MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Barbara Blain-Bellamy [Adam Emrick]
Hon. Brendon Barber
Hon. Bob Childs
Mr. Johnny Morant [John Thomas]
Mr. Mark Pleasant [Bill Jordan]
Hon. Jimmy Braswell [Ashley Carter]
Hon. Huston Huffman
Rep. Lee Hewitt
Mr. Gary Loftus
Hon. Walt Eccard
Hon. Brenda Bethune
Hon. Debbie Smith
Mr. Randall Thompson
Mr. Michael Chestnut [Carol Coleman]
Hon. Marilyn Hatley [Kevin Blayton]
Rep. Russell Frye
Mr. Tony Cox [Rep. Fry]
Mr. Robert Sheehan [Darrell Eickoff]

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Sarah Smith
Mr. Kyle Berry

STUDY TEAM/TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Rebecca Brelad
Mr. Daniel Newquist
Mr. Tom Britton
Ms. Holly Richardson
Mr. Bill Jordan
Mr. David Schwed
Mr. Stacy Jordan
Ms. Mary Catherine Hyman
Mr. Joey Skipper
Mr. Mark Hoeweler
Mr. Mike Sullivan
Mr. Boyd Johnson
Ms. Elizabeth Tucker
Mr. Alan Pytcher
Ms. Yolanda Morris
Ms. Carol Coleman

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Anita Crone
Mr. Tom Stickler
Ms. Glenda Shoulette
Ms. Marlajean Hamby
Mr. Carey Smith
Ms. Erin Pate
Mr. Patrick Tyndall
Ms. Brenda Farren
Mr. Bernard Silverman
Mr. Cliff Rudd
Ms. Katie Moore
Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Goldfinch was unable to attend the meeting. Rep Frye served as chairman and called the meeting to order, at the Surfside Beach Town Hall, at 10:30 AM. It was noted that a quorum was present. Rep. Frye welcomed everyone present and all members of the public that were in attendance for the meeting.

Mr. John Thomas made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Rep. Hewitt. All members present voted in favor.

Adoption of Minutes from February 2, 2018

The minutes from the February 2, 2018 GSATS Policy Committee meeting were presented for approval. Mayor Childs made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. John Thomas seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Public Comments

Rep. Frye asked if there were any members of the public who signed up to address the committee during the public comment portion of the meeting. Mr. Cliff Rudd representing the Deerfield Property Owners Association (POA) distributed handouts to the Policy Committee. The Deerfield POA has been in the process of developing a neighborhood area study to examine the repurposing of the former golf course and to address traffic access issues to both US Hwy 17 Business and US Hwy 17 Bypass. The study proposed to purchase two of the former golf holes adjacent to Platt Blvd. and create a 2 lane with median parkway with multipurpose paths along the 1.7 mile corridor. Mr. Loftus made a motion to refer the discussion and analysis to the GSATS Study Team for further consideration. Mayor Childs seconded. All members present voted in favor.

There were no other members of the public who provided comments.

Projects Update (SCDOT)

Ms. Rebecca Breland, program manager with SCDOT, provided an update on the status of current and upcoming projects in the region. Of particular note, Ms. Breland mentioned that the comment period online public forum for the Black River Road recently closed. Mayor Barber inquired as to the next steps in the project timeline. Ms. Breland mentioned that right of way acquisition would be the next step and take approximately 18 months.
Rep. Frye asked for an update on the Glenns Bay Road overpass, SC 31 extension, and completion of the SC 707 and Glenns Bay Road widening projects. Ms. Breland stated that all projects are anticipated for completion in late summer/early fall.

Below is a summary submitted by Ms. Breland of all other projects within the Study Area.

May 4, 2018 GRAND STRAND AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Intersection Improvements
Descri: Intersection improvements at various locations in the GSATS study area.
Status: Specific information is presented below for all projects currently under development:

Singleton Ridge Road/Technology Boulevard – City of Conway
Project is substantially complete.

US 17 at Barefoot Landing – City of North Myrtle Beach
Project is currently under construction.

Martin Luther King Road and Petigru Road – Georgetown County
Project is substantially complete.

SC-65 Widening
Descri: Widening SC-65 from a two lane ditch section to a three lane section with curb and gutter and sidewalks extending from 17th Ave S. to 28th Ave. S.
Status: Project is currently under construction.

US 17 Business Access Management
Descri: Install raised landscaped median on US 17 Business within the town limits of Surfside Beach.
Status: Project will be let to construction in July 2018

US 501 Southbound Widening
Descri: Widening US 501 southbound from two to three lanes from Carolina Bays Parkway to Gardner Lacy Road, a distance of approximately 2.0 miles.
Status: Preliminary engineering is underway.

