



## **MINUTES**

**APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.  
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM  
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Members Present:**

Francis Crowder, Ernest Riley, Rep. Ann Thayer, Cindy Wilson, Mack Durham, Terrence Roberts, Dennis Claramunt, Ray Graham, Henry Jolly, Ed Elliott, David Cauthen, Willis Meadows, Joe Dill, Brandy Amidon, Lillian Brock Flemming, George Fletcher, Don Godbey, Grady Butler, Ennis Fant Sr., Rep. Mike Burns, Rep. Mike Forrester, Jane Hall, Roger Nutt, Michael Fowler, Larry Chappell, Sen. Thomas Alexander, Dana Moore, John Elliott, Julian Davis III, Rep. Neal Collins, Roy Costner III, Ensley Feemster, Margaret Thompson, Fletcher Perry

**Guests Present:**

Mrs. Emily Thomas, Ms. Christina Lewis, Mr. Stephen Allen, Ms. Penny Phillips, Mr. James Walden, Mr. Tony Thompson, Ms. Stephanie Amell | SC DOT; Mr. Jeff Cunningham | AECOM; Jennifer Barnhill | Valley Food Services; Dale Stewart | Rebuild Upstate; Mr. Joel Dill; Mr. Daniel Gamble

**Staff Present:**

Steve Pelissier, Chip Bentley, Brooke Ferguson, Arlene Young, Don Zimmer, Tim Womack, Denise Ernul, Lance Estep

Chairman Joe Dill called the meeting to order. Invocation lead by Rep. Mike Burns. Steve Pelissier welcomed newly appointed board member Fletcher Perry (Pickens County Minority Member), all guests and presenters. Then after, a motion to adopt March 22, 2019 meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the board.

**Financials: March 31, 2019**

No action taken on review of the Financial Statements.

## Data Driven Highway Safety Analysis in the ACOG Region

Ms. Emily Thomas, Safety Planning and Research Manager, SCDOT

Data-driven safety analysis (DDSA) utilizes data to analyze crash information and to quantify the safety impacts of highway projects. This allows organizations to more effectively target investments by reducing severe crashes and deaths on the roadways. DDSA employs evidence-based models that provide the means to quantify safety impacts similar to the way other impacts are analyzed, such as environmental effects, traffic operations and pavement life. Ms. Thomas reviewed selected safety data for the ACOG region, review trends in both the region and state, and discuss roadway design solutions to reduce serious injury crashes. (SCDOT Statistical Data presented)

### > DDSA Evidence-Base Models

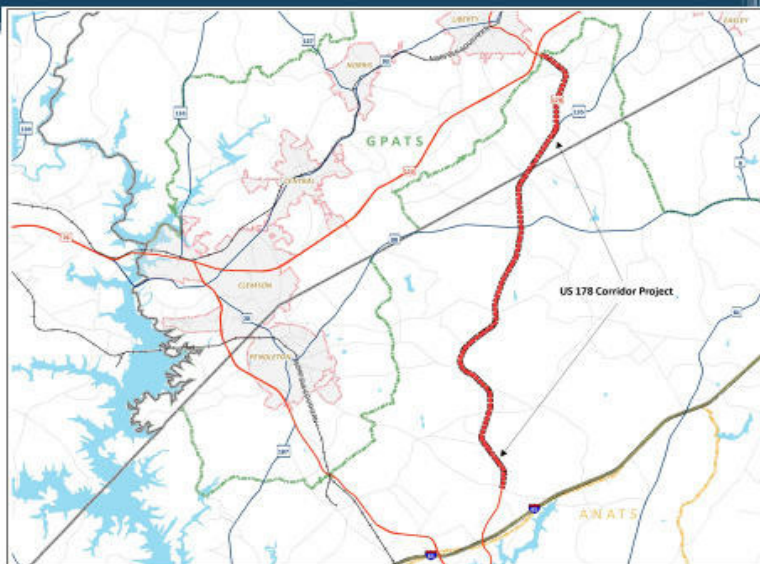
- provide the means to quantify safety impacts such as environmental effects, traffic operations, and pavement life with the use Scientific Data
- Through round four of Every Day Counts (EDC-4), this effort focuses on both predictive and systemic analyses—two types of data-driven approaches that state and local agencies can implement individually or in combination.
  - > Predictive Analysis - helps identify roadway sites with the greatest potential for improvement and quantify the expected safety performance of different project alternatives. Predictive approaches combine crash, roadway inventory, and traffic volume data to provide more reliable estimates of an existing or proposed roadway's expected safety performance. The results inform roadway safety management and project development decision-making. The data not only help agencies make better decisions, but also inform the public as to what safety benefits they can expect from their investment.
  - > Systemic Analysis - uses crash and roadway data in combination to identify high-risk roadway features that correlate with particular crash types. Agencies have traditionally relied on crash history data to identify "hot spots," or sites with high crash frequency. However, severe crashes are widely dispersed over road networks, and their location and frequency fluctuate over time. Systemic analysis identifies locations that are at risk for severe crashes, even if there is not a high crash frequency. Practitioners can then apply low-cost countermeasures to those locations. The benefit is wider, but more targeted, safety investment.
- Benefits of DDSA
  - > More informed decision making
  - > Better targeted investments
  - > Fewer fatalities and serious injuries

