# BYLAWS GRAND STRAND AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (GSATS)

The following bylaws are adopted by the GSATS Policy Committee to provide for the transaction of business in the development of the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study. These bylaws are adopted to designate the offices and functions of the GSATS Policy Committee and to provide for the transaction of business of the committee in the development of the Grand Area Transportation Study in conformance with state and federal laws and regulations.

These bylaws also provide for three standing committees to assist the GSATS Policy Committee (Policy Committee). These are the GSATS-South Carolina Study Team (Study Team), which is designed to review and coordinate transportation matters affecting the South Carolina portion of the Study Area, and the GSATS-North Carolina Transportation Advisory Committee (GSATS-NCTAC) and the GSATS-North Carolina Technical Coordinating Committee (GSATS-NCTCC), which are designed to review and coordinate transportation matters affecting the North Carolina portion of the Study Area.

End of Introduction

## PART ONE: GSATS POLICY COMMITTEE

## SECTION 1-1. POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

**A. Voting Membership.** The Policy Committee shall consist of twenty four (24) voting members. These include:

Chart 1 GSATS Policy Committee Voting Membership		
South Carolina Policy Committee Members		
Jurisdiction or Agency	Jurisdiction/Agency Votes	Designated Member
Georgetown County Council	One	Chairman
Horry County Council	Two	Council Chairman and Councilman
City of Conway	One	Mayor
City of Georgetown	One	Mayor
City of Myrtle Beach	Two	Mayor and Councilman
City of North Myrtle Beach	One	Mayor
Town of Atlantic Beach	One	Mayor
Town of Briarcliffe Acres	One	Mayor
Town of Pawleys Island	One	Mayor
Town of Surfside Beach	One	Mayor
Legislative Delegation -	Two	Legislative Delegation Senator and
Georgetown County		one (1) house member
Legislative Delegation – Horry County	Three	Legislative Delegation Senator and two (2) house members
Waccamaw Regional	One	Chairman
Transportation Authority		
South Carolina Department of	Two	District Commissioner and SCDOT
Transportation		Secretary of Transportation or
		designee
<b>Total Representatives from</b>	South Carolina Portion =	20

Chart 1 Continued GSATS Policy Committee Voting Membership		
North Carolina Policy Committee Members		
Jurisdiction or Agency	Jurisdiction/Agency Votes	Designated Member
GSATS-NCTAC	Two	Two (2) NCTAC members
Brunswick County	One	County Commissioner
North Carolina Department of	One	NCBOT Member
Transportation		
<b>Total Representatives from</b>	North Carolina Portion =	4

The Policy Committee may, as an amendment to these bylaws, reduce, enlarge, or redistribute the voting membership in cases where the Study Area is expanded following a decennial census, when a new municipality incorporates within the Study Area, or when an agency's representation is required by federal or state law. Notwithstanding the amendment provisions of Part Five of these bylaws, any alteration in the committee's representation shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the entire voting membership and shall, prior to becoming effective, require the consent of SCDOT and NCDOT.

**B.** Non-Voting (Ex Officio) Membership. In addition to voting members, the Policy Committee shall consist of six (6) non-voting ex-officio members. These include:

Chart 2 GSATS Policy Committee Non-Voting (Ex-Officio) Members		
Jurisdiction or Agency	Designated Member	
Horry County Planning Commission	Chairman	
Georgetown County Planning Commission	Chairman	
Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments (WRCOG)	Chairman or Executive Director	
South Carolina Department of Transportation District Office	District Engineering Administrator	
Myrtle Beach International Airport	Director	
South Carolina State Ports Authority	Georgetown Director	

Non-voting members may be added to or removed from the Policy Committee through an amendment to these bylaws as provided in Part Five.

**C. Term.** The terms of membership of elected officials shall be coterminous with their terms of elected office. The terms of appointed representatives shall be coterminous with their appointment to the organization which they represent.

## SECTION 1-2. AUTHORITY OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

- **A. Duties.** The duties and responsibilities of the Policy Committee are as follows:
  - (1) In cooperation with NCDOT, SCDOT, and FHWA, be responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning process specified by the U.S. Department of Transportation in 23 U.S.C. 134, any subsequent amendments to that statute, and any implementing regulations. It shall develop, review, and approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) also referred to as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP);
  - (2) Review and approve the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for multi-modal capital and operating expenditures and ensure coordination between local and state capital and operating improvement programs;

- (3) Review and approve the Congestion Management Process;
- (4) Establish goals and objectives for the transportation planning process that consider and are responsive to comprehensive plans for growth and development in the MPO Study Area;
- (5) As required, review and approve amendments to the LRTP/MTP and the TIP;
- (6) In coordination with the standing committees provided herein, keep local government boards informed of the status and requirements of the transportation planning process; assist in the dissemination and clarification of the decisions, inclinations, and policies of these boards; and ensure a process which provides the opportunity for meaningful citizen participation in the transportation planning process;
- (7) Where appropriate, review and recommend changes to the Federal-Aid Functional Classification System and the MPO's Study Area (also referred to as the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary or MPA);
- (8) Review and approve related air quality planning in conformance with federal regulations if the Study Area becomes non-attainment for air quality; and
- (9) Any other duties identified as necessary to further facilitate the transportation planning process.
- **B.** Delegation of Authority. Where appropriate and in accordance with the requirements of NCDOT, SCDOT, and FHWA, the GSATS Policy Committee may delegate review and approval authority to the standing committees provided herein. Such delegation shall be authorized by an approved resolution of the GSATS Policy Committee, shall be enumerated in these bylaws, or may be authorized by an approved memorandum of understanding between the Policy Committee, NCDOT and/or SCDOT, and the affected jurisdictions within the Study Area.

## SECTION 1-3. OFFICERS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

**A.** Officers. There shall be two (2) officers from the voting members elected every other year, beginning with the election after January 1, 2003, to the following offices: Chairman and Vice-Chairman. In any given year, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall not be representative from the same county.

The recording secretary of the Policy Committee will be the WRCOG's GSATS MPO Director.

- **B. Election.** At the first meeting after January 1<sup>st</sup> of each biennial year, the committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The voting members present shall constitute a quorum, only, for the purpose of election.
- **C. Tenure.** The officers shall serve from the date of their election until a successor has been selected, and their terms shall be coterminous with their elected office.
- **D. Duties.** The Chairman shall normally preside at all meeting of the committee. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside. In the absence of both, a member agreeable to a majority of those present shall serve as acting chairman.

The Chairman shall appoint ad-hoc committees, designate ad-hoc committee chairman, and perform such other duties as may be determined by the Policy Committee.

### SECTION 1-4. MEETINGS OF THE GSATS POLICY COMMITTEE

- **A. Regular Meetings.** Regular meeting of the Policy Committee shall be held when determined necessary by the Chairman or by a quorum of the voting membership. In any event, meetings will be held at least quarterly.
- **B.** Special Meetings. Special meetings may be held at the call of the Chairman or acting Chairman, or by agreement by a quorum of the voting membership, provided that notice of such meeting shall be given to all members at least twenty-four (24) hours before the hour for which the meeting is called. Business transacted at all special meetings shall conform to the objectives and business to the transacted as stated in the notice.
- **C. Notice of Regular Meetings.** Written notice of all regular meetings shall be mailed to each member of the general membership at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Such notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of such meetings.
- **D. Quorum.** More than fifty percent of the number of voting members of the Policy Committee shall constitute a quorum.

#### To Amend:

Any member who does not attend two consecutive GSATS Policy Committee meetings will not be included as part of the membership needed to obtain a quorum after the second meeting; however, membership is immediately reinstated by the presence of the most recently appointed member (or his/her alternate) at any future meeting.

When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of the majority of the voting member present shall decide on any question brought before such a meeting except questions involving amendments to the bylaws.

Whenever a quorum is not at a regular or special meeting, those present may postpone the meeting to another day or hold the meeting for the purpose of considering such matters as are on the agenda or introduced by members. No action taken at such a meeting shall be official unless and until ratified and confirmed in a subsequent meeting of the committee at which a quorum is present, by approval of the minutes of that meeting at which a quorum was not present.

