

Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board

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July 28, 2020

Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

Present: Kristin Achtziger, Tommy Blewett, Tim Callanan, Liberto Chacon, Teresa Concannon, Wesley Corbitt, Byron Cowart, Russ Deen, Charlie George, Jessica Hood, John Klimm, Ann Purcell, Tim Bowles, Wykoda Wang, Mark Wilkes, and Alan Zipperer.

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

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Corbitt and seconded by Mr. Blewett.

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

Old Business:

Mr. Cowart provided a summary of county projects' status: the Final Field Plan Review (FFPR) for Effingham Parkway was held this month. Plans are in the final design stage. Environmental studies and final design are ongoing for the SR 119 @ Ogeechee River & Overflow. The Final Field Plan Review (FFPR) for SR 17 @ CR 156/Blue Jay Road roundabout was held earlier this month.

Active Construction Projects: Widening and reconstruction on CR 310/Old River Road and construction of a bridge and approaches over I-16/SR404 is ongoing, and expected to be complete in summer of 2021. Milling, resurfacing, and shoulder rehabilitation on SR 275 from north of SR 21 to dead end is ongoing, and expected to be complete in Fall 2020. Mr. Cowart also reported on two Chatam County projects that are related to Effingham County transportation priorities: 3.060 miles of milling and plant mix resurfacing on SR 30 from Effingham County line to W of SR 21 is underway, and expected to be complete in Spring 2021; and 9.860 miles of milling, inlay and plant mix resurfacing on SR 21 from N of Jacks Creek to N of Dewitt Road will get underway as soon as the pre construction meeting is held.

Mr. Zipperer asked about the status of the Benton Blvd roadwork terminating at Hwy 30. Mr. Cowart noted that the work is expected to be complete in Fall 2020. Mr. Zipperer asked if the county has acquired all of the Effingham Parkway ROW and if there is a let date. Mr. Callanan responded that he had attended a stakeholders meeting in Pooler, with residents of the Benton Blvd area. There was discussion of rerouting the road from Benton to Highlands Blvd. Thomas & Hutton will work up a proposal to review that route. More discussion on removing the truck restrictions is expected. ROW acquisition and condemnations have been slowed due to office closures related to Covid-19, but ROA condemnations are ongoing, and design is wrapping up. The county expects a certification date in late October, and a let date in January 2021. The county is responsible for purchasing mitigation credits. The timing of state funding availability for the construction is the only hold-up.

Mrs. Wang noted that Effingham Parkway construction has been moved to the CORE MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, as GDOT has indicated that the county's cost share has increased from \$3.6m to \$11.79m, and the project is not ready for construction in FY 2021. Mr. Corbitt stated that county has sufficient funds in reserve, and representatives have met with the GDOT Commissioner, Russell McMurry. The Effingham Parkway is a county priority. We expect the project to be let in January 2021, and the county will fund construction costs until the state funds are available in July 2022.

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New Business:

Mr. Callanan announced that he expects to wrap up the TSPLOST proposal in a few days. The lists and Inter Governmental Agreements are all approved. There will be a Board of Commissioners meeting on July 29 to make an adjustment to the county list, adding \$500,000 in planning funds for an East-West Corridor. The county will post a call for a TSPLOST referendum in the legal organ, to take place in the November 2020 election. The county road list is \$36m, which is 74% of the expected TSPLOST proceeds. Each city has a separate road list.

Adjournment:

Mr. Zipperer noted that the next meeting is September 15, and called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Corbett made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Blewett. The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 A.M.