

RIDE II Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2003 @ 9:00 a.m.
Wall Building @ Coastal Carolina University

In Attendance: Chairman Mike Wooten, Coupe DeVille, Mitchell Flannery, James Fraizer, Donald Helms, Jim Hulen, John Kost, Gary Loftus, David Norris, Darrell Ricketts, Thad Viers, Steven Gosnell, Danny Knight, Rob Hamzy, Mark Howeler, Steve Reiker and Lisa Bourcier.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order.

GSATS and the Transportation Planning Process – Presentation: Mark Howeler, Waccamaw Regional Planning provided the committee with a presentation on the history of GSATS. All presentation information packets were placed with Chairman Mike Wooten for distribution.

RIDE – Past, Present, and Future – Presentation: Steven Gosnell, P.E., Horry County Infrastructure and Regulation partnered with Rob Hamzy, SCDOT, provided the committee with a presentation on the history of the RIDE I & II Road Plan. Topics of discussion during the presentation were:

- RIDE I & II Road Plan application process and contributions as well as a breakdown of expenditures for each project and the status of those projects funded.
- The committee discussed potential projects including International Drive, Southern Bypass, I-73, Carolina Forest and River Oaks Drive.

SCDOT Funding Overview – Presentation: Rob Hamzy, SCDOT provided the committee with a presentation on the funding of the SCDOT. Topics of discussion during the presentation were:

- Comparative analysis illustrating how SCDOT measures up with other states nationwide as it relates to transportation.
- Sources and funding for the SCDOT transportation program.

RIDE II Committee Discussion: A motion was made, second and approved on the following items:

- The RIDE II Committee meetings will be held on the second and fourth Monday's of each month @ 1:00 p.m. in the Horry County Administrator's conference room located at Second Avenue, Conway beginning September 8, 2003.
- Reports of the RIDE II Committee's progress will be prepared on a quarterly basis, presented to the Infrastructure & Regulation Committee prior to distribution to County Council beginning October 9, 2003 @ 2:00 p.m.

Ex-Officio Membership Response: Chairman Wooten distributed copies of letters requesting people to join the RIDE II Committee on a quarterly basis as Ex-Officio members or representatives of organizations. He reported that Rayford Vereen has accepted on behalf of the CTC and that Brad Dean had been appointed by COMBO. Joe Woodle responded that he would represent PARTNERS. Chairman Wooten had not received any response from Congressman Brown's office or from the League of Cities to date.

Goals – Discussion: Committee discussed its purpose and goals:

- Agreed to follow the Mission established at the last meeting.
- Members will review initial RIDE Committee report illustrating long range improvements and projects.
- Potential of forming committees to widen research was discussed however, due to limitations of staffing, it was decided the committee wouldn't commit at this time.
- Committee agreed that future meetings will be more organized with preparation of agendas, meeting minutes, etc.
- Toll Roads – Do's & Don'ts – briefing to be prepared by SCDOT and Federal Highway Administration.
- Sales Tax Possibilities – Steven Gosnell to contact and request attendance of Horry County Attorney John Weaver to discuss potential implementation of additional sales tax as a funding mechanism.
- Traffic Model updates – Mark Howeler, Waccamaw Regional Council on Governments, to provide information on the latest corridor studies including the counts of identified areas of congestions and the counts projected within the MPO.
- Traffic Safety – Rob Hamzy, SCDOT, to obtain information on the traffic accidents at key locations. A list of the 10 most dangerous intersections in the County will be provided.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Wooten @ 2:30 p.m.