- **E.** Voting. Voting shall be by voice and shall not be recorded by roll call unless such a record is requested.
- **F.** Conflict of Interest. No member shall vote, or participate in discussion, on any issue in which he has a conflict of interest.
- **G. Proxy.** When a member is unable to attend a meeting or must leave a meeting before a vote is taken, his proxy shall be accepted and used for voting as he directs, but only under the following circumstances:
  - 1. The proxy shall state the name of the committee member being represented.
  - 2. The proxy shall indicate in writing on a sign-in roster the voting member being represented.
  - 3. Minutes shall include names of proxy and member represented.
- **H. Parliamentary Procedure.** Procedure in all meetings of the committee shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order except when such rules of order are in conflict with these bylaws.
- **I. Public Access.** All regular and special meetings of this Committee shall be open to the public and the Freedom of Information Act requirements shall be followed.

#### **End of Part One**

## PART TWO: STANDING COMMITTEES

## **SECTION 2-1. IN GENERAL**

- **A.** The Policy Committee shall be assisted in the fulfillment of its regional transportation planning responsibilities by three standing committees: the Study Team, the GSATS-NCTAC, and the GSATS-NCTCC (collectively referred to as the 'standing committees'.)
- **B.** Where not in conflict with these bylaws or any other applicable requirement, each standing committee may adopt bylaws to govern the conduct of its meetings, specify operating procedures, specify attendance and quorum requirements, and in the case of the GSATS-NCTAC provide for the election of officers. Bylaws shall be established or modified by a two-thirds vote of the standing committee's membership.

### SECTION 2-2. GSATS-SOUTH CAROLINA STUDY TEAM

A. Membership. Membership of the Study Team shall consist of the following:

Chart 3			
GSATS-SOUTH CAROLINA STUDY TEAM			
<b>Jurisdiction or Agency</b>	Jurisdiction/Agency	<b>Designated Member(s)</b>	
	Votes		
Horry County	One	Planning Director	
Georgetown County	One	Planning Director	
City of Conway	One	Director of Planning	
City of Georgetown	One	Planning Director	
City of Myrtle Beach	One	Planning Director	
City of North Myrtle Beach	One	Director of Planning	
Town of Surfside Beach	One	Engineer	
Waccamaw Regional	One	General Manager	
Transportation Authority			
Federal Highway Administration	One	District Engineer	
(FHWA)			
SCDOT	Four	Director of Planning and	
		Environmental	
		Program Manager	
		District Traffic Engineer	
		Planning Manager-OPT	
WRCOG	One	GSATS MPO Director	

The terms of the members shall be coterminous with their appointment to the organization which they represent. The represented jurisdiction/agency may appoint an alternate member to serve in

- replacement of the designated member provided in Chart 1. When such alternate designation is made, notification shall be provided to the GSATS MPO Director.
- **B.** Alteration of Membership. The GSATS-Policy Committee may, as an amendment to these bylaws, reduce, enlarge, or redistribute the Study Team's voting membership and may appoint non-voting members.
- **C. Responsibilities.** The GSATS-Study Team shall act as a technical review body for transportation projects, plans, and programs affecting the South Carolina portion of the Study Area. The Study Team provides recommendations directly to the Policy Committee and, where appropriate, may provide technical guidance and input to the GSATS MPO Director and SCDOT staff. Study Team responsibilities include:
  - (1) The general review, guidance and coordination of the transportation planning process for the South Carolina portion of the Study Area and with the responsibility for making recommendations to the respective local and state governmental agencies and the Policy Committee regarding any necessary actions relating to the continuing transportation planning process;
  - (2) The development, review, and recommendation for approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Federal-Aid Urban System and Urbanized Boundary, and other matters referred to it by the Policy Committee;
  - (3) Promoting citizen participation and preparing and reviewing reports for transportation studies; and
  - (4) All other duties assigned to it by the Policy Committee through these bylaws or by resolution.

## SECTION 2-3. GSATS-NCTAC

A. Voting Membership. The GSATS-NCTAC shall consist of fourteen (14) voting members. These include:

Chart 4 GSATS-NCTAC Voting Membership		
Jurisdiction or Agency	Jurisdiction/Agency	Designated Member
	Votes	
Brunswick County	Two	County Commission Chair
	(one vote per member)	County Commissioner
Calabash	One	Mayor
Carolina Shores	One	Mayor
Holden Beach	One	Mayor
Ocean Isle Beach	One	Mayor
Shallotte	Two	Mayor
	(one vote per member)	Town Alderman
Sunset Beach	One	Mayor
Varnamtown	One	Mayor
Brunswick Transit System	One	Board Chair
NCDOT	One	North Carolina Board of Transportation
		member as designated by the Secretary of
		Transportation
North Carolina House of	One	District 17 Representative or, if
Representatives		reapportioned, House Member representing

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		the largest geographic portion of the Study Area
North Carolina Senate	One	District 8 Senator or, if reapportioned, the Senator representing the largest geographic
		portion of the Study Area

Members will vote on matters pursuant to the authority granted by their respective governmental body. The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and the individual municipalities may appoint a member of their respective legislative body to serve on the committee in replacement of the designated jurisdictional member (or position) provided above. When such replacement is selected, it shall be by a resolution of the legislative body. A copy of the approved resolution shall be provided to the GSATS MPO Director.

- **B.** Alternate Members. In addition, the represented jurisdictions or agencies may appoint and/or permit the designated member to appoint, an alternate to serve in the designated member's absence. The North Carolina Senate or House of Representatives member may individually appoint an alternate to serve in his/her absence. The GSATS MPO Director shall be notified of the appointment of alternates and as changes are made.
- **C.** New Voting Members. The GSATS-TAC may provide, through an amendment to its bylaws, for the addition of new voting members in cases where the Study Area is expanded following a decennial census, when a new municipality incorporates within the Study Area, or when an agency's representation is required by federal or state law.
- **D.** Non-voting Membership. The GSATS-NCTAC may provide, in its bylaws, for the appointment of non-voting members representing federal, state, or local agencies impacting transportation within the Study Area. Non-voting members shall not be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum.
- **E. Duties.** The duties and responsibilities of the GSATS-NCTAC are as follows:
  - (1) In coordination with the Policy Committee, keep boards of general purpose local government informed of the status and requirements of the transportation planning process; assist in the dissemination and clarification of the decisions, inclinations, and policies of these boards; and ensure a process that provides an opportunity for meaningful citizen participation in the transportation planning process;
  - (2) Review and recommend for approval to the Policy Committee the Transportation Improvement Program, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Federal-Aid Urban System and Urbanized Boundary, Metropolitan Planning Boundary, and other matters referred to it by the Policy Committee affecting the North Carolina portion of the Study Area;
  - (3) Where not in conflict with the Memorandum of Understanding, these bylaws, or regulatory guidance from SCDOT, NCDOT, or FWHA, the GSATS-NCTAC shall exercise final MPO review and approval authority for the following:
    - (a) Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) for the North Carolina portion of the Study Area. As required by the NCGS 136-66.2(d), any revision in the CTP must be jointly approved by the MPO and NCDOT;
    - (b) "Prospectus for Transportation Planning" which defines work tasks and responsibilities for the various agencies participating in the transportation planning process within the North Carolina portion of the Study Area;
    - (c) Consistent with available funding, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the North Carolina portion of the Study Area; and

(d) All other final review and approval responsibilities as delegated by the Policy Committee through resolution or these bylaws.

### **SECTION 2-4. GSATS-NCTCC**

**A. Voting Members.** Membership of the GSATS-NCTCC shall include technical representation from all local, state, and federal government agencies directly related to or concerned with the transportation planning process for the Study Area. The GSATS-NCTCC shall consist of fourteen (14) voting members. These include:

Chart 5 GSATS-NCTCC Voting Membership		
Jurisdiction or Agency	Jurisdiction/Agency Votes	Designated Member
Brunswick County	One	Planning Director
Calabash	One	Town Administrator
Carolina Shores	One	Town Administrator
Holden Beach	One	Town Manager
Ocean Isle Beach	One	Planning Director
Shallotte	One	Planning Director
Sunset Beach	One	Town Administrator
Varnamtown	One	Planning Director
Brunswick Transit System	One	Executive Director
Cape Fear COG	One	Planning Director
FHWA NC	One	Transportation Planner, Planning and Program Development
NCDOT Division	One	Division 3 Engineer or their representative
NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch	One	TPB GSATS MPO Coordinator
WRCOG	One	GSATS MPO Director

