



**Commission Members:**  
 Pamela L. Christopher, Chair  
 Max Metcalf, Vice Chair  
 Tony K. Cox, Commissioner  
 William B. Dukes, Commissioner  
 J. Barnwell Fishburne, Commissioner  
 TJ Johnson, Commissioner  
 Curtis M. Spencer, Commissioner

**Commission Meeting**  
**Minutes and Actions**

**South Carolina Department of Transportation**  
 Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM  
 5th Floor Auditorium

**Commissioners present at the meeting were:**

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| Pamela L. Christopher | Chair        |
| Max Metcalf           | Vice Chair   |
| William B. Dukes      | Commissioner |
| Tony K. Cox           | Commissioner |
| J. Barnwell Fishburne | Commissioner |
| T.J. Johnson          | Commissioner |
| Curtis M. Spencer     | Commissioner |

**The Chair declared that a quorum was present.**

**Also present at the meeting were:**

Justin P. Powell, Secretary of Transportation  
 Karl McCottry, Deputy Secretary for Finance and Administration  
 Jen Necker, Deputy Secretary for Intermodal and Freight Programs  
 Rob Perry, Deputy Secretary for Engineering  
 Leah Quattlebaum, Interim Deputy Secretary for Planning  
 Chip Carothers, Deputy Chief Counsel  
 Allen Hutto, Chief of Staff  
 Mark LaBruyere, Director of Internal Audit Services

**Action Taken:**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Christopher called the July 18, 2024 Commission Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Chairwoman Christopher called the roll of the Commission and declared a quorum was present.

**3. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Action Required)**

Motion by: Commissioner Fishburne

Second by: Commissioner Johnson

The Commission approved the July 18, 2024 Meeting Agenda.

**4. Prayer—Commissioner Fishburne**

**5. Pledge of Allegiance—Commissioner Cox**

**6. Approval of Minutes and Actions (Action Required)**

**6.1 May 16, 2024 Commission Minutes**

A 36/2024

Motion by: Commissioner Fishburne

Second by: Commissioner Cox

The Commission approved the May 16, 2024 Commission minutes as written.

## **6.2 Report Out of Audit Committee Meeting**

FIO 14/2024

Audit Committee Chairman Fishburne read the May 16, 2024 Audit Committee Meeting Report.

## **6.3 May 16, 2024 Audit Committee Minutes**

A 37/2024

Motion by: Commissioner Metcalf

Second by: Commissioner Dukes

The Commission approved the May 16, 2024 Audit Committee minutes as written.

## **7. Public Comment**

Secretary Powell stated there were no public comments.

## **8. Resolutions**

### **8.1 Resolution Dedication in Berkeley County**

RES 7/2024

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Approved

Second by: Commissioner Metcalf

The Commission approved a Resolution to dedicate the portion of the road in the Alvin Community in Berkeley County as the Captain Henry J. Greene Highway.

### **8.2 Resolution Dedication in Lexington County**

RES 6/2024

Motion by: Commissioner Dukes

Approved

Second by: Commissioner Cox

The Commission approved a Resolution to name the Columbia Airport Expressway in West Columbia the U.S. Representative Joe Wilson Expressway.

### **8.3 Resolution Honoring Mr. Edmond "ED" Garner**

RES 4/2024

Motion by: Commissioner Cox

Second by: Commissioner Metcalf

Approved

The Commission approved a Resolution to recognize Edmond "ED" Garner for his 50 years of service with the agency.

### **8.4 Resolution Honoring Ms. Jan P. Hudson**

RES 5/2024

Motion by: Commissioner Fishburne

Second by: Commissioner Cox

Approved

The Commission approved a Resolution to recognize Jan P. Hudson for her 50 years of service with the agency.

### **8.5 Resolution to Honor Former Commissioner David E. "Gene" Branham, Sr.**

RES 8/2024

Motion by: Commissioner Cox

Second by: Commissioner Metcalf

Approved

The Commission approved a Resolution to recognize Commissioner Gene Branham for serving on the SCDOT Commission for two terms.

## **9. Secretary of Transportation Report**

FIO 15/2024

Secretary Powell noted that Brent Rewis had recently announced his retirement and Leah Quattlebaum had been named the Interim Deputy Secretary for Planning. Secretary Powell presented the SC Highway Safety Statistics as of July 7, 2024: 468 traffic fatalities, 74 pedestrian fatalities, 14 bicycle fatalities, and 11 moped fatalities.

The current active construction program had reached over \$6.2 Billion: \$1.9 Billion for interstate widening, \$2.3 Billion for pavements, \$573 Million for bridges, \$433 Million for regional mobility projects, \$255 Million for safety, \$227 Million for other miscellaneous projects, and \$480 Million for CTC and other projects administered by SCDOT. There were eleven change orders greater than \$250,000 from the May 1 to June 27, 2024 reporting cycle totaling approximately \$11.5 Million associated with approximately \$6.2 Billion in active contracts. The commissioners were provided with a list of the change orders from that reporting cycle in the Agenda Meeting Package. There were not any emergency procurements for the reporting period.

