

# Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board

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**March 17, 2020**

## Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

**Present:** Brett Bennett, Tommy Blewett, Roger Burdette, Tim Callanan, Teresa Concannon, Wesley Corbitt, Andrew Cripps, Brandt Herndon, Ann Purcell, and Alan Zipperer.

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Allen at 9:35 A.M.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Callanan and seconded by Mr. Blewett.

### Old Business:

Mrs. Purcell gave a brief summary noted that she made a presentation on the Effingham Parkway on March 10, and that there will be a follow-up letter from GDOT to confirm everything that was said. The project will begin in state fiscal year 2022, due to funding availability.

Mr. Corbitt stated that the county would be ready with right of way acquisition by July 1, 2020., and Mr. Callanan noted that the county is ready to file condemnations. The courts are closed due to COVID-19 restrictions; the condemnations will be filed as soon as the courts reopen. The county met with the region's wetlands mitigation credit holder to discuss credits. The county may have to go ahead and buy the credits soon, even if the GDOT let date is delayed. The expected cost is \$22,300 per credit, or \$3.4m total cost.

Mr. Corbitt asked whether any safety program funds were available. Mrs. Purcell suggested that the county submit a written request for safety funds. She commented that the requested traffic signal at Effingham Park of commerce has not been approved. Mr. Corbett noted that the county was looking at developing a new road to send traffic to Old Augusta Road, and they were reviewing the wetlands between EPOC and Old Augusta Road. He suggested the need for "Don't Block the Box" signage at Old Augusta Road and Hwy 21. Mrs. Purcell stated that GDOT is looking at future widening of Hwy 21 to maintain traffic flow. Hwy 21 is already planned to be widened in Chatham County in the CORE MPO plan. Mr. Corbett stated they needed to look at 4-laning the Effingham Parkway to further alleviate traffic flow.

Mr. Burdette asked whether a traffic signal at the EPOC entrance on Hwy 21 could be considered. Or, could the county place a "Right Turn Only" sign at the EPOC entrance, as trucks are blocking Hwy 21 when they attempt to turn left out of EPOC. Mrs. Purcell stated that they needed another meeting with Russell, to discuss future projects.

Mr. Corbett asked if the city TSPLOST project lists were complete. Mr. Cripps stated that only Rincon has provided a list so far. The cities are waiting until the Intergovernmental Agreement is approved, then project lists will be finalized, and the Chamber can begin a marketing campaign. Mr. Corbett noted that the county list is complete. Mr. Cripps stated that the IGA must be approved by all parties, and then the TSPLOST can be presented at the Eggs & Issues. Mr. Corbett responded that he would place it on the Board of Commissioners meeting agenda.

### Adjournment:

Mr. Lamar Allen called for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Corbett made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Blewett. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.