- **B.** Alternate Voting Members. In addition, the chief administrative officer of the affected jurisdiction/agency may appoint an alternate(s) to serve in the absence of a designated member. The chief administrative officer may appoint or designate a member to serve in replacement of a member (or position) as provided in the above chart. The GSATS MPO Director shall be notified of the appointment of alternate or replacement members and as changes are made.
- **C.** New Voting Members. The GSATS-NCTCC may provide, through an amendment to its bylaws, for the addition of new voting members in cases where the Study Area is expanded following a decennial census, when a new municipality incorporates within the Study Area, or when an agency's representation is required by federal or state law.
- **D.** Non-voting Members. The GSATS-NCTCC may provide, in its bylaws, for the appointment of non-voting members representing federal, state, or local agencies impacting transportation within the Study Area. Non-voting members shall not be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum.
- **E. Duties.** The duties and responsibilities of the GSATS-NCTCC are as follows:
  - (1) The general review, guidance and coordination of the transportation planning process for the Study Area, and with the responsibility for making recommendations to the respective local and state

- governmental agencies and the GSATS-NCTAC regarding any necessary actions relating to the continuing transportation planning process;
- (2) The development, review, and recommendation for approval of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Prospectus, Transportation Improvement Program, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Federal-Aid Urban System and Urbanized Boundary, and other matters referred to it by the GSATS-NCTAC or Policy Committee; and
- (3) Promoting citizen participation and preparing and reviewing reports for transportation studies.

  End of Part Two

## PART THREE: OPERATION PROCEDURES

# SECTION 3-1. PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTING OR MODIFYING ADOPTED TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND PROGRAMS

From time to time, changes are proposed in transportation plans and programs which have previously been adopted by the Policy Committee. These procedures will also be used in adopting initial plans or programs. The purpose of the procedure outlined herein is to insure that, when such a change is proposed:

- (1) All direct participants (NCDOT and/or SCDOT, Policy Committee and affected local governments) in the comprehensive, continuing, cooperative planning process are notified of the proposed changes before it is acted upon.
- (2) The probable effects (good and bad) of the proposed plan or program change on the overall transportation system and on the community will be evaluated by the standing committees before action is taken on the proposal by the implementing agency.
- (3) The comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative approach is used in developing the transportation plan and program will also be used in changing the plan.
- (4) Those responsible for adopting or rejecting the proposed change will be fully informed by the standing committees (before action is taken by the implementing agency) of the probable effects (on both the transportation system and community) of the change.

The steps in the procedure are shown diagrammatically in Figure 1 and described in more detail in the sections that follow.

### SECTION 3-2. PROPOSED PROJECT OR MODIFICATION

Changes or projects can be proposed by local governments, local planning groups, NCDOT, SCDOT, and private or public groups or individuals. Proposals are usually fed into the process via the Policy Committee, Study Team, GSATS-NCTAC, or GSATS-NCTCC.

The type of change or project with which this procedure is concerned is one that would alter the concept of the plan or program. That is, it would materially affect either the anticipated traffic demand or elements of the transportation system or the level of service of the plan, or it would make unlikely the evolvement of the community into the forecasted future arrangement and intensity of land uses which were used to predict design year travel.

Changes in concept can result from the addition, deletion, relocation, or alteration of any plan or program element. The element might be a block of the city street, section of freeway, or arterial and interchange,

etc. The change could be a reduction in the number of lanes, the downgrading of a freeway or arterial to an at-grade arterial, or the elimination of an interchange turning movement, etc.

In order to determine whether any proposal is: (a) a change in concept, or (b) merely a simple change in location or design; it will be first be referred to the appropriate standing committee for review, as outlined in Figure 1.

### SECTION 3-3. EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION

When a proposed change is referred to the appropriate standing committee, the first operation is to determine whether the proposal would result in a change in concept or only an inconsequential change in location or design. If it would not change the concept of the plan or program, the standing committees' review ceases and the Policy Committee is so notified by the Study Team or GSATS-NCTAC and the proposal is handled through normal location and design procedures.

