



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021 – 10:30 AM

HELD AT
SPARK CENTER, SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE TYGER RIVER CAMPUS
1875 EAST MAIN STREET, DUNCAN, SC 29334

ZOOM MEETING OPTION

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Meeting ID: 832 0068 2681 - Passcode: 829689 - Dial In Number (929) 205 6099

10:30

- I. Call to Order – Mike Forrester, Chair***
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests
 - C. Approval of June 25, 2021 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)

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- II. Recognition of an Employee who has Recently Celebrated a Milestone Anniversary with the Agency – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair***

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- III. The Spartanburg Community College Spark Center – Mr. Mike Forrester, Vice President for Economic Development, Spartanburg Community College***

Briefing: *The Spark Center is a multi-faceted economic development resource for the community, providing space, services, and other resources for start-ups, expanding operations, and businesses relocating to the area. Mr. Forrester will provide an overview of the facility.*

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- IV. Southeast Rail High Speed Corridor – Mr. Doug Frate, Director of Intermodal and Freight Programs, South Carolina Department of Transportation***

Briefing: *The Southeast Corridor is a proposed passenger rail project to provide high-speed rail service from Washington, D.C. south through Atlanta. In 2019, a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Study was completed and in 2020, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Georgia*



Department of Transportation selected a preferred route through South Carolina. Mr. Frate will update the committee on the corridor, the preferred route, and next steps.

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- V. **Appalachian Regional Freight Mobility Plan** – Mr. Lance Estep, Principal Planner (A link to the plan is available on the front page of the ACOG website at ww.scacog.org. For a printed copy of the plan, please contact Mr. Estep at lance@scacog.org.)

Briefing: In March of 2020, ACOG kicked off the Appalachian Regional Freight Mobility Plan in conjunction with regional MPO partners and the SCDOT. After 18 months of meetings, data analysis, input, and strategy development, the plan has been completed. Mr. Estep will present an overview of the plan documents, recommendations, and an outline for implementation.

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- VI. **Amendment to the 2021-2027 ACOG Regional TIP (Transportation Improvement Program)** - Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Committee and Mr. Lance Estep, Principal Planner (Section 2, Board Packet)

Briefing: *The TIP is a planning document that lists all federally funded transportation projects and studies in the ACOG Region. The SCDOT has updated the construction cost estimate for a proposed intersection project at US 76 and Welpine Road in Anderson County. Mr. Estep will explain the proposal and present a recommendation from the Regional Transportation Committee for Board consideration.*

Action item

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- VII. **Personnel Committee Report** – Ms. Brandi Amidon, Committee Member (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: *The committee will present a recommendation to the full board to create a new Information Referral Assistance Specialist position in the Aging Services program. This is a federally funded position that provides seniors with resources and information to address challenges they face. A position description is included in Section 3 of the board packet.*

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

12:00

IX. Member Reports

Briefing: *Board members will report on items of interest from their communities.*

12:05

X. Adjourn