



Beaufort County Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

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Beaufort County Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee Agenda

Friday, May 26, 2023 9:00 AM

Executive Conference Room, Administration Building

Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. FOIA – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.
4. APPROVAL OF [MINUTES](#) – April 28, 2023
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS (*Comments are limited to 3 minutes.*)

PRESENTATION ITEMS

6. NEW DESIGNATED URBAN AREA DISCUSSION WITH SCDOT

DISCUSSION ITEMS - UPDATES

7. [LIST OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS](#)
8. SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEM(S)

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

9. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 9:00 A.M. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.
10. ADJOURNMENT



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The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee (hereinafter “Committee”) was held in Executive Conference Room on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Pappas, Chair
Sue Cosner, Vice Chair
Van Willis for Joe DeVito
Alice Howard
Mike McFee
Scott Marshall for Stephen Murray
Jerry Ashmore
David Bartholomew
York Glover

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Earl Campbell
Gerald Dawson
Mitch Mitchell
Colin Moore

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Robert Merchant, Beaufort County
Mrs. Chris DiJulio-Cook, Beaufort County
Ms. Kristen Forbus, Beaufort County
Noah Krepps, Town of Port Royal
Chuck Atkinson, Beaufort County

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ed Pappas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Pappas led those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mr. Scott Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2023 with the amendment that his name be added to the record as a staff member who was in attendance. Mr. Noah Krepps explained in the past it’s only been the County staff who’ve been listed. Council Member Alice Howard said she thought it was a good idea that all staff members be listed. Mrs. Howard seconded Mr. Marshall’s motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Mr. Pappas asked if there were any non-agenda citizen comments. There were none.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Planning Director, gave a power point presentation and brief history of the Northern Beaufort County Regional Plan.

ACTION ITEMS:

After much discussion amongst the Committee members, Vice Chair Cosner made a motion that a SCDOT representative be at next month's meeting to discuss MPOs. Council Member Howard seconded the recommendation. The decision was unanimous.

Mrs. Howard will act as a representative between NRPIC and SOLOCO in terms of discussing goals and transportation issues.

Mr. McFee mentioned the City of Beaufort is reviewing the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the City standing its own Planning Commission and how that would impact Port Royal, the County, and land use review. Mr. Marshall also mentioned potential text amendments that are being considered that may or may not be ready for updates at next month's meeting.

There was overall approval of the 2023 calendar of meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Mike McFee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jerry Ashmore seconded the motion.

Chairman Pappas adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

New Urban Area/MPO Discussion Questions

- What is needed specifically in the package by August 15th for a new MPO?
- What is needed in the package by August 15th if the new urban area remains with LATS? Potentially we will have no boundary changes in this scenario.
- Funding and how that will work with a merged versus a separate MPO and the minimum funding amounts.
- Provide more general information about how the MPOs are funded and the ramp up and possible formulas going forward.
- If the new urban area remains with LATS are they free to separate at a later time and become a separate MPO?
- General concerns over equitable spending for each area and how to ensure that if they remain in LATS.

Future Agenda Items:

- ❖ Review the original plan and see what's left to accomplish (e.g.: critical setback lines, environmental standards) – readdress five-year updates as discussed in plan
- ❖ Public safety, north of the Broad (Fire/EMS)
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Additional MPO
- ~~❖ Request Mr. Merchant give a presentation/abridged history lesson of the plan for the next meeting~~
- ❖ Review of growth boundaries
- ❖ Potential traffic challenges if/when Woods Memorial Bridge closes to vehicular traffic / Potential need for a new bridge, not as a third bridge but as a replacement for the second (if left with only McTeer)
- ❖ John O'Toole, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation