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**Meeting Summary  
Rural Technical Committee  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

**Members Present:**

Elizabeth Tucker, WRCOG  
Kevin Parks, Coast RTA  
Stacey Johnson, SCDOT  
Joey Skipper, SCDOT  
Leah Quattlebaum, SCDOT  
Jerome Pearson, SCDOT Planning  
Andy Markunas, Horry County  
Randy Plummer, Horry County  
Zella Major, Williamsburg County  
Ray Funnye, Georgetown County  
Mayor Brown, Town of Stuckey  
Allison Hardin, City of Conway

**Other Attendees:**

Carol Coleman, WRCOG  
Mark Hoeweler, WRCOG  
Daniel Newquist, WRCOG  
Sarah Smith, WRCOG  
Marla Watson, SCDOT  
Michelle Peterson, SCDOT  
Christina Lewis, SCDOT  
Brandon Harrelson, City of Conway

**Welcome and Introductions** - Ms. Tucker welcomed the committee members and noted a quorum was present.

**Meeting Summary** - Ms. Tucker presented the May 12, 2021 meeting summary. No corrections made.

**Rural 5310 Application Ranking Prioritization**

Ms. Tucker presented the FY 2022 Rural 5310 applications. The COG's are responsible for ranking the applications submitted to SCDOT OPT. The Board approved ranking is submitted to the State. SCDOT will have the final determination on funding for the applications. The applicants are Neighbor to Neighbor (MM and POS) and Horry County DSN (ADA compliant vehicle). 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*

**Rural TIP Amendment** - Ms. Tucker presented the amended Rural TIP. The amendments included revised cost estimates received by the COG from SCDOT. No projects were added or deleted from the Rural TIP. Christina Lewis asked about the US 52 & S-186 inclusion process. Mark Hoeweler explained the project had been recommended by SCDOT as a safety improvement project as the revised scope of the Easler Holliman project had a reduced cost estimate. The projects were discussed at RTC in December and recommended in to the Board in May. The Board approved the project in June.

Ray Funnye asked about the status of Andrews Bypass Phase 2. Leah Quattlebaum explained the status of the purpose/needs review. Direction from the COG will be needed once the reviews have been completed.

*Motion to approve made by Ray Funnye*

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

*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.

**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 asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Motion to adjourn made by Andy Markunas*

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

*Motion carried unanimously*