

BERKELEY-CHARLESTON-DORCHESTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

August 24, 2020  
11:00 AM

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
  - a) Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance/Announcement of Proxies
- II. Consideration of Minutes: June 29, 2020 Board Meeting
- III. 2017-2022 Rural Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – Request for Approval
- IV. Rural Long Range Transportation Plan Adoption – Request for Approval
- V. FFY20 FTA 5310 Proposed Program of Projects – Request for Approval
- VI. Financial Status Report/Revolving Loan Fund Report
- VII. General Public Comment
- VIII. Executive Director’s Time
- IX. Chairman’s Time
- X. Adjournment

**BERKELEY-CHARLESTON-DORCHESTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**June 29, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting Notes**

The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) Board of Directors met via Zoom on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Charles Ackerman; Terrence Adams; Craig Ascue; George Bailey; Gary Brewer; Johnny Cribb; Steve Davis; David Dennis, Jr.; Charles Duberry; John Dunmyer, III; Robert Gannon; George Gomes; Timothy Goodwin; Stephen Grant; Miriam Green; John Gregg; Greg Habib; Larry Hargett; Kevin Hart; Will Haynie; Clarence Hughes; Tom Hutto; Joseph Jefferson; Allen June; Charlie Ledford; David Mack; Tim Mallard; Summer Massey; Peter McCoy; Robert Mitchell; Elaine Morgan; Tommy Newell; Patrick O'Neil; Caldwell Pinckney, Jr.; Roy Pipkin; Phillip Pounds; Teddie Pryor; Christie Rainwater; Robert Reid, Jr.; Robby Robbins; Elliott Summey; Keith Summey; John Tecklenburg; Jerry Thrower; Steve Tumbleston; Keith Waring; Ricky Waring; Craig Weaver; Adrian Williams; Melvin Williams; Paul Wimberly; Bill Woolsey; Kathy Woolsey

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Ackerman; George Bailey; Gary Brewer; Johnny Cribb; David Dennis, Jr.; John Dunmyer, III; George Gomes; Stephen Grant; John Gregg; Larry Hargett; Kevin Hart; Tom Hutto; Joseph Jefferson; Tm Mallard; Summer Massey; Elaine Morgan; Caldwell Pinckney; Phillip Pounds; Christie Rainwater; Robert Reid, Jr.; Robby Robbins; John Tecklenburg; Ricky Waring; Adrian Williams; Melvin Williams; Bill Woolsey; Kathy Woolsey

**PROXIES:** Adam MacConnell for Keith Summey; Cal Oyer for Teddie Pryor; Kristen Hess for Elliott Summey; Mike Hemmer for Steve Tumbleston

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Keith Benjamin (City of Charleston); Ashley Kellahan (Town of James Island); Jimmy Carroll (Mayor, City of Isle of Palms); David Cole (President, MUSC); Michael Sweat (MUSC Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences); Marc Greene; PWDCWO; Additional Interested Parties participated via virtual/conference call.

**BCDCOG STAFF:** Ron Mitchum; Andrea Kozloski; Robin Mitchum; Kathryn Basha; Sharon Hollis; Sarah Cox; Jeff Burns; Daniel Brock; Kim Coleman

**I. Call to Order:**

**A. Invocation:** Chairman Ackerman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. followed by the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance and quorum determination.

**B. Announcement of Proxies:** Mr. MacConnell for Mayor Summey; Mr. Oyer for Mr. Pryor; Ms. Hess for Chairman Summey; Mr. Hemmer for Mayor Tumbleston

**II. Consideration of Minutes: May 18, 2020 Board Meeting**

*Rev. Reid made a motion to approve the May 18, 2020 Meeting Notes as presented.  
Ms. Woolsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**III. COVID-19 Status Update – Dr. David J. Cole, MUSC President**

Ron Mitchum, Executive Director, introduced Dr. Cole, President of MUSC. Dr. Cole introduced Michael Sweat, Ph.D., MUSC Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Sweat delivered an update of the status of COVID-19. He discussed the Charleston region's trends in social distancing, estimated active COVID-19 infections in the Tri-County and MUSC's hospital patients by number of active cases. Dr. Sweat also discussed COVID-19 cases by demographics, noting that the 21-30 age group has the highest number of recent cases. Dr. Cole and Dr. Sweat addressed questions and comments. Dr. Sweat will forward today's presentation to the BCDCOG and the presentation will be shared with Board Members and interested parties. The Board of Directors received the COVID-19 status update as information.