However, if the change appears to be one in concept, the Study Team or GSATS-NCTAC will advise the Policy Committee and the State Highway Engineer/Division Engineer, and will evaluate the proposal, and prepare a written recommendation and present the evaluation and recommendation to the Policy Committee. The Study Team or GSATS-NCTAC will evaluate the proposal, and prepare a written recommendation and present the evaluation and recommendation to the Policy Committee. The proposal will be reviewed with appropriate local groups, possibly other local citizens and NCDOT or SCDOT management, before a recommendation for a major plan or program change is presented to the Policy Committee for concurrence, as in the development of the initial transportation plan and transportation improvement program.

The scope and level of detail of the standing committees' evaluation will be determined by the extent and probable impact of the proposed change. The evaluation can range from a simple analysis by the standing committees' membership to a complex one requiring revised land use and socio-economic projections and additional traffic assignments and involving, environmental, social and economic specialists and outside technical expertise and citizen groups.

The standing committees' recommendation may be a direct "approval", "rejection", or a variation of alternate recommendations developed by the Study Team or GSATS-NCTAC in the course of its evaluation of the proposed change. The Study Team or GSATS-NCTAC may also recommend that – because of the probable impact of the change – the Policy Committee air the proposal in a public meeting, prior to acting on the recommendation.

## **SECTION 3-4. POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION**

When the Policy Committee receives the written recommendation of the Study Team or GSATS-NCTAC, it may directly accept the recommendation or it may reject the recommendation and request further evaluation by the standing committee originating the recommendation. In this latter event, the procedure recycles until the Study Team or GSATS-NCTAC and Policy Committee reach agreement as to the disposition of the proposal. When a change in concept is being considered, the Policy Committee has the responsibility for inviting formal participation by local governments and the public before acting.

## SECTION 3-5. DISPOSITION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

The GSATS MPO Director will notify participants, the original proposer and other interested parties of Policy Committee actions. The GSATS MPO Director will keep appropriate files of the Policy Committee's decision.

Once the necessary adoptions have been obtained, the plan or program is adopted or modified and the action shall be appropriately recorded in the minutes. Plan maps and documents shall also be revised within a reasonable time to accurately reflect any major changes.

**End of Part Three** 

## PART FOUR: STUDY AREA BOUNDARY

### **SECTION 4-1. STUDY AREA DEFINED**

The GSATS' Study Area will be the Myrtle Beach – Socastee SC/NC urbanized area as defined by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census plus that area beyond the existing urbanized area boundary that is expected to become urban within a twenty year planning period. The Study Area is illustrated in Map Exhibit 1 and includes the South Carolina (Map Exhibit 1A) and North Carolina (Map Exhibit 1B) portions of said area. (Note: The Study Area as referenced herein may also be referred to as the "Planning Area".)

### SECTION 4-2. CHANGES TO STUDY AREA

The GSATS Study Area boundary will be defined by a map(s), to be made a part of these bylaws. The map(s) will be approved by the Policy Committee. Any changes to the map(s) must be initiated by a GSATS-NCTAC (North Carolina portion) or a Study Team (South Carolina portion) recommendation.

**End of Part Four** 

## PART FIVE: AMENDMENTS

### SECTION 5-1. SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS

Except as is otherwise provided herein, the Policy Committee may suspend any articles of these bylaws by unanimous vote of the voting members present and constituting a quorum.

### **SECTION 5-2. AMENDING OF BYLAWS**

Except as is otherwise provided herein, these bylaws may be amended only by a majority vote of the entire voting membership of the Policy Committee.

## SECTION 5-3. LIMITATIONS ON AMENDMENTS OR BYLAW SUSPENSION

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part to the contrary, no amendment to or suspension of these bylaws shall conflict with or otherwise supersede any federal or state law or the Memorandum of Understanding dated August 5, 2013 between the GSATS Policy Committee, NCDOT, SCDOT, and all member jurisdictions within the North Carolina portion of the Study Area.

The GSATS-NCTAC and GSATS-NCTCC were created by a Memorandum of Understanding dated August 5, 2013 between the GSATS Policy Committee, NCDOT, SCDOT, and all member jurisdictions within the North Carolina portion of the Study Area. Any amendment to these committees' memberships or delegated responsibilities shall follow the process outline by said memorandum.

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