



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022 – 10:30 AM
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

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Meeting ID: 828 2066 1833 - Passcode: 453343 - Dial In Number (301) 715 8592

10:30

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of New Members and Guests
 - C. Approval of June 24, 2022 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)

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- II. Introduction of a New ACOG Employee – Ms. Arlene Young, Grants Services Director

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- III. The Hill Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Furman University – Mr. Anthony Herrera, Chief Innovation Officer, Furman University and Executive Director, Hill Institute, Mr. Bryan Davis, Managing Director, Hill Institute (Section 2, Board Packet)

Briefing: The mission of the Furman University Hill Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship is to help aspiring entrepreneurs and founders launch social and entrepreneurial ventures. Mr. Herrera and Mr. Davis will provide an overview of the organization's programs, activities, and successes. (Section 2, Board Packet)

11:05

IV. SCDOT Regional Mobility Program – Mr. Joe Strum, Regional Mobility Program Chief, SCDOT

Briefing: In 2021 and 2022, SCDOT evaluated the Guidesshare program for transportation funding in South Carolina. The latest federal transportation bill, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL), emphasizes targeted investment in national transportation goal areas that are evaluated using performance measures for safety, pavement and bridge condition, and system performance. The Regional Mobility Program will improve on the Guidesshare program by incorporating an extensive data driven process for project selection in order to achieve quantifiable success. Mr. Strum will brief the Board on the new program and the impact it will have on transportation investment in South Carolina.

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V. Appalachian Region Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, Mr. Lance Estep, Planning Director (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: As a component of ACOG's transportation planning program, the agency is required to adopt an updated Rural LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan) every five years. The plan includes system upgrade projects for the rural (non-MPO) portions of the region. The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) has met several times this year to identify and prioritize intersection, roadway, and planning projects that address safety and freight mobility in the region over the next 25 years. Ms. Hall and Mr. Estep will present a recommendation from the RTAC for adoption of the Rural LRTP and a prioritized list for projects identified in the plan for implementation.

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VI. Appalachian Region 2021-2027 TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) Amendments – Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, Mr. Lance Estep, Planning Director (Section 4, Board Packet)

Briefing: The TIP is a planning document that lists all federally funded transportation projects and studies in the ACOG Region. As a result of the Rural LRTP update, a number of intersection, roadway, and planning projects will be identified and prioritized. Identified projects are transferred in priority order to the TIP to program funding and phases of work. Ms. Hall and Mr. Estep will present a recommendation from the RTAC for several projects to be added to the TIP from the newly approved Rural LRTP.

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VII. FY 2022-2023 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and People with Disabilities Program Recommendations – Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, Mr. Lance Estep, Planning Director (Section 5, Board Packet)

Briefing: The FTA Section 5310 Program provides grant funding to organizations for providing enhanced mobility options to seniors and persons with disabilities. In accordance with an agreement between ACOG and SCDOT, the Board submits a ranking of projects in the region to SCDOT for funding consideration. Mr. Estep will present the recommended rankings from the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee for Board action.

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VIII. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Program – Ms. Phleisha Lewis, Legislative Liaison and Mitigation Program Manager, SC Office of Resilience (Section 5, Board Packet)

Briefing: The SC Office of Resilience (SCOR) will be accepting grant applications starting September 1 for projects that will lessen the impact of flooding. The SCOR ARPA Stormwater Infrastructure Program has \$55 million available for counties and municipalities to carry out stormwater infrastructure projects. Ms. Lewis will provide information on the scope of this opportunity and the application process. (Section 6, Board Packet)

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IX. Executive Director Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

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