



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 December 18, 2003 Board Meeting (*Enclosure 1*)
 - B. Quarterly Financial Statement (*Enclosure 2*)
 - C. Resolution for Applying for State and Federal Transportation/Transit Grants (*Enclosure 3*)
7. AIR QUALITY NON-ATTAINMENT DESIGNATION FOR THE COATS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AREA Henry Phillips, Manager,
(*Enclosure 4*) Air Assessment & Planning Section,
SC DHEC - Bureau of Air Quality

Urban areas in South Carolina will be subject to more stringent federal air quality regulations beginning in 2004. This has implications for transportation planning and economic development.
8. STATUS REPORT ON THE 208 PLAN (*Enclosure 5*) Norman Whitaker
Executive Director

The Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) has recommended adoption of the updated 208 Plan, with a number of amendments. CMCOG staff and legal counsel are reviewing additional changes proposed by the attorney for Midlands Utilities and Carolina Water.

9. HIGH-SPEED RAIL DISCUSSION (*Enclosure 6*) **E. W. Cromartie**

SCDOT has identified two possible South Carolina links in the Southeastern High-Speed Rail Corridor. We need to work with SCDOT and the chambers of commerce and local governments in North and South Carolina and Georgia to promote a route through the Central Midlands Region.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT **Norman Whitaker**

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2004

12. ADJOURN