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March 20, 2018

Transportation Advisory Meeting

Present: Mr Alan Zipperer, Mrs. Ann Purcell, Mr. Brian Adlerstein, Mr. Byron Cowart, Mr. Jeff Lariscy, Mr. Ken Lee, Mr. Lamar Allen, Mr. Steve Davis, Mr. Tre Wilkins, Mr. Troy Pittman, Mrs. Wykoda Wang.

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lamar Allen at 8:38 A.M.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Alan Zipperer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the amended January 18th meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Alan Zipperer. The minutes for the September 19th, and November 21st meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Steve Davis.

Old Business:

Item 1: Discussion of On-Going Transportation Projects

GDOT Projects

Mr. Byron Cowart discussed the status of on-going transportation projects. The final plans for I-16 @ CR 310/Old River Rd.-Interchange have been submitted. Mr. Steve Davis confirmed that Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Jamie Deloach, and himself have met with the planning office in Atlanta. Mr. Troy Pittman brought up the funding shortfalls that may have been discussed with Jay Roberts. He stated some considerations to assist funding may include reducing the scope of the project. Mr. Steve Davis offered it was agreed upon at the Atlanta meeting that if the cost of the project can be valued within \$1 million of the original price of the project (\$9.3 million) then the state and county will be able to split the difference in price. Right of way acquisition for Effingham Parkway has begun. The concept report for SR 119 @ Ogeechee River & Overflow Bridges has been approved and is awaiting issuance of a notice to proceed and a consultant to start design. The concept report has been approved for the roundabout at SR 17 @CR 156/Blue Jay Rd. This is awaiting issuance of the notice to proceed and is negotiating the task order for design. Mr. Steve Davis requested an update on the Chatham County right of way acquisition for Effingham Parkway. Mr. Troy Pittman stated he will look into it. Mr. Steve Davis spoke about Benton Blvd and how it is important for Chatham to have this built out by the time construction for the Effingham Parkway reaches the roundabout. Mr. Troy Pittman stated Chatham is on schedule for this project. Previously implemented improvements at the Jimmy Deloach Pkwy and Benton Blvd intersection were discussed. Mrs. Wykoda Wang inquired about the number of parcels that Effingham County needs to acquire for this project. Mr. Steve Davis replied there were 45, eight of which had offers sent out. Mr. Steve Davis inquired upon the timeline for the extension of the Jimmy Deloach Parkway. GDOT replied it would be late 2021. Mr. Steve Davis inquired about the project on I-95 and I-16. Mr. Byron Cowart stated this is scheduled to be let this summer and proposals are due in May.

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Utilities have been relocated and drainage has been installed for the roundabout for SR 17 @ SR 119. GAB placement is ongoing. Milling and plant mix resurfacing on 12.159 miles of I-95 from North of I-16 to South of the Savannah River has been suspended during the winter and should resume next month. The preconstruction meeting was held for SR 275 @ CR 307/Rincon-Stillwell Rd Roundabout last week, and is expected to be completed by next summer. The milling inlay on SR 17 from HWY 30 to north of Anderson Street was just let in January. No start or finish date has been estimated.

Mr. Lamar Allen asked about the roundabout for Old Augusta Rd. @ Fort Howard Rd. Mr. Steve Davis presented updated plans from Parker Engineering. The project cost has not been completely calculated but will likely be around \$1.7 million. Mr. Steve Davis asked GDOT for advice on the design. Mr. Troy Pittman stated that some items can be removed from the design to reduce cost, such as curb and gutter. Mrs. Ann Purcell listed temporary roundabouts placed in Bryan County and Richmond hill as an example. Mr. Lamar Allen asked what a temporary roundabout is. Mr. Troy Pittman answered that temporary means putting in quick curbs for the truck apron and center, and is not related to a length of time, while a more permanent structure consists of a concrete truck apron and island.

Effingham County Projects

Mr. Steve Davis discussed County projects. The ash roads damaged by a recent snow storm are currently being repaired. Only three roads have been fixed due to the lengthy process of purchasing specialized equipment. He expects it to take about a year to repair the 50 miles of damaged ash roads. Mr. Steve Davis stated the roads are receiving chip and seal. Mr. Alan Zipperer asked if anything was being done about the water runoff. Mr. Steve Davis stated this was being worked on along with the chip and seal, but has proven difficult because many of the roads have previous issues with their right of ways. Mr. Steve Davis thanked GDOT for approving the LMIG funds for the 2018 year. Rail Road Crossing improvements in various parts of the County were bided out. Mr. Steve Davis asked the commissioners to submit two or three quick action items, such as a turning lane or passing lane to improve traffic flow. Mr. Steve Davis stated Omnitrax has agreed to widen McCall road between SR 21 and the railroad tracks. Mr. Alan Zipperer stated there were several drop offs on the side of Blue Jay rd. that can lead to severe accidents.

New Business:

Mr. Tre Wilkins discussed his meetings with DCA to discuss funding sources to allow Port Fresh Logistics to begin phase II of their project and expand development. Mr. Steve Davis inquired about the I-95 welcome center connector and expressed concern about Effingham County's growth and how it will affect traffic on SR 21. Mrs. Ann Purcell stated she is aware of the rapid growth but nothing has been planned for SR 21. Mrs. Ann Purcell also stated there would be a detour on SR 21 due to the construction of the pedestrian bridge over the weekend. Mrs. Wykoda Wang stated the 2040 transportation plan is being evaluated, so population and employment data should be submitted to document development in the area.

Adjournment:

Mr. Lamar Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M.