**IV. Lowcountry Rapid Transit Recommended Alignment – Request for Approval**

Sharon Hollis, Principal Planner, presented the Lowcountry Rapid Transit (LCRT) Recommended Alignment. She reviewed the alternative development to date, and the 12 alignments. Ms. Hollis discussed Phase 2 of the project in detail and noted the next steps. She stated the project is continues with a completion date of 2026. Ms. Hollis addressed questions and comments.

***Mayor Tecklenburg made a motion to approve the Lowcountry Rapid Transit Recommended Alignment as presented. Mr. Robbins seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mr. Brewer abstained due to a conflict of interest.***

**V. 2017-2022 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendments – Request for Approval**

Mr. Mitchum presented the 2017-2022 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendments. He noted that the request comes from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) to add a new Recreational Trails Program (RTP) project approved and awarded for funding under fiscal year 2020. This amendment is being advertised for public comment through July 9, 2020. Subject to no comments and Board of Directors' approval, the project will be added to the State TIP (STIP). Mr. Mitchum addressed questions and comments.

RTIP Amendments

Amendment #12

Transportation Alternative Projects

Amendment – Add new project Wambaw Cycle Trail Enhancement:

- Add \$70,000 in RTP Funds to FFY2020
- Add \$17,500 in Matching Funds to FFY2020

***Mr. Grant made a motion to approve the 2017-2022 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendments as presented. Mayor Gregg seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one nay vote.***

**VI. Financial Status Report/Revolving Loan Fund Report**

Financial Status Report: Robin Mitchum, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, presented the Financial Status Report consisting of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending May 31, 2020. The report depicts an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$379,569.98. Ms. Mitchum noted that the agency remains in good shape and no problems are anticipated. She addressed questions and comments. The Board of Directors received the Financial Status Report as information.

Revolving Loan Fund Report: Ms. Mitchum presented the RLF activity report as of May 31, 2020. She noted that the White Horses and the Lowcountry Kettle loans have been deferred due to COVID-19. The Executive Committee approved the deferments of the respective loans at the previous meeting (held on May 18, 2020). Ms. Mitchum discussed the Revolving Loan Fund Activity noting that funds available for lending in the BCDCOG Revolving Loan Fund are \$964,466.80 and funds available for lending in the North Charleston Revolving Loan Fund are \$234,057.88 for a total of \$1,198,524.68 available for lending. The Board of Directors received the Revolving Loan Fund Report as information.

**VII. General Public Comments**

There were no General Public Comments

**VIII. Executive Director's Time**

Mr. Mitchum updated Board Members regarding day-to-day operations due to COVID-19. He also updated the Board on the Revolving Loan Fund – CARES Act, noting that there is no local match to the approximately \$525,000 in new funds. The funds will be focused on small businesses. Mr. Mitchum also discussed transit stop design guidelines and the rural vanpool program. He announced that all the Workforce Centers are back up and running. The Berkeley Center will be closed for a few days for extensive sanitizing due to a positive COVID-19 test result. However, those clients will continue to be served via virtually or online. Mr. Mitchum addressed questions and comments. The Board of Directors received Mr. Mitchum's report as information.

**IX. Chairman's Time**

Chairman Ackerman commended BCDCOG staff members and Mr. Mitchum for their hard work and dedication during the pandemic. In addition, Isle of Palms Mayor Jimmy Carroll commented on the Beach Reach APP and commended Mr. Mitchum and staff for the creation of the APP. Rev. Reid offered a special prayer for MUSC doctors and others during the pandemic. Chairman Ackerman thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting. He announced that the Board would convene immediately into the TriCounty Link Board of Directors meeting.

**X. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Ackerman adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Coleman

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** BCDCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** RON MITCHUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**SUBJ:** AMENDMENT TO THE 2017-2022 RTIP  
**DATE:** AUGUST 24, 2020

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### **BCDCOG Rural TIP Amendment**

Attached for your review and consideration are two amendments to the FY 2017-2022 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The first request comes from Dorchester County for additional Rural Guides share funds in the amount of \$5,129,000 for Construction on the US 78 Phase 2B roadway improvement project. Additional Guides share funds will be used to offset increased construction and other unanticipated costs currently covered by Dorchester County local sales tax funds. The second amendment programs FY2020-2021 Formula Funding for Rural Areas (Section 5311) Program allocated to TriCounty Link (BCD RTMA).

This amendment is being advertised for public comment through September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Subject to no comments and the approval of the BCDCOG Board of Directors, additions or adjustments to projects will be transmitted for inclusion in the State TIP (STIP).

### **RTIP Amendments**

AMENDMENT #14 – AUGUST 24, 2020

#### **Guideshare Projects**

Amendment - US 78 Phase 2B Project – Addition of \$5,129,000 in Rural Guides share funds for a total of \$6,329,000 for Construction, and reduction in Dorchester County Sales Tax funds by \$3,329,000, leaving \$4,871,000 for Construction in FY 2020. Based on the obligation and assumed cash flow needs of this project, the programming of additional Rural Guides share funds reflects the use of Advanced Construction (AC) and AC Conversion (ACC) as requested by SCDOT.

- Increase Rural Guides share funds in FY 2020 by \$5,129,000 for a total of \$6,329,000. Adjust programming of Guides share funds to reflect Advanced Construction (AC)
- Decrease Dorchester County Sale Tax funds in FY 2020 by \$3,329,000 leaving \$4,871,000 (CON)
- Add \$6,329,000 in Rural Guides share funds in FY 2022 as AC Conversion (ACC)

#### **Federal Transit Administration Projects**

Amendment – Add FY2020-2021 allocation of Formula Funding for Rural Areas (Section 5311) Program funds to TriCounty Link (BCD RTMA) in FY 2020.

- Add \$1,065,803 (OP) in Section 5311 federal funds in FY 2020
- Add \$218,897 (OP) in SMTF funds in FY 2020

**BCDCOG RURAL TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Cost in Thousands)**

PIN #	Guideshare Projects	Prior	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	TIP COST (2017-2022)	Total	REMAINING COST (2023+)	FUNDING
Correction 8/17/2020	1 Cost-Share US 78 Phase IIA (US 178 to SC-27S) (US 178 to Ridgeville Rd)		\$336 R		\$461 R \$8,510 C \$7,950 C				\$17,257	\$17,477		BCDCOG Rural Guideshare BCDCOG Rural Guideshare TIGER Funding Dorchester Co. Sales Tax
Amendment 8/24/2020	US 78 Phase IIB (SC-27S to S-18-22) (Ridgeville Rd to Orangeburg Road)					\$2,948 R \$6,329 AC \$5,300 C \$861 R \$4,871 C		\$6,329 ACC	\$14,577	\$20,309		BCDCOG Rural Guideshare BCDCOG Rural Guideshare TIGER Funding Dorchester Co. Sales Tax Dorchester Co. Sales Tax
	1a Cost-Share INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT US HWY 78 @ SC 27	\$1,100 \$580 \$750							\$0	\$2,430		BCDCOG Rural Guideshare Dorchester Co. Sales Tax Safety
Correction 8/17/2020	2 Cost-Share INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT - US 17A @ SC 6 US 17 A (Phase III) (Widen to 5 Lanes from S-9 to Near SC 6 in Moncks Corner)	\$975 \$2,800	\$216 R						\$216 \$601	\$1,191 \$3,401		BCDCOG Rural Guideshare BCDCOG Rural Guideshare
<b>GUIDESHARE PROJECT SUBTOTALS</b>		\$4,875	\$552	\$601	\$8,971	\$2,948	\$0	\$6,329	\$32,651	\$44,808		
<b>GUIDESHARE ALLOCATION</b>			\$2,181	\$2,181	\$2,181	\$2,181	\$2,181	\$2,181				
<b>CARRYOVER AVAILABLE</b>			\$6,541	\$8,171	\$9,752	\$2,962	\$2,195	\$4,377				
<b>BOND PROCEEDS</b>			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
<b>BALANCE</b>			\$8,171	\$9,752	\$2,962	\$2,195	\$4,377	\$229				

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<b>PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM GUIDESHARE</b>																
	Bridge Replacement & Rehab Projects															
	US 78 @ Four Hole Swamp (Replacement)	\$11,175								\$11,175		Bridge Program				
	SC 174 @ Store Creek (Replacement)	\$4,771								\$4,771		Bridge Program				
	SC 174 @ Sand Creek (Replacement)	\$7,160								\$7,160		Bridge Program				
	SC 174 @ Russell Creek (Replacement)	\$11,000								\$11,000		Bridge Program				
	SC 165 Caw Caw Swamp No. 1 (Replacement)	\$559		\$5,088	C				\$5,088	\$5,647		Bridge Program				
	SC 165 Caw Caw Swamp No. 2 (Replacement)	\$524		\$4,736	C				\$4,736	\$5,260		Bridge Program				
	SC 165 Caw Caw Swamp No. 3 (Replacement)	\$520		\$4,701	C				\$4,701	\$5,221		Bridge Program				
	US 176 @ Dean Swamp	\$1,508	\$56	R	\$5,802	C	\$8,728	C		\$14,586	\$16,094	Bridge Program				
P037127	US 15 over Indian Field Swamp					\$905	PE	\$6,901	C	\$7,806	\$7,806	Bridge Program				
	Statewide Safety Program															
	US 17A & S-48 (Bethera Rd) & S-97 (Cane Gully Rd) & S-40 (Harristown Rd)		\$100	R	\$1,000	C				\$1,100	\$1,100	Statewide Safety Program				
P039388	US 176 (State Rd)/S-135 (Mudville Rd) - Intersection Safety Improvement						\$250	PE		\$100	R	\$350	\$2,350	\$2,000	Statewide Safety Program	
	S-60 (Short Cut Rd) - Section/Corridor Improvement		\$715	C						\$715		\$715	Statewide Safety Program			
	SC6 (Highway 6/Ranger Road) Section/Corridor Improvement		\$1,800	C						\$1,800		\$1,800	Statewide Safety Program			
	Section/Corridor Improvements - Statewide Safety Program (2015 Commission Approved)					\$3,085	C			\$3,085		\$3,085	Statewide Safety Program			
	S-356 (Starline Dr) MP 0.00 to MP 2.53															
	S-89 (Short Cut Rd) MP 0.00 to MP 4.63															
	I-26 Clear Zone Improvements from near MM 150 to near MM 180					\$50	PE	\$5,000	C	\$5,050		\$5,050	HSIP			
	I-26 Clear Zone Improvements from near MM 180 to near MM 221					\$400	PE	\$5,000	C	\$5,400		\$5,400	HSIP			
P029757	I-26 Cable Guardrail Improvements from near MM 168 to MM 199 (Phase II)					\$10,000	C			\$10,000		\$10,000	HSIP			
	Interstate Safety Improvements															
	Repair Refuge Perimeter Rd (Route 100) - Ace Basin National Wildlife	\$1,000										\$1,000	Eastern Federal Lands			
	Pavement Projects												STP			
	Safety Projects												STP			
	Pavement Signing & Marking												STP			
	ITS (Interstate)												STP			
	Incident Response Program												STP			
	Appropriation Earmark															
	I-26 New Interchange (Near MM 189)	\$35,000										\$35,000	SC Dept of Commerce			
	I-26 Widening from near SC 27 (Exit 187) to near Jedburg Rd (Exit 194)	\$645										\$291,584	SIB			
Correction 8/17/2020			\$6,355	PE					\$4,000	R		\$10,355	Interstate Program (NHPP)			
									\$10,000	C			Interstate Program (NHPP)			
									\$140,292	AC	\$46,764	ACC	\$187,056	Interstate Program (NHPP)		
	I-26 Widening Exit 169 (I 95) to Exit 187 (Ridgeville Road)				\$1,000	P				\$1,000		\$1,000	Interstate Program (NHPP)			
	Interstate Preservation & Construction - I-26 (MM 149-MM172)	\$2,000					\$75,000	C		\$75,000		\$77,000	Interstate			
	<b>PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM GUIDESHARE SUBTOTAL*</b>	<b>\$75,862</b>	<b>\$9,026</b>		<b>\$21,327</b>		<b>\$24,168</b>		<b>\$92,151</b>		<b>\$154,292</b>		<b>\$46,864</b>	<b>\$337,828</b>	<b>\$509,218</b>	<b>\$95,528</b>

\*Does not include STIP-Referenced Projects



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<b>FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION</b>																									
	STATEWIDE AND NONMETRO PLANNING - BCDCOG																								
	RURAL PLANNING / TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$16	\$5	PL		\$5	PL		\$5	PL											\$15	\$31		FTA Section 5304	
	BERKELEY CITIZENS																								
	PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$168	\$50																		\$50	\$218		FTA Section 5310	
	CAPITAL	\$60																				\$60		FTA Section 5310	
	VEHICLE ACQUISITION	\$90																				\$90		FTA Section 5310	
	OPERATIONS	\$36																				\$36		FTA Section 5317	
	CAPITAL	\$50																				\$50		FTA Section 5317	
	DORCHESTER COUNTY DSNB																								
	VEHICLE ACQUISITION	\$131																					\$131		FTA Section 5310
	ENHANCED MOBILITY																								
	BCDCOG - MOBILITY MANAGEMENT	\$27	\$40																		\$40	\$67		FTA Section 5310	
	BCD RTMA - OPERATIONS	\$126																				\$126		FTA Section 5310	
	TRI-COUNTY LINK (BCD RTMA)																								
Amendment 8/24/2020	ADMINISTRATION, OPERATING, & CAPITAL	\$4,958												\$1,066	OP						\$1,285	\$6,243		FTA Section 5311 - Federal	
														\$219	OP									FTA Section 5311 - SMTF	
	FACILITY CONSTRUCTION	\$600																				\$600		FTA Section 5309	
	<b>FTA FUNDED PROJECTS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,262</b>	<b>\$95</b>			<b>\$5</b>			<b>\$5</b>												<b>\$1,390</b>	<b>\$7,652</b>			
<b>TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS</b>																									
P28051900719	McClellanville Bicycle Pedestrian Connectio -		\$400	C																	\$900	\$900		STP	
								\$100	C															2019 RTP	
			\$100					\$300																Match - Local/County	
	Wambaw Cycle Trail																					\$353	\$637		
	Access & Improvements	\$284																						2013 RTP	
	Maintenance Project		\$172	C																				2015 RTP	
P28051900919	Enhancement Project							\$40	C															2019 RTP	
P28052001820	Enhancement Project												\$70	C										2020 RTP	
			\$43					\$10	C			\$17.5	C											Match	
	Courthouse Park Recreation Trail		\$100	C																		\$100	\$125	2017 RTP	
			\$25																			\$25		Match	
	Awendaw East Coast Greenway		\$100	C																		\$100	\$125	2017 RTP	
			\$25																			\$25		Match	
	Hollywood Trails at the Sap - Phase 1		\$100	C																		\$100	\$125	2017 RTP	
			\$25																			\$25		Local Match	
	<b>TA SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$284</b>	<b>\$1,090</b>			<b>\$450</b>															<b>\$1,628</b>	<b>\$1,912</b>			
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,833</b>	<b>\$10,763</b>			<b>\$21,933</b>		<b>\$41,544</b>		<b>\$112,460</b>		<b>\$154,292</b>		<b>\$53,193</b>		<b>\$373,496</b>		<b>\$563,589</b>		<b>\$95,528</b>					

KEY: PE - PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING R - RIGHT OF WAY C - CONSTRUCTION VA - Vehicle Acquisition OP - Operating Expenses CA - Capital Expenses PS - Purchase of Service PL - Planning RTP - Recreation Trails Program SIB - State Infrastructure Bank

<sup>1</sup> AC (Advanced Construction) reflects the use of state funds to initiate a project.

<sup>2</sup> AC Conversion (Advanced Construction Conversion) reflects the conversion of state funds to federal funds.





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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** RON MITCHUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** RURAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
**DATE:** 8/14/2020

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The Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) establishes an overarching vision of the future of transportation in the rural areas of the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester (BCD) region. The Plan covers portions of the tri-county region outside the CHATS planning area, including areas in and around the towns of Awendaw, Bonneau, Harleyville, Hollywood, Jamestown, McClellanville, Meggett, Ravenel, Reevesville, Ridgeville, St. George, and St. Stephen. It is a 20-year comprehensive transportation planning document that was last updated and adopted by the BCDCOG in September 2013.

To remain compliant with SCDOT's requirement to periodically update the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan, the BCDCOG recently undertook and completed updating the Plan for forecasted conditions between now and Year 2040. The Plan complements the urban area's comprehensive transportation plan: the 2040 CHATS Long Range Transportation Plan adopted in January 2019.

The updated final draft Plan was released for public comment for a 21-day period on June 8, 2020 and is hereby presented to the Board of Directors for approval and adoption. The document has been posted on the BCDCOG website home page under Procurement and Documents.

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING  
THE 2040 RURAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
FOR THE BERKELEY CHARLESTON DORCHESTER REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments has found that the regional agency serving county governments is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 1607, as amended;

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments has found the transportation planning process to be in compliance with Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d));

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments has found the Transportation Planning Process to be in full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI Assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments has considered how the Transportation Planning Process will affect the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the FHWA and the FTA funded planning projects (Sec. 105 (f), Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2100, 49 CFR part 23);

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments has considered how the Transportation Planning Process will affect the elderly and the disabled per the provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and the U.S. DOT implementing regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the currently conforming 2035 Rural Long Range Transportation has a planning horizon year of 2035 and includes required Performance Measures as required by the governing Transportation Planning legislation,

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments has prepared an updated Plan (the 2040 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan) in coordination with a Rural Study Team, affected jurisdictions, and the public, and

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments has incorporated the statewide targets approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation for measures related to Safety (PM1), Infrastructure Condition (PM2) and System Reliability (PM3) for the current performance period established 2018-2021, and subsequent annual updates to PM1 targets through performance period 2020, within the 2040 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan,

**WHEREAS**, a draft of the updated Plan was made available for review by the public in accord with the agency's adopted Public Participation Plan,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments Board of Directors hereby adopts the 2040 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan for the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester region of South Carolina on this the 17th day of August 2020.

**READ AND ADOPTED** the 17th day of August 2020.

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Charles Ackerman, Chairman

Certified true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the BCDCOG Board of Directors on August 17, 2020.

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Ronald E. Mitchum

Executive Director  
Title

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Date



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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** BCDCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** RONALD E. MITCHUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** FFY 2020 FTA FUNDING GRANTS - 5310 URBANIZED FUNDING  
**DATE:** AUGUST 6, 2020

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The Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) is the designated recipient responsible for administering federal grants for public transportation programs in the region. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released funds for projects eligible under the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities FTA Section 5310 Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2020. This is a reimbursable, matching grant program that funds eligible projects in the Census designated urbanized area. BCDCOG solicited applications for financial assistance to support local 5310 eligible public transportation projects in May 2020.

**FTA 5310 Program FY19 Urbanized Funding Allocation for Charleston-North Charleston Region**  
\$498,134

**FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section**

The 5310 program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services. Lack of adequate transportation is a primary barrier to work for individuals with disabilities. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that in 2019, 19.3 percent of persons with disability were employed compared to 66.3 percent of persons without a disability.

