Rural Survey Link from SCDOT. Please fill out and return to SCDOT.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business was brought forth

F. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forth.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:11 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments approved these minutes at its March 25, 2021 meeting.

Benjamin J. Mauldin, Secretary-Treasurer

Steve MacDougall, Chairperson

Central Midlands Council of Governments
Unaudited Financial Statement
July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
Revenue			
Local Revenue			
Member Governments	\$ 594,466	445,621.96	74.96%
State Aid	140,814	70,407.00	50.00%
Interest Income	25	22.64	90.56%
208 Conformance Reviews	10,000	7,455.00	74.55%
Local Revenue -other	27,000	18,000.00	66.67%
Midlands River Coaliton	17,000	0.00	0.00%
Fringe Recovery	1,005,205	551,106.87	54.83%
Indirect Cost Recovery	637,034	384,858.21	60.41%
Total Local Revenue	2,431,544	1,477,471.68	60.76%
Regional Programs			
Aging Planning & Administration	921,579	788,403.78	85.55%
Ombudsman Program	449,400	315,448.79	70.19%
Midlands Workforce Development Board	1,266,318	965,863.77	76.27%
Transportation	1,481,515	1,159,353.91	78.25%
Hazard Mitigation Plan	44,845	5,269.44	11.75%
EPA 208 Planning	13,000	8,857.58	68.14%
Economic Development Administration	70,000	56,100.00	80.14%
Comm Development Block Grant-Planning	50,000	33,306.49	66.61%
Total Regional Programs	4,296,657	3,332,603.76	77.56%
Community Development Block Grant Admin	161,815	121,464.00	75.06%
Local Technical Assistance Contracts	46,000	36,269.56	78.85%
Transfer From Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	427,642	310,589.00	72.63%
Total Operating Revenue	7,363,659	5,278,398.00	71.68%
Contracted Services Revenue			
Aging	3,365,062	2,719,205.93	80.81%
WIOA Contractors	3,480,801	2,394,603.21	68.79%
Total Contracted Services Revenue	6,845,863	5,113,809.14	74.70%
Total Revenue	14,209,522	10,392,207.14	73.14%
Expenses			
Personnel Costs	2,929,606	1,922,897.99	65.64%
Fringe & Indirect Cost Allocation	1,642,239	1,013,965.11	61.74%
Operations and Maintenance	767,584	545,261.47	71.04%
Employee Development & Training	59,750	46,369.00	77.61%
Travel & Transportation	100,300	20,839.99	20.78%
Consultants & Contracts	978,037	753,737.05	77.07%
Capital Outlays	158,501	125,381.84	79.10%
Transportation Contractors	300,000	236,103.00	78.70%
Transfer to other Program Areas-Matching,other	427,642	313,821.00	73.38%
Total Operating Expenses	7,363,660	4,978,376.45	67.61%
Contracted Services Expenses			
Aging	3,365,062	2,432,116.55	72.28%
Midlands Workforce Development Board (WIA)	3,480,801	2,845,038.65	81.74%
Total Contracted Services Expenses	6,845,863	5,277,155.20	77.09%
Total Expenses	14,209,522	10,255,531.65	72.17%
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses	-	136,675.49	



TO: CMCOG Executive Committee/ CMCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Livingston
DATE: April 22, 2021
RE: **Nominations for CMCOG Officers**

The CMCOG Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Present were Vina Abrams, Moses Bell and Paul Livingston.

The Nominating Committee members present unanimously and respectfully submit the following nominations for officers of the Central Midlands Council of Governments for the current Vice Chair thru June 30, 2021 and the term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023:

Current Vice Chair:	Foster Senn, City of Newberry (Newberry County)
Incoming Chairman:	Foster Senn, City of Newberry (Newberry County)
Incoming Vice-Chairman:	Will Brennan, City of Columbia

We recommend your approval of the above officers.



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: April 22, 2021

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment – Leesburg Road Widening Project**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests first reading approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$1,129,089 in Transportation Alternative Program Funds to the Leesburg Road Widening Project.

BACKGROUND

Since 2016, the COATS MPO has awarded approximately \$2,069,163 to a total of eleven (11) Transportation Alternative Projects. Federal guidance dictates that funding in the Transportation Alternatives Program must be fully obligated within 4 years of its apportionment. If the funding is not fully obligated, then the funding is subject to lapse. Approximately \$1,129,089 has not been obligated amongst these eleven projects and is scheduled to lapse on September 30, 2021.

To keep these funds active, the COATS MPO proposes to add this funding to the Leesburg Road Widening Project. The deadline to obligate these funds is August 1, 2021. By adding this funding to the Leesburg Road Widening Project, it will be scheduled for obligation in June and the widening project is scheduled to be let for construction in July. This addition funding will also assist in finalizing the financial plan for the Leesburg Road Widening Project.



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: April 22, 2021

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment – TAP Funds**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests first reading approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$1,129,089 in FY 2019 and FY 2020 Transportation Alternative Program Funds to eight (8) existing TAP projects.

BACKGROUND

Transportation alternatives activities offer communities the opportunity to expand their transportation choices. Activities such as safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, scenic routes, beautification, and other investments increase opportunities for recreation, accessibility, and safety for everyone beyond traditional highway programs.

Since FY 2016, the COATS MPO has award over \$2 million to eleven (11) transportation alternative projects. Currently, one (1) has been completed, two (2) have been withdrawn and eight (8) remain active. Since these projects were awarded in FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2018, TAP funds associated with these projects will lapse if the funding is not fully obligated by September 30th.

Per a review of these projects with SCDOT, none of the eight remaining projects are scheduled to be fully obligated by September 30th. Thus, to keep these projects active for completion, staff is proposing to use FY 2019 and FY 2020 funds to continue to fund these projects. The attached table will show the proposed obligations to be made to each project.

ATTACHMENT

Proposed Obligations

FY 2019 & 2020 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PROPOSED OBLIGATIONS

PROGRAM YEAR	STATUS	TMA	LPA ADMINISTERED	APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	FEDERAL OBLIGATION NEEDED
2019	Active	COATS	Yes	Richland County	Alpine Road Shared Use Path	\$180,000.00
2019	Active	COATS	No	City of Cayce	Julius Felder Sidewalk (all previous phases)	\$123,555.40
2019	Active	COATS	No	City of Cayce	Frink Street Sidewalk	\$95,284.80
2019	Active	COATS	No	City of Cayce	Julius Felder Sidewalk Phase III	\$156,941.00
2019	Active	COATS	No	City of West Columbia	Center Street Sidewalk and Crosswalk	\$143,200.00
2019	Active	COATS	No	City of West Columbia	Meeting Street and State Street Area Improvements	\$123,666.00
2020	Active	COATS	No	Kershaw County	Wildwood Lane Sidewalk Improvements PH I	\$156,000.00
2020	Active	COATS	No	Kershaw County	Wildwood Lane Sidewalk Improvements PH II	\$159,000.00
Total						\$1,137,647.20



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: April 22, 2021

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment - Federal Transit Administration Programs & Apportionments**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests first reading approval to add the fiscal year 2021 federal funding apportionment to the 2020 - 2027 TIP.

BACKGROUND

Each year CMCOG receives direct and/or indirect federal funding apportionments for the following FTA Programs:

- Section 5307 – Urbanized Area Formula Grants
- Section 5339 – Bus and Bus Facilities Program
- Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

These programs may provide planning, administration, capital, operations, and technical assistance to various transit-related projects. In order for the MPO and transit providers to access these funds, the MPO has to include them into their TIP. Staff will request to add the attached apportionments to the 2020 – 2027 TIP.

ATTACHMENT

FTA Programs and Apportionments

FTA PROGRAMS AND APPORTIONMENTS

Section 5307 Program

Purpose

This program provides grants to Urbanized Areas (UZA) for public transportation capital, planning, job access and reverse commute projects, as well as operating expenses in certain circumstances. These funds constitute a core investment in the enhancement and revitalization of public transportation systems in the nation's urbanized areas, which depend on public transportation to improve mobility and reduce congestion.

Eligible Recipients

- FTA apportions funds to designated recipients, which then suballocate funds to state and local governmental authorities, including public transportation providers.

Eligible Activities

- Capital projects.
- Planning.
- Job access and reverse commute projects that provide transportation to jobs and employment opportunities for welfare recipients and low-income workers.
- Operating costs in areas with fewer than 200,000 in population.
- Operating costs, up to certain limits, for grantees in areas with populations greater than 200,000, and which operate a maximum of 100 buses in fixed-route service during peak hours (rail fixed guideway excluded).

Funding

- FY 2021 \$9,242,669 – American Rescue Plan

FTA PROGRAMS AND APPORTIONMENTS

Section 5310 Program

Purpose

This program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

Eligible Recipients

- States (for all areas under 200,000 in population) and designated recipients.
- Subrecipients: states or local government authorities, private non-profit organizations, or operators of public transportation that receive a grant indirectly through a recipient.

Eligible Activities

- At least 55% of program funds must be used on capital projects that are:
 - Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.
- The remaining 45% may be used for:
 - Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA.
 - Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit.
 - Alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Section 5310 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) 2021

Purpose

- Allocates supplemental funding for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310)
- Emphasizes that funding is made available for payroll and operations of public transportation first and foremost

Eligible Recipients

- Section 5310 funds are apportioned to Designated Recipients in large urbanized areas
- Designated Recipients and States determine the allocation to subrecipients

Eligible Activities

- Requirement to use 55% of funds for traditional capital projects does not apply to CRRSAA funds.
- The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan requirement for Section 5310 applies to ARP funding.

Funding

- FY 2021 \$84,787