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Meeting Minutes Rural Technical Committee Wednesday, December 14, 2023 In-Person/Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Mark Hoeweler, WRCOG Stacey Johnson, SCDOT Lyle Lee, SCDOT Jessica Hucks, City of Conway Clay Young, City of Loris Mayor Brown, Town of Stuckey Randy Plummer, Horry County Holly Richardson, Georgetown County Ray Funnye, Georgetown County

Other Attendees:

Marla Watson, SCDOT Shamika Peterson, SCDOT Elizabeth Tucker, WRCOG Sarah Smith, WRCOG Kerri Kellahan, WRCOG Roxanne Ancheta, SCDOT TAP Office

Members Absent:

Mauretta Dorsey, Town of Andrews
Keonta Moore, Williamsburg County
John Gardner, Town of Aynor
Carlether Nesmith, Town of Greeleyville
Sandra Mouzon, Town of Lane
Andre Dorsey, WCT Transit
Kevin Parks, Coast RTA
Alvin Chambers, Town of Kingstree
Joey Skipper, SCDOT
John Collins, Town of Hemingway
Zella Major, Williamsburg County
Andy Markunas, Horry County

Welcome and Introductions - Ms. Kellahan welcomed the committee members and noted that there was a quorum present.

Meeting Minutes - Ms. Kellahan presented the December 13, 2023, meeting minutes. No corrections were made.

Motion to approve made by Ray Funnye 2nd made by Tripp Ward Motion carried unanimously.





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Projects Update

Mr. Johnson from SCDOT gave a projects update:

- SC 41, Big Dam Swamp (Georgetown) Early 2025 sh
- **US52 at Eastland** (Williamsburg County) ROW plan submittal which should take 2-3 months to be signed. ROW acquisition is expected to start around May of 2024. Anticipated Summer 2025 construction to begin.
- **Easler/Holliman/OGR** Early 2025 project construction should begin. Acquisition is about to begin.

No questions for Mr. Johnson regarding the SCDOT project update.

Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Kellahan discussed the meetings conducted with stakeholders to identify safety projects in each county. 127 projects were initially identified but Ms. Kellahan stated that the list would be sent to SCDOT to provide input on duplicates. Brooke Morell gave an update on the rural LRTP and the work she has been doing. The next steps for ranking projects in the plan includes obtaining cost estimates from SCDOT and utilizing planning directive 15 to analyze data and statistics. Ms. Kellahan stated that the goal is to have the plan completed by February but that will depend on various factors so that deadline is tentative.

No questions regarding the Rural LRTP update.

2024 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Kellahan presented the 2024 meeting schedule and asked if anyone had any concerns with the dates, times, or having the meeting both in-person and virtual. No concerns were expressed.

Action Item: 2020-2024 Safety Performance Targets

Ms. Kellahan presented the Safety Performance Targets that were sent from SCDOT. Each year we adopt their rolling average for safety. The document shows the actuals for the years 2018-2022. Ms. Kellahan asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Motion to approve made by Ray Funnye 2nd made by Mauretta Wilson Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting – The next scheduled RTC meeting is March 6, 2024.

Other Business –Ms. Kellahan asked if there was any other business that needed to be addressed. Leigh Kane, WRCOG Planning Director stated that the RTC needed to understand the importance





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of adopting the Safety Targets since our region ranks last in the state for safety. She discussed the importance of improving our ranking as a region by working through our LRTP and prioritizing safety.

Adjourn – Ms. Kellahan asked the committee if there were any questions or issues anyone would like to address. Receiving no questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned.