

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2006**

The Committee of the Whole Committee met on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	Joseph W. Owens, V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	William C. Billy Derrick
George H. Smokey Davis	Debra B. Summers
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
John W. Carrigg, Jr.	

Also attending: Katherine Doucett, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

**Lexington Connector - Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, Executive Director, Central Midlands County of Governments - (Goal #2)** - Mr. Whitaker indicated that the Central Midlands County of Governments (COG) is also the Metropolitan Planning Organization for federal transportation planning. Federally funded projects require a 20% local matching contribution which SCDOT generally provides for projects funded through the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) planning process. SCDOT is asking county and city governments to provide the 20% match for earmarks that they have requested. The three projects for Lexington County are; 1) Lexington Connector - alleviate traffic congestion, 2) Lexington Connector - alleviate traffic along the three major thoroughfares, 3) Lexington County Widen US 1 and SC 6 and improve US 378. Mr. Whitaker has been asked to contact the County to find out if there is any possibility of the County providing matching funds for these three grants totaling \$4,600,000 by a 20% match of \$1,150,000. He offered suggestions such as, discussing with SCDOT the possibility of other "in-kind" matching options, or asking the General Assembly to provide funding for local matching. Mr. Whitaker will be asking Lexington County to assist with future planning with COG. Information only. No action taken.

**Old Business/New Business** - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to Clerk

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

M. Todd Cullum  
Chairman