**Amendments to the ACOG 2018 – 2023 Appalachian Regional TIP (Transportation Improvement Program)**

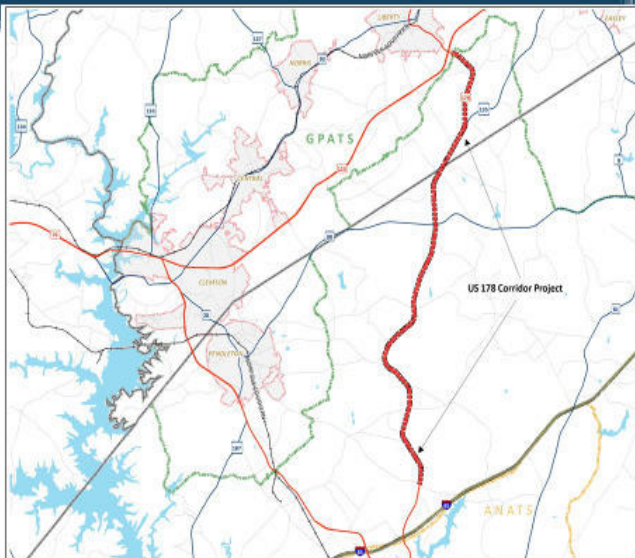
Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Committee and Mr. Lance Estep, Principal Planner

The TIP is a planning document that lists all federally funded transportation projects and studies in the ACOG Region. The SCDOT has proposed alternative scopes for three projects in the TIP, as identified below. These proposed changes would require Board approval; presented by Lance Estep:

> 1st. US 178 corridor improvements in Anderson County

<p><b>PROJECT 1:</b></p> <p><b>US 178 Corridor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Harris Bridge Road to Pickens County Line</li> <li>• Increase Engineering from \$100K to \$500K in FY 2019</li> <li>• Increase Construction from \$2.7M to \$4.0M in FY 2020</li> <li>• Existing surface and top layers are severely deteriorated; need reconstruction down to roadway base</li> <li>• Entire corridor will also feature safety improvements (rumble strips, wider shoulders, clear zones)</li> </ul>	 <p>The map shows the US 178 Corridor Project area in Anderson County, South Carolina. A red line indicates the project corridor starting from Harris Bridge Road and extending east towards the Pickens County line. The map also shows major roads like US 178, US 101, and US 221, and geographical features like the Pickens Dam and various water bodies. Labels for GPATS and ANATS are visible on the map.</p>
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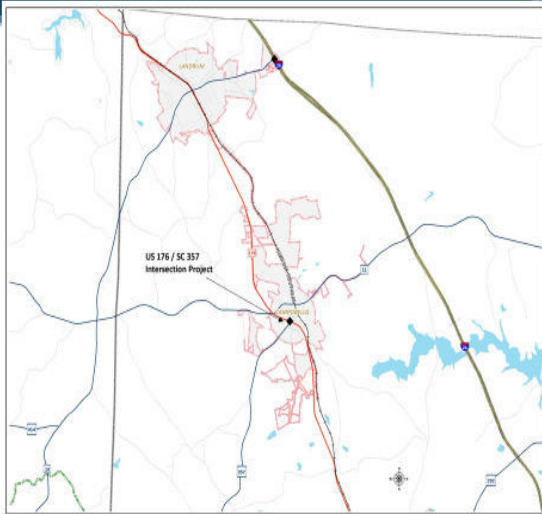
> 2nd. US 178 corridor improvements in Pickens County