US 17 Widening (Shetland to Backgate Interchange)
Descri: Widening US 17 from four to six lanes from Shetland Lane to Backgate Interchange, a distance of approximately 1.5 miles.
Status: Preliminary engineering is underway.

Black River Road Widening
Descri: Widening Black River Road to three lanes from Willow Bank Road to Landgrave Street, a distance of less than 0.5 mile.
Status: Preliminary engineering is underway.
**Transportation Alternatives**
Descr: Enhancements at various locations in the GSATS study area.
Status: Specific information is presented below for all projects currently under development:

**Waccamaw Drive Multiuse Path**
Construction is complete.

**River Oaks Multiuse Path**
Preliminary engineering is currently underway. Project is on hold until additional funding is identified.

**Grand Park Linear Trail**
Preliminary engineering is currently underway.

**NON-GUIDESHARE PROJECTS**

**SC Route 707 Widening (RIDE II)**
Descr: Widening of SC Route 707 from a 2-lane shoulder section to a 5-lane curb and gutter facility with sidewalks from just south of Enterprise Road (S-26-926) in Horry County to US Route 17 in Georgetown County, a distance of approximately 9.2 miles. The project has been broken in to three phases: Phase I is from just south of Enterprise Road (S-26-926) to Salem Road. Phase II runs from Salem Road to the Horry/Georgetown County line. Phase III limits are from the Horry/Georgetown County line to US Route 17. All phases will be developed concurrently.

Status: Paving and striping activities are ongoing on Phases I and II. The installation of driveways, sidewalks and storm drainage infrastructure continue throughout all phases of construction. Construction efforts on the Mill Creek bridge are in progress as well as the installation of the noise and retaining walls throughout the project. Traffic has been shifted at the Collins Creek bridge.

**Glenn’s Bay Road (S-2-1240) Widening and Interchange at US 17 Bypass (RIDE II)**
Descr: Widening of Glenn’s Bay Road (S-26-1240) from a 2-lane shoulder section to a 3-lane curb and gutter facility with sidewalks from US Route 17 Bypass to US Route 17 Business, a distance if approximately 1.6 miles. The project will also include an interchange at US Route 17 Bypass and Glenn’s Bay Road.
Status: The installation of storm drainage infrastructure, curb and gutter sidewalks, are ongoing throughout the project corridor. Construction efforts are in progress on the US 17 Bypass overpass over Glens Bay Road and preparations are being made to move traffic to the new bridge. Utility relocations are in progress throughout the project.

**Carolina Bays Parkway (SC-31) Extension to the NC State Line (RIDE III)**
Descr: Extension of the Carolina Bays Parkway from its current terminus at SC Route 9 across the North Carolina state line to US 17. The proposed project is a new location, multilane freeway facility.
Status: The project team is actively gathering data that will be utilized in the development of the alternative corridors for the project.

**US 501 Corridor Improvements (RIDE III)**
Descr: Widen US 501 from Gardner Lacy to SC 544 Interchange. Widening the existing 4-lane section to 6 lanes and improve signalized intersections with additional turn lanes and storage lengths. Status: Surveys, environmental studies and traffic analysis are currently underway.

**SC Highway 9 Widening (East of Loris) (RIDE III)**

Descr: Widen SC 9 for approximately 1.25 miles beginning east of Loris where the current 4-lane section terminates and extends to S-66 (SC Highway 66); traffic analyses will determine the typical section for capacity and safety improvements along the corridor. Status: Surveys, environmental studies and traffic analysis are currently underway.

**US 701 Widening (North of Conway) (RIDE III)**

Descr: Widen existing US Highway 701 North of Conway in Horry County from the intersection of SC 319 to the intersection of SC 22. The length of the project is approximately 4.3 miles. The proposed design includes widening US 701 North to a five (5) lane section and including bike/pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and wider travel lanes where feasible. Status: Surveys, environmental studies and traffic analysis are currently underway.

**Forestbrook Road Widening (RIDE III)**

Descr: Widen Forestbrook Road (S-137) to a five lane section from US 501 to Dick Pond Road (S-616) with associated improvements to Dick Pond Road. Status: Contract negotiations are currently underway.

**Fred Nash Boulevard Widening and Extension (RIDE III)**

Descr: Widen Fred Nash Boulevard to a three lane section and extend the roadway from its current termini to a proposed intersection with Harrelson Boulevard. Improvements will include bicycle facilities. Status: Contract negotiations are currently underway.

**US 17 BUS Intersections in Garden City (RIDE III)**

Descr: Intersection Improvements to the following three (3) intersections along US 17 Business in Garden City:
1. US 17 Business and Inlet Square Boulevard and Mt. Gilead Road
2. US 17 Business and Atlantic Avenue
3. US 17 Business and Garden City Connector
Status: Contract negotiations are currently underway

**US 701 Widening (North of Loris) (RIDE III)**

Descr: Widen US Highway 701 for approximately 1.75 miles from Holly Street to SC Highway 9. A traffic analysis will determine the typical section for capacity and safety improvements along the corridor. Status: Contract negotiations are currently underway.

**US 501 Realignment (Myrtle Beach) (RIDE III)**

Descr: Realign US Highway 501 from Broadway Street (local) to 7th Avenue North (local) in the City of Myrtle Beach. Status: Contract negotiations are currently underway.
Conway Perimeter Road Phase II (RIDE III)
Descr: New Location 4-lane divided roadway west of Conway connecting US 378 at El Bethel Road to US 701.
Status: Contract negotiations are currently underway

Southern Evacuation Lifeline (SELL) (RIDE III)
Descr: New Location freeway from US 501 at SC 22 to US 17 near the Horry/Georgetown County Line. RIDE III funding only includes the Environmental Document and purchase of some right of way based on final alignment determined through the Federal Record of Decision (ROD).
Status: SCDOT and the US Army Corps of Engineers are currently working together to begin the development of the Environmental Document.

STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (STIB) PROJECTS

Carolina Bays Parkway (SC Route 31) Extension
Descr: Extension of the Carolina Bays Parkway from its current terminus at SC Route 544 to SC Route 707, a distance of approximately 4.3 miles. The proposed project is a new location, multilane freeway facility that will include a bridge over the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and interchanges at SC Route 544 and SC Route 707.
Status: Grading and concrete paving continue at the SC 544 and SC 707 interchanges. Final paving and striping is ongoing on the County maintained side roads. The installation of overhead sign foundations is underway. Construction efforts are ongoing for all of the bridge structures.

Projects Update (NCDOT)

Mr. Alan Pytcher provided an overview of project updates impacting the NC portion of the GSATS study area. Below is a summary of NCDOT projects that impact the regional transportation network.

Project Update List
Division 3 – GSATS (Brunswick County)

TIP Projects under construction

R-3432 – (Georgetown Road) Construct two lane road on new location from SR 1184 (Ocean Isle Beach Road) to NC 179.
Waiting for final acceptance
Percent Complete: 100%
ER-2971: (DC00194) Ocean Isle Beach Roundabout – Hwy 179 (Beach Drive) at Hwy 904 (Causeway Drive) SR 1184 (Ocean Isle Beach Road) in Ocean Isle
Contractor: Triangle Grading & Paving Inc.
Bid Amount: $1,849,999.35
➢ Triangle Grading & Paving began work on October 20, 2017
➢ Progress reported is from estimate processed on 12/31/2017
   • Progress Chart: 32.50%
   • Contractor has been working on utility relocation. Drainage work to begin second week in January.
Estimated Completion Date: May 2018. Percent Complete: 54.6%

R-5021: widening of NC 211 from NC 87 to SR 1500 (Midway Road) to a 4-lane divided facility.
Let Date for construction: FY December 2018
ROW in progress

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High Impact / Low Cost funded project
Future Projects

**R-5701: US 117 Business** (Intersection of Walker Street and Wilmington Street) Construct a roundabout.
*Let Date for construction: FY 2020*

**R-5851: NC 904** Convert Intersection to superstreet.
*LET Date for ROW: July 2022.*
*LET Date for construction: FY August 2024*

**U-5788: US 17 Business (Main Street)** Realign intersection at Wall Street and Shallotte Avenue
*Let Date ROW: FY 2018, construction: FY: 2020*

**U-5862: US 17 (Shallotte Bypass)** Upgrade intersection to interchange SR 1357 (Smith Avenue)
*Let Date ROW and construction: FY: 2020*

**U-5914: NC 133** Modernize Intersection at US 17/US 74/ US 76 to SR 1554 (Old River Road).
*Let Date construction: FY: 2020*

**U-5932: US 17** Convert Intersection to Interchange. *Let Date construction: FY: 2024*

**R-3436: Carolina Bays Parkway Extension**

**Project Overview and Purpose**

The N.C. Department of Transportation, along with the S.C. Department of Transportation, is planning to build a multi-lane expressway that extends Carolina Bays Parkway (S.C. 31) from S.C. 9 in Horry County, S.C., across the North Carolina state line to U.S. 17 in Brunswick County.

