

**Meeting Summary  
Rural Technical Committee  
Wednesday, December 16, 2020  
Zoom Meeting**

**Members Present:**

Elizabeth Tucker, WRCOG  
Kevin Parks, Coast RTA  
Stacey Johnson, SCDOT  
Joey Skipper, SCDOT  
Jerome Pearson SCDOT  
Andy Markunas, Horry County  
David Gilreath Proxy (Andy Markunas), Horry County  
Zella Major, Williamsburg County  
Ray Funnye, Georgetown County  
Angela Christian, Georgetown County  
Mayor Willie Brown, Town of Stuckey  
Alvin Chambers, Town of Kingstree

**Other Attendees:**

Marla Watson, SCDOT  
Mark Hoeweler, WRCOG  
Sarah Smith, WRCOG

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** - Ms. Tucker welcomed the committee members and noted a quorum was present. Ms. Tucker took role to ensure all members present were included in the attendance.
- II. **Meeting Summary** – Ms. Tucker presented the August 21, 2019 meeting summary, June 5, 2020 virtual vote, and August 8, 2020 virtual vote.

*Andy Markunas made a motion to recommend the acceptance of the Meeting Summary. Ray Funnye seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

- III. **SCDOT Intersection Projects** – Stacey Johnson presented the SCDOT intersection feasibility study recommendations for the intersection project at Easler-Holliman-Old Greeleyville Road in Williamsburg County. The results from the scoping meetings indicated the project would cost \$1,000,000 over the existing budget for the project. SCDOT looked at cost/benefit, crash data, and the geometry of the intersection and determined the project would not provide the benefit in relation to the cost. SCDOT asked the district office to submit alternative intersections in Williamsburg County to potentially replace this project. The two (2) identified projects were US-52 & S-186 and US-52 & S-301. SCDOT reviewed the projects and recommend the US-52 & S-186 for the following reasons:

- **Cost**-The project can be completed within the existing budget of the OGR project
- **Options**-There are several options for improving this intersection including realignment, acceleration lane, improvements at the railroad, etc.

Mr. Johnson asked if there were any questions or discussions regarding the recommendation or the methods through which the determination was made. Mark Hoeweler summarized the situation in that that the rural area had an intersection with rising costs and did not provide the cost/benefit to complete the project.

*Ray Funnye made a motion to recommend the SCDOT Intersection Project amendment to replace the Easler-Holliman-Old Greeleyville Road intersection project in Williamsburg County with the US-52 & S-186 intersection project in Williamsburg County. Mayor Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

- IV. **TIP Amendment** – Ms. Tucker presented the TIP projects schedule updates from SCDOT for US 501 & Enoch Road and SC Highway 9 East Widening. No changes to the scope or project costs were made.

*Andy Markunas made a motion to approve the TIP Updates. Mr. Funnye seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

- V. **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.

*Ray Funnye made a motion to adjourn. Andy Markunas seconded the motion.*