<p><b>PROJECT 2:</b></p> <p><b>US 178 Corridor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Pickens County Line to GPATS Boundary</li> <li>• Increase Construction from \$2.7M to \$4.0M in FY 2020</li> <li>• Existing surface and top layers are severely deteriorated; need reconstruction down to roadway base</li> <li>• Entire corridor will also feature safety improvements (rumble strips, wider shoulders, clear zones)</li> </ul>	 <p>The map shows the US 178 Corridor Project area in Pickens County, South Carolina. A red line indicates the project corridor starting from the Pickens County line and extending east towards the GPATS boundary. The map also shows major roads like US 178, US 101, and US 221, and geographical features like the Pickens Dam and various water bodies. Labels for GPATS and ANATS are visible on the map.</p>
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> 3rd. US 176/SC 357 intersection improvement in Spartanburg County

PROJECT 3:  
US 176 / SC 357 Intersection in Campobello

- Add Right-of-Way of \$300K in FY 2019
- Increase Construction from \$400K to \$1.0M in FY 2020
- Historical monuments discovered; intersection approaches will need modification in order to avoid disturbing the monuments



> The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee presented recommendations on each of these proposed amendments to the Board for consideration.

# TIP Amendment Recommendation

DOLLAR AMOUNTS REPORTED IN 1,000'S

PROJECT	FY 2018 PLANNED	FY 2019 PLANNED	FY 2020 PLANNED	FY 2021 PLANNED	FY 2022 PLANNED	FY 2023 PLANNED	STIP COST (2018-2023)	REMAINING COST (2024+)
RESURFACING - US 178 PICKENS COUNTY LINE TO S-29 (HARRIS BRIDGE RD) SAFETY SECTION/MAINTENANCE RESURFACING			\$ 6,000 CON \$ 9,000 CON				\$ 6,000 \$ 9,000	
RESURFACING - US 178 GPATS BOUNDARY TO ANDERSON COUNTY LINE SAFETY SECTION/MAINTENANCE RESURFACING		\$ 100 PE \$ 500 PE	\$ 2,700 CON \$ 4,000 CON				\$ 2,800 \$ 4,500	
US 176 (MAIN ST) @ SC 357 (DEPOT ST/HOLLY SPRINGS RD)		\$ 400 CON \$ 300 RW	\$ 1,000 CON				\$ 400 \$ 1,300	

- Action Items Vote: 32 YES to 1 NO (NO vote from Henry Jolly)

1. US 178 corridor improvements in Anderson County
2. US 178 corridor improvements in Pickens County
3. US 176/SC 357 intersection improvement in Spartanburg County



**FY 2020 Procurement for Aging Services**

Mr. Joe Dill, Chair, Regional Aging Advisory Committee, and Mr. Tim Womack, Aging Director

In accordance with the federal Older Americans Act, ACOG contracts with organizations to provide a variety of aging services, including meal preparation, congregate dining, home delivered meals, home care, transportation, and health promotion. The chair appointed a committee to evaluate proposals received and to make recommendations to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee. Mr. Womack presented its recommendations to the full Board for action.

**Action Items Vote: Anderson and Spartanburg County Members would not participate in discussion due to the county themselves have bided for proposal to alleviate conflict of interest as advised by Executive Director Steve Pelissier to the Board**

> RFP are prepared every 5 years for bidding process however renewable options up to 5 yrs of the 1 year contracts for all approved providers with 90 days’ notice to terminate contract under strict contract guidelines.

- 1. Anderson County Service Providers listed (Unanimously Approved)

<b>Food Service (As Listed)</b>	
Raw Food	Anderson Meals on Wheels
Home Delivered	Anderson Meals on Wheels
Group Dining	Anderson County
<b>Health Promotions</b>	Anderson County
<b>Transportation</b>	MasterCare Transportation
<b>Minor Home Repair</b>	Anderson Interfaith Ministries
<b>Yard Work</b>	Anderson Interfaith Ministries
<b>Home Care Levels 1 &amp; 2</b>	ACOG Choice Program

- 2. Cherokee County Service Providers listed (Unanimously Approved)

