



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY

TRANSIT ADVISORY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

September 25, 2014

MEMBERS:

Scott Moulder, Oconee County, **Chair**
Al Babinicz, CEO, CAT Bus
Lorenia Lee, Salem
David Underwood, Walhalla
Gene Blair, At Large Member
Arthur Rodgers, At Large Member

Sandra Powell, Westminster, **Vice Chair**
Randy Russell for Mike Smith RME, SC DOT
Ed Halbig, Seneca
Linda Oliver, West Union
Charles Morgan, Jr., At Large Member
Elizabeth Hulse, Clerk to Council, TATFC Secretary

The Oconee County Transit Advisory Task Force Committee [TATFC] met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all representatives present [except Mr. Babinicz, Ms. Lee, Mr. Underwood, Mr. Rodgers, Ms. Oliver & Mr. Morgan] and Clerk to Council Elizabeth G. Hulse present.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Dick Mangrum/WGOG Radio and Ray Chandler/Anderson Independent Newspaper.

Call to Order:

Mr. Moulder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. noting that a quorum was not present, He stated that as this is the last meeting of the Committee and as the URS Consultant had made the trip from Atlanta that the group would meet [without a quorum present] and hear the consultants final recommendations prior to his final report. Lastly, Mr. Moulder thanked all participants in the process for their commitment and service to the citizens of Oconee County.

Approval of Minutes

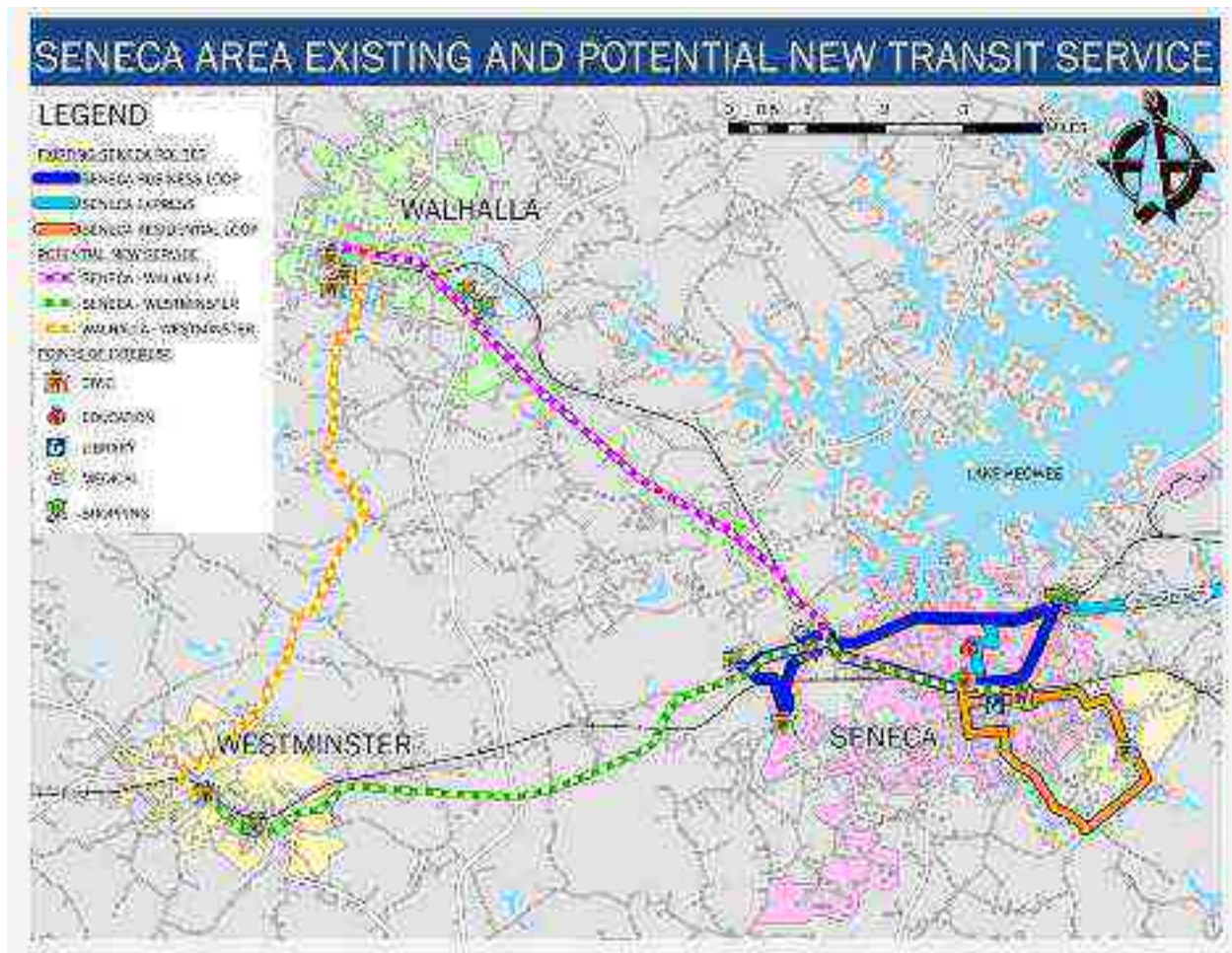
As a quorum was not present Mr. Moulder requested a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Ms. Powell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blair, approved unanimously to accept the July 24, 2014 minutes as presented.

URS Implementation Study / Update

Mr. Moulder turned the meeting over to Mr. Chip Burger, URS Senior Transportation Planner, who addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following issues:

- Commute Patterns [O&D Study]
- Service Implementation Plan / Proposed Routes [see map next page]
 - Seneca Area Existing & Potential New Transit Service
 - **PURPLE LINE:** Seneca to/from Walhalla
 - **GREEN LINE:** Seneca to/from Westminster
 - **GOLD LINE:** Walhalla to/from Westminster
- O&M and Capital Cost Estimates for each Route
- Financial Plan
- Summary O&M and Capital Cost Estimates
- Policy Considerations
- Next Steps



In follow up to the last meeting, Mr. Moulder reported on discussion held with the City of Seneca Administrator, Greg Dietterick, regarding partnering with the City of Seneca for expansion of bus services in Oconee County. Mr. Moulder reported that the City of Seneca is in support of expansion and partnering to provide the services as they already have a lot of the needed infrastructure and expertise.

Lengthy discussion followed to include: proposed estimated cost per revenue hour; current CAT/City of Seneca electric busses and charging facilities vs. the need to add additional charging station[s] and busses; potential Federal and/or SCDOT grant funding; governance of expanded services to go through the City of Seneca; cost of busses, City of Walhalla potential loop routes, City of Westminster potential loop routes, etc.

Mr. Moulder again thanked the participants for their hard work and dedication to this process. It was the consensus of the group that the next step will be to direct the URS consultant to prepare a final recommendation report for presentation at a future County Council meeting and for Mr. Moulder to begin development of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Seneca [to be completed by end of 2014] outlining the partnership between the County and the City for expanded bus service in Oconee County.

Other Business

No Other Business was addressed at this meeting.

Next Meeting

No additional meetings of this group will be called.

Adjourn

Mr. Moulder adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council