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**Meeting Summary
Rural Technical Committee
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Zoom Meeting**

Members Present:

Elizabeth Tucker, WRCOG
Stacey Johnson, SCDOT
Joey Skipper, SCDOT
Machael Peterson, SCDOT
Mauretta Dorsey, Town of Andrews
Mayor Brown, Town of Stuckey
Alvin Chambers, Town of Kingstree
Andy Markunas, Horry County
Randy Plummer, Horry County
Holly Richardson, Georgetown County

Other Attendees:

Betsy McCall, SCDOT
Marla Watson, SCDOT
Leah Quattlebaum, SCDOT
Mark Hoeweler, WRCOG
Sarah Smith, WRCOG

Welcome and Introductions - Ms. Tucker welcomed the committee members and noted a quorum was present. No action items were on the agenda.

Meeting Summary - Ms. Tucker presented the December 15, 2021 meeting summary. No corrections made.

Rural TIP – Ms. Tucker presented the Rural TIP and noted the revisions:

- Andrews Bypass funding moved from FY23 to FY24
- Big Dam Swamp funding moved from FY23 to FY24
- US-52 & S-186 funding moved from FY23 to FY24
- SCDOT Bridges (non-guideshare)

LRTP Projects Update

Stacey Johnson updated the committee on the following intersection projects in the rural area:

- Main & MLK scheduled to let in June 2022
- 186 & Eastland is in the STIP and preliminary engineering started
- Easler/Holliman/OGR is in the STIP and preliminary engineering started

Leah Quattlebaum updated the committee on Andrews Bypass:

- 2018 Army Corp permit withdrawn to address environmental concerns
- 2019 WRCOG approved additional money to complete the environmental study
- The results of the study indicated significant environmental impacts and the data did not support the original purpose/need

Committee members asked about timeframes for making a decision, possible alternatives, and effects on purpose & need if improvements were made to the existing infrastructure. Leah discussed the potential options for the project and asked that the RTC begin thinking about where the project is heading.

RTC Bylaws – Ms. Tucker presented the proposed revisions to the RTC Bylaws. Committee members were asked to review the document and provide feedback. Ms. Tucker will send committee members an outline of changes from the existing Bylaws for comparison. The final draft will be on the June RTC meeting agenda.

Other Business – Ms. Tucker asked if there was any other business to discuss. Mark Hoeweler noted two (2) items to mention to the group:

- Guideshare Formula – A minimum of 4 million dollars has been apportioned to rural programs. The administration of these funds has not gone beyond fiscal year 2022, so further information will be coming.
- Corridor Study – Representative Hardee has inquired about a corridor study for SC-905. A study in Horry County would need to be initiated by the County. Mr. Hoeweler will forward the information to the County for further review.

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