<b>Food Service (As Listed)</b>	
Raw Food	Senior Catering
Home Delivered	Senior Centers of Cherokee
Group Dining	Senior Centers of Cherokee
<b>Health Promotions</b>	Senior Centers of Cherokee
<b>Transportation</b>	Senior Centers of Cherokee
<b>Minor Home Repair</b>	N/A
<b>Yard Work</b>	N/A
<b>Home Care Levels 1 &amp; 2</b>	Senior Solutions

- 3. Greenville County Service Providers listed (Unanimously Approved)

Food Service (As Listed)	
Raw Food	Greenville Meals on Wheels
Home Delivered	Greenville Meals on Wheels
Group Dining	Senior Action
Health Promotions	Senior Action
Transportation	Senior Action
Minor Home Repair	Rebuild Upstate
Yard Work	Senior Action
Home Care Levels 1 & 2	ACOG Choice Program

- 4. Oconee County Service Providers listed (Unanimously Approved)

Food Service (As Listed)	
Raw Food	Senior Solutions thru Valley
Home Delivered	Senior Solutions
Group Dining	Senior Solutions
Health Promotions	Senior Solutions
Transportation	Senior Solutions
Minor Home Repair	Rebuild Upstate
Yard Work	Senior Solutions
Home Care Levels 1 & 2	Senior Solutions

- 5. Pickens County Service Providers listed (Unanimously Approved)

Food Service (As Listed)	
Raw Food	Pickens Meals on Wheels
Home Delivered	Pickens Meals on Wheels
Group Dining	Pickens Meals on Wheels
Health Promotions	Pickens Meals on Wheels
Transportation	AbleCare Transport
Minor Home Repair	Rebuild Upstate
Yard Work	N/A
Home Care Levels 1 & 2	ACOG Choice Program

- 6. Spartanburg County Service Providers listed (**Unanimously Approved**)

Food Service (As Listed)	
Raw Food	Senior Catering
Home Delivered	Spartanburg Regional Foundation
Group Dining	Spartanburg Regional Foundation
Health Promotions	Spartanburg Regional Foundation
Transportation	Spartanburg Regional Foundation
Minor Home Repair	Spartanburg Regional Foundation
Yard Work	Spartanburg Regional Foundation
Home Care Levels 1 & 2	ACOG Choice Program

**South Carolina 2019 Legislative Update**

Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

Ms. Ferguson discussed pending legislation from the 2019 session of the South Carolina General Assembly, with emphasis on items of interest to local governments.

1. More than 2,200 bills have been filed this session
2. 42 have passed (<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/rats.php>)
3. Crossover deadline was April 10
4. Only a couple of weeks left

> **House Budget Highlights**

- Local Government Fund (\$223.2 million)
- Classroom funding and teacher raises (\$2.7 billion)
- Public colleges and universities (\$36 million)
- Employee raises (\$41.4 million)
- Employee health plan (\$49.7 million)
- State pension (\$36.4 million)

> **Senate Budgets Highlights**

- Very similar to the House budget, but spends \$243 million more
- Employee raises and bonuses (\$41.4 million, \$20 million)
- Teacher raises (\$159 million)
- Local Government Fund (\$232.1 million)
- Taxpayer rebates (\$61.4 million)

> **Other Bills of Interest making Cross-Over Deadline**

- Education reform (H.3759)
- Torts Claims Act changes (S.7 & S.386)
- Solar energy (H.3659, S.332)
- Flexibility with H-tax and A-tax revenue (H.3132, S.217)
- Local Government Fund predictability (H.3137)

**Board Committee Assignments**

Mr. Joe Dill, Chair

Mr. Dill announce committee assignments for the period running from April, 2019 through March, 2020. (Board Members reviewed Committee Assignment List with no updates or request for change)

**Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director, concluded the meeting with important information on various topics.

- > Mr. Pelissier advised on New Board Member Orientation
- > Completed the last of the County Council presentation of the Annual Report to Oconee County Council. Thanking them for their support to this COG.
- > Dates to remember:
  - May 24th Next Board Meeting
  - June 14th Annual Executive Committee Retreat here at the COG
  - Appalachian Regional Commission announces opportunity to become a Leadership Institute Fellow; extensive 9 weeks program. See Arlene Young for application and brochure if interested

**The next Board Meeting will be at 10:30 am on May 24, 2019. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.**

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Mr. Joe Dill, Chairman

The South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments has complied with the Freedom of Information Act in scheduling and conducting this meeting

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