



Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation

Executive Committee Meeting

**Capitol Hill Update**

March 31, 2011

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Baxter Hood Center – Rock Hill, SC

**A G E N D A**

Welcome and Opening Remarks	Mayor Danny Funderburk RFATS Chairman
Introduction of Participants	
Introduction of Guest Speakers	Mayor Funderburk
Capitol Hill Update	Delania Hardy, Executive Director Association of MPOs
State Role and Perspective	Susan Howard, NCDOT Federal Legislative Programs Coordinator  Michael Covington, SCDOT Director - Office of Administration
Other Business and Announcements	Mayor Funderburk
Adjourn	Buffet Dinner

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## Guest Speakers

**Delania Hardy** – Ms. Hardy has worked for AMPO for the past 11 years and has served as its Executive Director since 2004. Prior to joining AMPO, Ms. Hardy worked as Transportation Planner and Project Manager for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. She has also worked for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments as an environmental planner. Over the past 11 years, Ms. Hardy has been responsible for successfully advocating on behalf of MPOs, to include key SAFETEA-LU issues and other transportation planning and climate change legislation.

**Susan Howard** – Ms. Howard has worked for NCDOT since 2007. She is based in the Governor Perdue's Washington Office where she manages the NCDOT federal legislative and regulatory affairs agendas. Through coordination with NC Congressional delegation and various transportation coalitions, Ms. Howard is working to increase funding and obtain improved programmatic results for North Carolina's transportation community. Prior to joining NCDOT, Ms. Howard was a Legislative Assistant to US Representative David Price, for whom she handled transportation, energy, and environmental appropriations and policy issues.

**Michael Covington** – Mr. Covington has worked for SCDOT for 11 years and currently serves as Director of Administration. In this capacity, Mr. Covington manages more than 20 programs, including Congressional relations, strategic planning, and capital improvements. Prior to joining SCDOT, Mr. Covington served as Chief Lobbyist for the commercial and industrial construction industry in SC, and Community Relations Consultant for the State Human Affairs Commission. Mr. Covington is a former City Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tempore as well as TAC member for the Columbia, SC MPO.