**Application Review and Evaluations**

Submittals from three (3) sub-recipient applicants have been scored and ranked by BCDCOG staff. This process is consistent with the FTA approved Program Management Plan (PMP) that outlines policies and procedures for program administration. The selection process is based on a scoring system that weighs each application against how well it adheres to the selection criteria.

BCDCOG staff reviewed the applications for project eligibility and compliance with the Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan (March, 2015). The applications were scored on a 100 point scale based on criteria that includes: statement of need, coordination and program outreach, implementation, managerial capabilities, project budget and cost effectiveness.

Applications and scoring are as follows:

1. CARTA Paratransit Service and Vehicle	99.05
2. BCDCOG Mobility Management	97.50
3. Berkeley Citizens, Inc.	94.30

### **CARTA**

- Requested Total Federal Funding: \$478,134 (Capital/Operation Expenses) for operating expanded paratransit service, associated vehicle maintenance, and the replacement of some of their paratransit fleet with new vehicles.
- CARTA's expanded paratransit service (locally known as Tel-A-Ride) is an on-demand, curb-to-curb transportation service in Mount Pleasant, James Island, and the City of Charleston.
- CARTA estimates that 3,600 individuals are served monthly by Tel-A-Ride.
- CARTA is a previous recipient in good standing.

### **BCDCOG Trident Smart Ride Mobility Management Program**

- Requested Total Federal Funding: \$10,000 to support continuation of the Mobility Management Program for urbanized portions of the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Region.
- The Mobility Management Program coordinates information about transportation providers in the BCD area and directly assists consumers with identification of available transportation options.
- The program will market the project through senior centers, SC Works, human service providers, Facebook, media and by participating in community events.
- Trident Smart Ride is a previous recipient in good standing.

### **Berkeley Citizens, Inc.**

- Requested Total Federal Funding: \$60,000 (Capital Expense) for the purchase of service from Tri-County Link.
- Berkeley Citizens provides a variety of services and supports to people with developmental disabilities.
- Berkeley Citizens coordinates with TriCounty Link to provide transit services to seniors and people with disabilities in Berkeley County. By maintaining a contract with TriCounty Link, routes are not duplicated and therefore operate efficient transportation services in Berkeley County.
- This purchase of service provides transportation for an estimated 15 adults with disabilities. The estimated total one-way trips are 650 monthly.
- Berkeley Citizens is a previous recipient in good standing.

The attached table illustrates the proposed distribution of allocated FY20 FTA 5310 funding.

**PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

**Designated Recipient: Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments**

**5310: FFY 2020 Apportionment** 498,134

**Eligible for Operations (45%) (Max)** \$ 224,160.30

**Eligible for Capital (55%) (Min)** \$ 273,973.70

**Capital, Operating, and Program Administration**

Subrecipient	Program Description	Funding Type	Total Project Costs	Requested Federal Portion	Local Funding	Required Match	Recommended Federal Funding	Percent of Request Recommended	Minimum Local Funding Required
Charleston Area Regional Transportation	Paratransit Operations	Operations	\$392,784	\$196,392	\$196,392	50.00%	\$174,392	89%	\$174,392
Charleston Area Regional Transportation	Paratransit Vehicle Purchase and Maintenance	Capital	\$352,178	\$281,742	\$70,436	20.00%	\$243,742	87%	\$60,936
Berkeley Citizens, Inc.	Purchase of Service from TriCounty Link for transportation of disabled clients	Capital	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,000	20.00%	\$60,000	100%	\$15,000
Trident Smart Ride Mobility Management	Mobility Management	Capital	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$2,500	20.00%	\$10,000	100%	\$2,500
BCDCOG Administration	Adminstration of 5310 Funds	Program Admin	\$10,000	\$10,000		0.00%	\$10,000	100%	\$0
							\$498,134		

\*Capitalized Maintenance for Ops

<b>Subtotal - Operating</b>	\$	196,392	\$	174,392
<b>Subtotal - Capital</b>	\$	351,742	\$	313,742
<b>Subtotal - Program Admin.</b>	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
<b>Grand Federal Portion Requested</b>	\$	<b>558,134</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>\$ 498,134</b>