Secretary Powell reviewed the Ten-Year Plan Accomplishments. He reported 1053 miles had been addressed in the Rural Road Safety program with a 20% reduction since implementation in fatal and serious injury crashes. More than 8,800 miles of paving projects had been addressed in every county of the state, and 352 bridges had been advanced to construction working toward the agency's 10-year target goal of 500 bridges by 2027. He also reported 109 of the 215 interstate miles targeted had been advanced to construction.

Secretary Powell reviewed the transparency report on the New Gas Tax Trust Fund through May 31, 2024. He stated \$4.2 Billion of revenue had been generated since July 1, 2017, with \$4 Billion available for projects. There were 12 surplus properties conveyed March 2024 to April 2024, totaling \$17,400 in property sales.

Secretary Powell reported the General Assembly adopted the Budget Conference Report on June 26, 2024, and Governor McMaster announced his line item vetoes on July 3, 2024. SCDOT will receive \$200 Million for Bridges and \$117 Million for Rural Road Safety Projects with a \$21 Million redirect to airport facilities. CTCs will receive \$200 Million collectively.

## **10. New Business (Action Required)**

### **10.1 Approval of Bridge Program Realignment**

[A 45/2024](#)

Motion by: Commissioner Metcalf

Approved

Second by: Commissioner Cox

Deputy Secretary Perry presented the 2024 Bridge Improvement Update. The Commission approved the following four motions:

#### **Motion #1**

In accordance with the Commission approved Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and the 10-year plan for rebuilding South Carolina's roads and bridges, the Commission approves adding \$200 Million in funding provided by the General Assembly in the FY24-25 budget to the bridge program. \$100 Million is approved for repair and replacement of interstate and primary route bridges, and \$100 Million is approved to replace secondary road bridges. Furthermore, the Commission concurs with the Department seeking discretionary federal grants for bridges on interstates, primary routes, and secondary roads.

#### **Motion #2**

In accordance with Act 114 of 2007, which requires the SCDOT Commission to select projects for funding based on quantifiable factors, the Commission reaffirms the carryforward of previously approved mega bridge projects, primary carryforward bridge projects, and 2021 closed and load restricted primary route bridges. In addition, the Commission approves the newly ranked deficient interstate and primary route bridge list. Further, the Commission approves immediate work to repair interstate bridges that are in immediate jeopardy of being closed or load restricted.

#### **Motion #3**

In accordance with Act 114 of 2007, which requires the SCDOT Commission to select projects for funding based on quantifiable factors, the Commission reaffirms the carryforward of previously approved 2021 closed and load restricted secondary road bridges. In addition, the Commission approves the newly ranked deficient secondary road bridge list.

#### **Motion #4**

The Commission approves of the continued approach by the Secretary to immediately assess closed bridges for repair and replacement should a closed bridge need to be returned to service. In these instances, a closed bridge shall be added to the bridge program without the need for ranking.

### **10.2 Ratification of Extensions**

[R 4/2024](#)

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Approved

Second by: Commissioner Dukes

Deputy Secretary Perry requested the Commission ratify 13 extensions for July 2024 totaling \$11.4 Million. The following were the extensions: 1) Edgefield/Greenwood/Newberry Counties, funding source

2024 Maintenance funds/2025 NHS Primary Pavement Resurfacing Funds, for resurfacing on SC-230 West Martintown Road) in Edgefield County, SC-225 (Bypass 225 South) in Greenwood County, and SC-395 in Newberry County. The extension amount was \$2 Million, and the contract amount was \$7.3 Million. 2) Anderson County, with the funding source 2024 NHS Primary Pavement Resurfacing Funds, for full depth patching on SC-28 Bypass (Pearman Dairy Road). The extension amount was \$515,000, and the contract amount was \$12.6 Million. 3) Cherokee County, funding source Bridge Reactionary Maintenance (BRM) Funds, for Bridge Replacement on S-195. The extension amount was \$3 Million, and the contract amount was \$9 Million. 4) Dorchester County, funding source Interstate Pavement Program, for concrete/asphalt pavement improvements on I-95 MP 68.81 to MP 84.19. The extension amount was \$1.3 Million, and the contract amount was \$51.5 Million.

5) Chester County, funding source was District 4 Maintenance Funds for resurfacing on SC-9 (Lancaster Highway). The extension amount was \$316,029, and the contract amount was \$9.3 Million. 6) Kershaw County, funding source was BRM Funds for Bent Cap Retrofits on I-20 Overflow Bridges in Kershaw County. The extension amount was \$707,717 and the contract amount was \$96 Million. 7) Richland County, funding source District 1 Bridge Maintenance Funds, for repairs to Blossom Street Bridge over the Congaree River. The extension amount was \$246,768, and the contract amount was for \$11 Million. 8) Spartanburg County, funding source BRM Funds for Bridge Deck Repairs on I-26 Eastbound Bridge over North Tyger River. The extension amount was \$450,000, and the contract amount was \$22.9 Million. 9) Spartanburg County, funding source District 3 Maintenance Funds for Intersection Improvements – US 221-I26 WB. The extension amount was \$208,076, and the contract amount was \$24 Million.

10) Chester/York Counties, funding source BRM Funds, for Bridge Deck Patching on Multiple Bridges on I-77. The extension amount was \$1.3 Million and the contract amount was \$125 Million. 11) Spartanburg County, funding source District 3 Maintenance Funds, for signal installation on US-221 at I-26 Westbound Ramps. The extension amount was \$222,839, and the contract amount was \$2 Million. 12) Dorchester County, funding source Maintenance Operations Funds, for rehabilitation on S-232 (Salem Road). The extension amount was for \$653,484, and the contract amount was \$8.4 Million. 13) Aiken/Calhoun Counties, funding source District 7 Bridges Maintenance Funds for Maintenance Repairs on 3 bridges in District 7. The extension amount was \$428,285, and the contract amount was \$889,934.

The Commission approved the Ratification of Extensions.

### **10.3 STIP Window Update 2024**

A 47/2024

Motion by: Commissioner Metcalf

Approved

Second by: Commissioner Spencer

Deputy Secretary McCottry presented the STIP Window Update to the Commission and requested approval of the STIP Update following consideration of public comment. The proposed STIP reflects commission policy on the overall funding distribution for the federal-aid and state funded programs for the balance of the 10-year plan, incorporates prioritized projects previously approved by the Commission and reflects coordination with the MPO and COGs. The Secretary shall provide a summary of substantive comments to the Commission for its consideration at the September 2024 meeting. Pending no substantive comments, the 2024-2033 STIP will be effective as of October 2024. The Commission approved initiating a 21-Day Public Comment period for the 2024-2033 STIP.

### **10.4 Revisions of the 2021-2027 STIP, Transit**

A 41/2024

Motion by: Commissioner Fishburne

Approved

Second by: Commissioner Metcalf

Deputy Secretary Necker requested Commission approval to initiate a 21-day public comment for the attached rural public transit projects (Attachment A) under FTA Section 5311 program (non-urbanized areas). These projects were allocated funding based on the funding formula approved by the Commission in February 2017. Pending consideration of the public comments, the projects will be recommended for inclusion in the STIP. A summary of comments, if any will be made available to the Commission prior to submitting the projects for inclusion in the STIP.

The total apportionments for the FTA Section 5311 Rural Transit projects are \$14, 208,287 FTA Section 5311, \$,739,420 State Mass Transit Funds (SMTF) and \$1,014,345 in additional SMTF. These funds are

for 21 public transit providers in rural communities in South Carolina. Funds will be used for administration, operating and capital expenses. The Commission approved the Revisions to the 2021-2027 STIP, Transit.

#### **10.5 21-Day Public Comment Period, Highway**

[A 42/2024](#)

Motion by: Commissioner Dukes

Approved

Second by: Commissioner Cox

Secretary Powell requested the Commission's approval to initiate the 21-day Public Comment Period and amend the 2021-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for three new bridge replacements and one planning grant. The Commission approved the 21-Day Public Comment Period, Highway.

SCDOT certified items and A and B were closed and consistent with Commission policy, automatically advanced and ranked as high priority projects.

A. Bridge Replacement S-34-29 (Hoyt Rogers Road) over Maiden Down Swamp-Closed-Marion County

B. Bridge Replacement S-20-30 East Peach road over Little Cedar Creek – Closed – Fairfield County

C. Bridge Replacement S-9 Over Canterhill Swamp – Berkeley County

D. East Coast Greenway Planning Grant – Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, Georgetown, Horry and Jasper Counties

#### **10.6 Changes to the Statewide Highway System**

[A 44/2024](#)

Motion by: Commissioner Dukes

Approved

Second by: Commissioner Cox

Secretary Powell requested Commission approval of the additions, deletions, and revisions of the State Highway System and the authority to convey right of way to appropriate entities. This request included 30 segments of the Secondary Road System resulting in a reduction to the Secondary System of -0.69 centerline miles equating to -1.38 lane miles. The Commission approved the Changes to the State Highway System.

#### **11. Old Business**

Secretary Powell stated that there was no Old Business for the Commission to discuss.

#### **12. Commissioner Comments**

The Commissioners gave their comments.

#### **13. Meeting Adjournment (Action Required)**

[A 30/2024](#)

Motion by: Commissioner Metcalf

Approved

Second by: Commissioner Fishburne

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024 in Anderson, South Carolina. Chairwoman Christopher announced that the Audit Committee Meeting would be held in Room 306 at 10:45 a.m.

The July 18, 2024 minutes were approved by the Commission at the September 19, 2024 meeting.

  
Pamela L. Christopher, Chair