



**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE GSATS  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Friday, February 23, 2024**  
**Surfside Beach Library**  
**10:30 AM**

**Members Present**

Mr. Michael Chestnut, Myrtle Beach Council  
Hon. Debbie Smith, Ocean Isle Beach  
Hon. Walt Eccard, Shallotte  
Mr. Gary Loftus, Horry County Council  
Mr. Johnny Gardner Horry County Council,  
Chair [Tyler Servant Vice Chair]  
Sen. Luke Rankin [Adam Emrick]  
Rep. Lee Hewitt, (Chairman)  
Hon. Dave Buonviri, Briarcliffe Acres  
Hon. Barbara Bellamy, Conway [Adam Emrick]  
Mr. Tony Cox, SCDOT Commission  
Mr. Darrell Eickhoff, Coast RTA  
Sen. Stephen Goldfinch [Rep. Hewitt]  
Rep. Kevin Hardee [Rep. Hewitt]  
Hon. Robert Krouse, Surfside Beach  
Ms. Machael Peterson, SCDOT [Lyle Lee]  
Mr. Louis Morant, Georgetown County Council  
Chair [Bob Anderson] [Rep. Hewitt]

**Other Attendees**

Elizabeth Tucker, GSATS  
Tom Dobrydney, GSATS  
Chelsea Cogliano, GSATS  
Steve Roach, GSATS  
Mark Hoeweler, GSATS  
Stacey Johnson, SCDOT  
Michelle Howes, NCDOT  
Lyle Lee, SCDOT  
Kevin Blayton, North Myrtle Beach  
Holly Richardson, Georgetown County  
Charles Suggs, Horry County  
Andy Markunas, Horry County  
Rajiv Myana, Horry County  
Bill Marley, FHWA  
Janet Curry, Myrtle Beach  
Jason Thompson, Horry County

Brett McCutchen, Stantec  
Brett Harrelson, Stantec

Chairman Hewitt established a quorum and began the meeting at 10:30 AM.

**I. Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2024 Meeting.**

Chairman Hewitt asked if members had reviewed the meeting minutes from October 16, 2023, and if there were any recommended changes. There were no changes made.

*Mr. Michael Chestnut motioned to approve the minutes from October 16, 2023. Mayor Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

Chairman Hewitt reviewed the agenda with the Committee.

*Mayor Eccard moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Servant seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**III. Public Comment**

*There was no public comment.*

**III. Project Updates**

Stacey Johnson presented the SCDOT project updates. He provided a list of project updates to the Committee. Committee members had questions about the timeframes of completion for specific projects that were ongoing or upcoming. Mr. Adam Emrick asked about the 701-widening project in Conway. Mr. Johnson said the project was let in the February letting and we are waiting to see if it has been awarded. Mr. Chestnut requested a timeframe for the completion of the US 501 Realignment project. Mr. Johnson stated that the project is waiting to be let and no length of contract has been determined.

Ms. Michelle Howes presented the NCDOT project updates in the GSATS area. She provided a list of project updates to the Committee.

**IV. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy**

Ms. Elizabeth Tucker explained the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise planning process and the goals to incorporate DBEs into GSATS projects. The goal-setting methodology was explained. GSATS staff will make all necessary good-faith efforts to reach the 2 percent goal that is set.

*Mayor Eccard motioned to approve and adopt the DBE Policy. Mr. Loftus seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## V. Title VI Plan

Ms. Tucker presented the Title VI document. She noted that the only major changes were updated census data.

***Mayor Smith motioned to approve the Title VI Plan. Mr. Loftus seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.***

## VI. FTA 5310

Ms. Tucker presented the FTA 5310 Application Prioritized Recommendation. She explained that GSATS received eight applications during this Section 5310 funding cycle. The funding amount requested exceeded the funding amount available. She presented a chart that indicated the funding requests and the recommended funding alternatives to support all applicants in this round. She noted that GSATS staff completed their review of the eight applications and made the following recommendations (listed within the chart in the meeting packet).

***Mayor Hatley motioned to approve the FTA 5310 Recommendation. Mr. Chestnut seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.***

## VII. Safety Targets

Ms. Tucker presented the Safety Targets. She noted that GSATS adopts them annually and that GSATS is proposing to adopt both the recommended targets of the respective DOTs. These targets include fatalities, fatality rates, serious injuries, serious injury rates and bicycle and pedestrian fatalities. The targets are derived from averaging data over the most recent five-year period. Mr. Hoeweler explained that if GSATS adopted their own safety targets, they would be applicable to the MPO as a whole.

***Mr. Servant motioned to adopt the Safety Targets as written by SCDOT. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.***

## VIII. SC 90 Corridor Study

Mr. Hoeweler introduced the consultant firm of Stantec, who were hired to do the SC 90 Corridor Study that was originally requested by the Horry County Legislative Delegation. Mr. Brett McCutchen presented the Study and the findings. Mr. Hoeweler gave a brief explanation about how this Study, if adopted, will be added to the MTP as an amendment. Projects recommended in the study will be eligible for federal funding.

***Mr. Servant moved to adopt the SC 90 Corridor Study as an amendment to the MTP. Mayor Eccard seconded his motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.***

**IX. FY 2024-2033 TIP**

Mr. Hoeweler presented the FY 2024-2033 TIP. He reviewed the changes made to the TIP in its entirety. The TIP was included in the packet for the meeting and all changes were shown in red.

*Mayor Smith motioned to approve the FY 2024-2033 TIP. Mr. Servant seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**X. Safe Streets 4 All**

Ms. Tucker presented the Safe Streets 4 All update. She noted the consultant, AECOM, has been selected. Projects will be identified and incorporated into a Safety Action Plan. Projects in the Action Plan will be eligible for subsequent funding in an implementation round.

**XI. Adjourn**

With no further business or discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Servant. Mayor Eccard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mark Hoeweler, MPO Director

  
Rep. Lee Hewitt, Chair

  
Date