The extension would provide a more direct and efficient movement of traffic seeking to bypass congestion within the areas of Calabash in North Carolina as well as Little River and the Grand Strand areas in South Carolina. It would also improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection of S.C. 9 and S.C. 57 and provide a more direct route for coastal truck traffic moving through North Carolina.

**Project Highlights**

A team of engineering firms, led by CALYX Engineers and Consultants, is under contract to conduct project development and environmental studies, which are being led by NCDOT and SCDOT in cooperation with local, state and federal agencies in both states.

Project development and environmental studies are underway to evaluate potential routes for the roadway from an engineering and environmental standpoint and to select a preferred route.

Although the project is funded for study, no schedule has been established for right-of-way acquisition or construction, which is not currently funded in North Carolina.
Capacity analysis for the existing roadways is about to get underway. They will be looking at current and future conditions.

Design Engineer is currently working on putting together the Purpose and Need meeting in the upcoming months. Consultant was delayed in order to allow for multi-agency/state merger coordination/training at the onset of the project. Once there is Purpose and Need concurrence, they will develop preliminary alternatives to review with the merger team prior to having a public meeting.

Local official’s meetings/public meetings (two of each) are anticipated in early 2019

Non-Highway projects

AV-5739: Cape Fear Regional (SUT) Approach clearing at runway 5 and Runway 23.  
In Progress

Currently in Land Acquisition

AV-5744: Henderson Field (ACZ) Extend runway to 5500 FT.  
LET Date for construction: FY 2018

Brunswick County Resurfacing Contracts

Resurfacing Contract: C203923 2017 CPT.03.06.10101 & 2017 CPT.03.06.20101  
Brunswick County: US 74/US 76/NC 87, NC 179, NC904/179 & various secondary roads
  ▪ Physical length: 59.541 Miles
  ▪ Contractor: ST Wooten Corporation
  ▪ Bid Amount: $9,477,379.76

Anticipated Completion Date: May 2018.  
Percent complete: 98.0%

Location: US 17 North and South, US 74 East and West, and Ramps at NC 130.

- Project List updated May 3, 2018

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Pytcher at: (910) 341-2000 or apytcher@ncdot.gov

Ms. Rebecca Breland provided an update on the status of traffic light installation and associated improvements at the intersections of Platt Blvd and US Hwy Bus/ Bypass. The traffic light at US Hwy Bus is scheduled to be installed in late 2019/early 2020. Negotiations for funding for the light on US 17 Bypass are ongoing with the developer at that intersection.

**Round 3 Intersection Report**

Mr. Hoeweler provided an update on the status of the Round 3 Intersection ranking process. Mr. Hoeweler reminded the Policy Committee that each jurisdiction was allowed to submit up to two projects for scoring, noting however that only the highest ranked project would be placed on the final project list that would be included on the TIP. Mr. Hoeweler mentioned that the next step would be to set up traffic cameras at each intersection to collect data that would be submitted to SCDOT to analyze level of congestion, one of the main scoring criteria for project prioritization. SCDOT will also assist with providing safety related data at each intersection.

**Changes to the FY 2017-2022 TIP**

Mr. Hoeweler presented one amendment to the FY 2017-2022 TIP. The Waverly/ Petigru intersection project timeline was pushed out to 2020/2021. This is an administrative task therefore no committee action is necessary.

Rep. Frye asked when the McDowell Shortcut/Tournament Blvd intersection project would be included on the TIP. Mr. Hoeweler indicated that would occur after the Round 3 intersection projects were scored and a ranking list was finalized.

**FTA 5310 Project Recommendations**

Mr. Britton provided an overview of the FTA 5310 program which awards funding to transit providers who assist with services to the elderly and persons with disability. Mr. Britton noted that as a Transportation Management Agency (TMA) GSATS receives approximately $300,000 annually. GSATS put forth a solicitation for funding requests in the spring of 2018 and received applications from three transit providers. Staff presented the recommendations to the Study Team for their review and approval. The final funding amounts as recommended by the Study Team were $48,266 to Georgetown County BDSN, $202,420 to Neighbor to Neighbor and $28,298 to GSATS for program administration.

Mr. Britton noted that while no applications were received from transit providers in NC, outreach efforts were conducted to provide information and to discuss eligible activities. Outreach efforts will continue and discussions have occurred with the TCC and TAC to identify potential eligible entities.

Mr. Thompson asked when the next funding round would be opened. Mr. Britton replied that he anticipated that would occur in late 2018/early 2019.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the FTA 5310 funding recommendations as presented. Mayor Bethune seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Adjourn**
With no further discussion Rep Frye called for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Childs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jordan seconded. All members voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully Submitted,

GSATS Chairman, Sen. Stephen Goldfinch             Date