

## **MINUTES**

FULL BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ernest Riley, Dennis Claramunt, Jane Hall, Eddie Moore, Francis Crowder, Mack Durham, Ed Elliott, Dennis Moss, Rufus Foster, Grady Butler, Don Godbey, Gaye Sprague, Bennie Cunningham, Bob Winchester, Reg Dexter, Neil Smith, Larry Bagwell, Jeff Martin, Mike Forrester, and Elbert Tillerson.

GUESTS PRESENT: David Mueller, Appalachian Development Corporation; Mark Lester, SC Department of Transportation; Walker Smith and Rick Atkins, Congressman Jeff Duncan's Office.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Chip Bentley, Donna Kazia, Sandy Dunagan, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Riley. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, the minutes of the August 23, 2013, meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Recognition of Employees with Twenty to Thirty Years of Service with ACOG**

Mr. Riley recognized Donna Kazia with 24 years of service, and Sandy Dunagan, with 28 years of service.

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**South Carolina DOT and State Infrastructure Bank Major Project Funding**

Mr. Lester, Planning Director with SC DOT, addressed the state appropriation issues for major transportation funding projects. He stated that there are three components in the new transportation funding, which are: \$41M vehicle sales tax annual allocation to be used on previously approved resurfacing projects for non federal-aid highways; up to \$50M to be used as match for the federal-aid bridge program; and \$50M annually to support the State Infrastructure Bank's (SIB) bond issuance. The \$50M in annual debt service is estimated to generate \$500-600M in total bond revenue, depending on interest rate and terms. The SIB Bond proceeds will in turn be utilized on mainline Interstate Projects already identified by SCDOT.

Mr. Lester commented that the overall goal is to deploy the funds in combination with the existing Interstate Federal-Aid program funds (\$867M) in order to maximize their affect on advancing projects while still achieving SCDOT's full federal aid program. The combined total of SCDOT and SIB funding for Interstate projects would total \$1.42B. The SCDOT/SIB funds will support projects with a combination of cash-on-hand and bond proceeds, depending on the timing of projects and cash flow demands. Mr. Lester stated that in August the SCDOT Commission approved a list of interstate projects for submittal to the SIB with a current estimated value of approximately \$554.4M. The SIB Board had not made a final decision on the list of projects submitted at the time of Mr. Lester's presentation.

The six approved projects include three Upstate projects: the I-85/385 design-build interchange improvements with an estimated cost of \$240M; the widening of I-85 in Spartanburg County and Cherokee Counties, from SC-57 to SC 18, with an estimated \$262M; and \$176M for congestion management strategies, widening, and interchange improvements along I-85 from US25 in Greenville County to US129 in Spartanburg County.

**Aging Services Update**

Chairman Riley stated that due to time constraints, this agenda item will be presented at the October Board meeting.

**CEDS 2013 Annual Progress Report**

Mr. Shellhorse stated that the CEDS (SC Appalachian Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) is a US EDA-required five-year plan establishing a framework for economic development priorities in the region. The current CEDS plan was adopted in 2012 and EDA requires a progress report each year. The 2013 report was approved by each of the counties in the region, as well as the Regional Economic Development Committee. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Sprague, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt a resolution approving the CEDS update.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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Chairman

THE SOUTH CAROLINA APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HAS  
COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN SCHEDULING AND  
CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.