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**Meeting Summary**  
**Rural Technical Committee**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Members Present:**

Elizabeth Tucker, WRCOG  
Kevin Parks, Coast RTA  
Stacey Johnson, SCDOT  
Joey Skipper, SCDOT  
Jerome Pearson, SCDOT Planning  
Andy Markunas, Horry County  
Randy Plummer, Horry County  
Zella Major, Williamsburg County  
Ray Funnye, Georgetown County  
Holly Richardson, Georgetown County  
Brandon Harrelson, City of Conway  
Mayor Brown, Town of Stuckey  
Alvin Chambers, Town of Kingstree  
Mauretta Dorsey, Town of Andrews

**Other Attendees:**

Marla Watson, SCDOT  
Mark Hoeweler, WRCOG  
Daniel Newquist, WRCOG  
Sarah Smith, WRCOG  
Michelle Peterson, SCDOT

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** - Ms. Tucker welcomed the committee members and noted a quorum was present. Ms. Tucker announced the meeting was being recorded
- II. **Meeting Summary** – Ms. Tucker presented the December 16, 2020 and March 17, 2021 meeting summary. No corrections made.
- III. **Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP)**  
Ms. Tucker presented the 2022-2023 RPWP. The document is required by SCDOT and serves as a basis and condition for all funding and activities for rural transportation planning. The RPWP update is every two (2) years and must be recommended by RTC and approved by the Board. Ms. Tucker asked if there were any questions about the plan and asked if there was a motion to approve.  
*Motion to approve made by Kevin Parks*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> made by Andy Markunas*  
*Motion carried unanimously*
- IV. **SCDOT Performance Targets**  
Ms. Tucker presented the 2-year condition/performance result from the SCDOT System Performance Report. SCDOT has asked that the report be included in the Long Range

Transportation Plan (LRTP). The report is an assessment of progress made to meet the annual system performance targets for pavement and bridge conditions, and non-interstate travel reliability. Ms. Tucker asked if there were any questions about the targets or the request to include the reporting in the LRTP.

*Motion to approve made by Jerome Pearson*

*2<sup>nd</sup> made by Zella Major*

*Motion carried unanimously*

**V. SCDOT Safety Targets**

Ms. Tucker presented the 2017-2021 Safety Performance Targets and the 2015-2019 Performance Targets Assessment (Actual) from the SCDOT System Performance Report. SCDOT has asked that the report, as well as the new safety targets, be included in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The report is an assessment of progress made to meet the annual system safety targets for fatalities and serious injuries. Ms. Tucker asked if there were any questions about the targets or the request to include the reporting in the LRTP.

*Motion to approve made by Kevin Parks*

*2<sup>nd</sup> made by Mayor Brown*

*Motion carried unanimously*

**VI. SCDOT Projects Update** – Stacey Johnson presented the SCDOT projects update for the Easler-Holliman-OGR intersection and the US 52 & S-186 intersection. Mr. Johnson presented the option to keep the Easler-Holliman-OGR intersection project in the TIP with a revised scope. The reduced treatment includes safety improvements to Easler to create a “clear zone” by establishing proper slope and clearing fixed objects. Additional improvements will be made including (but not limited to) resurfacing, establishing proper shoulder slopes, increased road signage, upgraded pavement markings, increased paved shoulder width, and potential drainage improvements.

The total cost for the Easler-Holliman-OGR intersection with the reduced scope combined with the new intersection project at US 52 and S-186 will remain within the current budgeted amount indicated on the TIP for the EHO intersection.

Ms. Tucker clarified the recommendation:

- Recommendation to keep the Easler-Holliman-OGR intersection on the TIP with a reduced treatment to include safety improvements; and
- Recommendation to include the US 52 & S-186 intersection in the TIP

*Motion to approve made by Andy Markunas*

*2<sup>nd</sup> made by Raye Funnye*

*Motion carried unanimously*

**Rural Projects Discussion** - Mark noted that the Corp is currently reviewing the Andrews Bypass project and no further determinations have been made as to the future of the project. If the project is determined no longer viable, the rural program will be in the position to complete new projects. Mark asked the committee to begin thinking about potential projects in their

jurisdictions and staff will work with SCDOT to identify projects as well. Projects will need to be included in the LRTP update.

- VII. **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 closed the meeting.