

**AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** ..... E. W. CROMARTIE, CHAIRMAN

2. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**ACTION** 3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

4. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** ..... TIAA BOOKER,  
SENIOR PLANNER

5. **INVOCATION**

**ACTION** 6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of January 22, 2004 Board Meeting (*Enclosure 1*)

7. **SOUTH CAROLINA'S MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN** ..... DIANNE JANICKI,  
(*Enclosure 2*) SCDOT

Ms. Janicki will present SCDOT's Long-range, Multi-modal Statewide Plan. CMCOG/COATS and other COGs and MPOs around the state collaborated with SCDOT to develop the plan. A copy of the plan was distributed to Board members in November.

8. **UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM** ..... NORMAN WHITAKER,  
(*Enclosure 3*) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In December, the CMCOG Board passed a resolution asking SCDOT to reconsider their decision to take the responsibility for transportation enhancement projects away from Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Staff from CMCOG and other MPOs have worked with the SCDOT Commission and staff, and it appears the MPO role will be retained.

9. **STATUS REPORT ON WETLANDS  
MITIGATION BANK PROJECT** (*Enclosure 4*) ..... WAYNE SHULER,  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING SERVICES

Last spring the Executive Committee directed staff to explore the feasibility of creating a wetlands mitigation bank for our region. Staff will update the Board on our progress.

10. **UPDATE ON HIGH-SPEED RAIL TRANSIT** (*Enclosure 5*) ..... CHAIRMAN CROMARTIE

A delegation from our region, including our Chairman, visited the South Carolina legislative delegation in Washington, D.C., and asked for help in bringing high-speed rail transit to the Central Midlands and South Carolina.

11. **ANNUAL UPDATE ON OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM** ..... ANNA HARMON,  
MANAGER, REGIONAL OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

CMCOG has three long-term care facility ombudsmen who investigate complaints of neglect or abuse at nursing homes and similar facilities.

12. **CMCOG STRATEGIC PLAN** ..... NORMAN WHITAKER

CMCOG staff members have created a strategic plan of actions we can take to improve the effectiveness of the agency.

13. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** ..... NORMAN WHITAKER

14. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

15. **ADJOURN**